

UMBC UGC New Course Request: NAVY 402 Amphibious Warfare

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COURSE INFORMATION:

Course Number(s)	NAVY 402
Formal Title	Amphibious Warfare
Transcript Title (≤30c)	Amphibious Warfare
Recommended Course Preparation	
Prerequisite <small>NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.</small>	NAVY 100 (Introduction to Naval Science), NAVY 101 (Seapower and Maritime Affairs) and NAVY 302 (Evolution of Warfare) with a C or better.
Credits	3
Repeatable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Max. Total Credits	3 <small>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.</small>
Grading Method(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION (no longer than 75 words):

Introduction to foundational concepts and history of amphibious warfare, from the classical period to the present. Emphasis placed on analytical study and critical thought rather than memorization of historical facts. Students will trace the evolution of amphibious warfare through analysis of case studies using amphibious and maneuver doctrine as a framework. By the end of this course, students will comprehend modern employment concepts and challenges relating to the use of amphibious forces. Departmental permission required.

RATIONALE FOR NEW COURSE:

a) **Why is there a need for this course at this time?** NAVY 402 prepares future leaders by providing students with a comprehensive introduction to the foundational concepts and history of amphibious warfare. This is the capstone course for senior Marine-option midshipmen. A history-based class, the goal is to educate the student to read military history analytically. Course delivery will emphasize tactical competencies required of a future operator although it will also rely on fundamentals required of a theorist or designer. Students will examine case studies to apply and analyze course topics within naval contexts. The curriculum composes a foundational knowledge course for midshipmen/students focused on joining the NROTC program and commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

b) **How often is the course likely to be taught?** The course will be piloted in the Spring 2017 semester and the course will be taught every other spring semester (once per two Academic Years). Once approved, the course will be adopted into the NROTC program at UMBC as part of its Naval Science curriculum offerings.

c) **How does this course fit into your department's curriculum?** For students to be successful U.S. Marine Corps officers, they require an understanding of the fundamental concepts and history relating to amphibious warfare,

from the classical period to the present day. Emphasis is placed on analytical study and critical thought rather than memorization of historical facts. Students will trace the evolution of amphibious warfare through analysis of case studies using amphibious and maneuver doctrine as a framework. By the end of this course, students will comprehend modern employment concepts and challenges relating to the use of amphibious forces. The Navy and Marine Corps are charged with maintaining superiority in the maritime domain, and a historical survey and evaluation of twentieth-century amphibious warfare operations will inform the student officer candidates. The course will consist of 1.5 hours of instruction twice each week and practical assessments.

d) What primary student population will the course serve: This course is intended for NROTC scholarship students and those students who wish to join the NROTC program and commission as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. It is open to all enrolled UMBC students with approval by the Professor of Naval Science. This course is designed for midshipmen/students in their fourth year of academic study within the NROTC program, although other students may be accepted for attendance on a case-by-case basis.

e) Why is the course offered at the level (ie.100, 200, 300, or 400 level) chosen? This course is intended for NROTC scholarship students and those UMBC students seeking to join the NROTC unit who desire a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps. It is offered at the 400 level for expansion on warfare and leadership foundations learned in Navy 100 (Introduction to Naval Science) and NAVY 101 (Seapower & Maritime Affairs) as well as to complement instruction in NAVY 302 (Evolution of Warfare) The four-year curriculum track for NROTC scholarship students is designed for enrollment of midshipmen/students to this course who are in their senior year of collegiate study. Course completion for students participating in NROTC on two- or three-year curriculum tracks will be accepted pending referral from NROTC Academic Advisors.

f) Explain the appropriateness of the recommended course preparation(s) and prerequisites(s). For students to be successful U.S. Marine Corps officers, they require an understanding of the fundamental concepts and history relating to amphibious warfare, from the classical period to the present day. Emphasis is placed on analytical study and critical thought rather than memorization of historical facts. Students will trace the evolution of amphibious warfare through analysis of case studies using amphibious and maneuver doctrine as a framework. By the end of this course, students will comprehend modern employment concepts and challenges relating to the use of amphibious forces. The Navy and Marine Corps are charged with maintaining superiority in the maritime domain, and a historical survey and evaluation of twentieth-century amphibious warfare operations will inform the student officer candidates. This class is one of the required naval science courses required for completion of the commissioning requirements for the NROTC scholarship, however, it is open to all UMBC students with permission from the Professor of Naval Science.

g) Explain the reasoning behind the P/F or regular grading method. Students are able to take a pass/fail course only after they have completed 30 or more credits. Because this class is a core course within the student's Naval Science curriculum continuum, it should only be available as a course with a regular grading method.

h) Provide a justification for the repeatability of the course. The Amphibious Warfare course will be offered once per academic year, dependent on the availability of classrooms and associated resources. It is a core course in the NROTC curriculum continuum, and must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Students may repeat the course only one time, consequent to academic review by the Professor of Naval Science.

ATTACH COURSE OUTLINE (mandatory):