

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

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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)	399b	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Topics in Philosophy	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	X <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
X <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:

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 up to four times, totaling no more than 12 credits.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

The current description has no real content. It should have the same description as PHIL 399. At the 400 level, we also have PHIL 498 and PHIL 499 as distinct Advanced Topics in Philosophy courses. We find it necessary to have two such courses available at both the 300 and 400 level in order to accommodate course innovation. (For example, in Spring 2016 we are offering all of PHIL 399, PHIL 399b, PHIL 498 and PHIL 499. None of these topic courses

can be accommodated in our other existing catalog courses.) We are making the language for prerequisites for all of our 300 level courses uniform.