

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: **AMST 430: Seminar in American Signs**

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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
	Course Number(s)	430	430
	Formal Title	Seminar in American Signs	Seminar in American Signs
	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Seminar in American Signs	Seminar in American Signs
X	Recommended Course Preparation	Six credits in American Studies courses, 3 at the upper-level, or permission of the instructor.	Six credits in American Studies courses, 3 at the upper-level
X	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.	You must complete AMST 300 with a C or better before taking this class.	None
	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	3	3
	Repeatable?	Yes No	Yes No

	Max. Total Credits	3	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.		
	Grading Method(s)	Reg (A-F) Audit Pass-Fail	Reg (A-F)	Audit	Pass-Fail

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Advanced study of a specific problem in American Signs, focusing on interdisciplinary analysis of oral, written, visual, and material representations of American life and culture and the historical and social contexts in which they are produced and consumed. A different topic will be announced each semester the course is offered. The seminar is designed to develop research and analytical skills specific to this area, and students will have the opportunity to do original research. This course is repeatable up to 6 credits or 2 attempts.

Course ID: 52175

Consent: No Special Consent Required

Components: Lecture

Topics: Seminar: Advertising, Media & Pol Amer Culture, Sem:Gender And The Media, Seminar:Children & Tv, Power, Place, and Identity

Requirement Group: You must complete [AMST 300](#) with a C or better before taking this class.

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.)

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RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

We are removing the prerequisite requirement of AMST 300 for all Department of American Studies 400-level seminars. Requiring AMST 300 (a methods course primarily for AMST majors) limits access to students from other departments or programs adding AMST 400-level seminars, like AMST 430, without instructor permission.