

## UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: HAPP 398

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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)	HAPP 398	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Selected Topics in Health Administration and Policy	
<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.		
X	Credits	1-3	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits		<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)	X 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:

Topics: Currents: Environmental Social Issues In MD, Impact Of Env On Bay, Planning & Writing Research Proposal in HAPP, Affordable Care Act: Implementation & Evaluation, Population and Public Health, Introduction to Health Statistics and Writing, Health Care Marketing, Quality Improvement in Health Care, Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Other topics may be added.

**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

This course currently exists as variable (1-3) credits. We are requesting that the course be set to 3 credits. A review of our special topics courses over the past seven years reveals that our special topics courses are consistently developed as three credit courses. Having the variable option tends to confuse students who at times select the course for 1 credit, which must then be administratively corrected. This change also would make the course credit consistent with the HAPP major elective requirements, as well as the majority of the program's courses and our Department's other special topics courses.