

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: SOCY 355 / GWST 355: Sociology of Women

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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)	SOCY / GWST 355	
X	Formal Title	Sociology of Women	Sociology of Gender
X	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Sociology of Women	Sociology of Gender
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation	SOCY 101 or ANTH 211	
X	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.	NONE	SOCY 101 or ANTH 211 or GWST 100, any with “C” or better
<input type="checkbox"/>	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits	3	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 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:

Women in society, social roles and socialization, women in the labor force, class and lifestyle differences among women as a minority group, and women’s social movement. Recommended preparation: SOCY 101 or ANTH 211

PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION (Approximately 75 words in length. Please use full sentences): 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 the key concepts sociologists have contributed to the study of gender. We will examine the origins and development of those concepts and empirical work on the sociology of gender in the last three decades. Intersectional feminist theories and research will be emphasized, as we examine how gender is socially constructed within ethno-racial contexts. Students will also be introduced to global/transnational concerns, studies of masculinities, the body and sexuality studies.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

The course name and content change are intended to be consistent with other sociology programs across the country. The prerequisite changes are to ensure that all students have been introduced to critical perspectives, as relates to the social construction of gender prior to this course.