

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: PHIL 399: Topics in Philosophy

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Proposed Effective Date: immediately

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COURSE INFORMATION: (please provide all information in the “current” column, and only the information changing in the “proposed” column)

| change | | current | proposed |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course Number(s) | 399 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Formal Title | Topics in Philosophy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Transcript Title (≤30c) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Recommended Course Preparation | | |
| X <input type="checkbox"/> | Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better. | You must have taken (1) PHIL course and received a grade of “C” or better before taking this course | One course in Philosophy with a grade of C or better |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Credits | 3 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Repeatable? | X <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Max. Total Credits | | Max. Total Credits: This should be equal to the number of credits for courses that cannot be repeated for credit. For courses that may be repeated for credit, enter the maximum total number of credits a student can receive from this course. E.g., enter 6 credits for a 3 credit course that may be taken a second time for credit, but not for a third time. Please note that this does NOT refer to how many times a class may be retaken for a higher grade. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grading Method(s) | X <input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) X <input type="checkbox"/> Audit X <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail | <input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail |

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

A philosophical examination of a concept playing a significant role in the history of ideas or contemporary culture. Recent topics included the philosophy of work, morality and the media, and creationism and evolution. This course is repeatable for credit.

PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION (no longer than 75 words): leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)

An examination of a central topic, movement or figure in either the history of philosophy or contemporary philosophy. This course is repeatable for credit with different topics.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

The proposed description is more accurate and appropriate for how the course is used. Since topics are included elsewhere in the catalog description, they are not needed in the course description. It also clarifies that the course is

repeatable for credit only with different topics. The alteration in wording of prerequisite is for uniformity across all 300 level courses.