

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: SOWK 370 – Social Work and the Criminal Justice System

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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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course Number(s) | 370 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Formal Title | Social Work and the Criminal Justice System | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Transcript Title (≤30c) | SOWK and the Criminal Justice System | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recommended Course Preparation | 6 credits in the social sciences | Blank |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Prerequisite <small>NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.</small> | SOWK 240 and SOWK 260 | 6 credits in the social sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | # of Credits <small>Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy</small> | 3 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Repeatable? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Max. Total Credits | 3 | <small>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.</small> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grading Method(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:

The criminal justice system affects many of social work's clients while ensuring public safety and offering services to offenders and victims of crime. This course examines the intersection between the profession of social work and the American criminal justice system by examining historical events, social welfare policies and social work practice. Course content focuses on current populations served and issues and reforms within law enforcement, the courts and correctional institutions.

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.)

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

-Course Preparation note should be removed. Prerequisites have been added instead.

-Prerequisite of having six credits from social science courses is consistent with other SOWK upper level elective courses, and has been found sufficient preparation for students taking social work electives.