

**UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: SOWK 260 Introduction to Social Welfare, Social Policy, and Social Work I.**

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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)	260	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Introduction to Social Welfare, Social Policy, and Social Work I	Social Welfare, Social Policy, and Social Work I
<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 is the first social policy course required of all social work majors. It presents the historical development and contemporary forces that have shaped the nation’s social welfare system. Generalist practice is applied to diverse populations, women, older people and immigrants. The course examines issues addressed by social services, and the role of the professional social worker. It offers opportunities to meet with practitioners in the field to understand the diverse populations served

**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.)

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:**

We are requesting the change because this is the first policy course and we want to have consistency in our course names. We are simply requesting that the word “introduction” is taken out of the name so the first and second course have a consistent title, i.e. Social Welfare, Social Policy, and Social Work I for SOWK 260, and Social Welfare, Social Policy, and Social Work II for SOWK 360. This is also consistent with other courses in our curriculum.