

## UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: SOWK 240 Information Technology in Social Work

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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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	SOWK 240	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Information Technology in Social Work	Introduction to Social Work
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite <b>NOTE:</b> Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.	None	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credits	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits	3	<b>Max. Total Credits:</b> 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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

### CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course uses technology to enhance generalist social work practice through oral presentation and written work, both individually and within groups. Students will have the opportunity to work with computer resources currently available through the University’s computer and library systems.

**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.)

This course introduces students to the social work profession and to fundamental concepts of generalist social work practice. Students will learn concepts central to understanding the profession’s work on behalf of vulnerable populations. The course includes an overview of the nation’s social service delivery system, social inequality, and social work advocacy.

### RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

This course has been revised to provide additional emphasis on generalist social work practice, which provides the fundamental knowledge base for social workers. Many components of the current course will stay while others have been expanded.