UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: Hist 446: History of Science since 1700

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OURSE INFORMATION: (please provide all information in the "current" column, and only the information changing in the "proposed" column)

change		current	proposed
	Course Number(s)	446	446
	Formal Title	History of Science since 1700	History of Science since 1700
	Transcript Title (≤30c)	History of Science since 1700	History of Science since 1700
X	Recommended Course Preparation	HIST 100 or <u>HIST 111</u> and junior/senior status.	Lower level Social Sciences course
X	Prerequisite Inless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.	You must complete Hist 100 or Hist 110 or Hist 111 with a C or better and have Junior/Senior status	NONE
	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	3.0	3.0
	Repeatable?	☐ Yes x ☐ No	□ Yes x□ No
	Max. Total Credits	3.0	3.0 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)	x□ Reg (A-F) □ Audit □ Pass-Fail	x□ Reg (A-F) □ Audit □ Pass-Fail

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

A survey of the history of Western science since the 18th century, emphasizing the development of various scientific fields within their institutional settings and the professionalization of the role of the scientist.

PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of the history of Western science since the 18th century. It will emphasize the development of various scientific fields within their institutional settings and the professionalization of the role of the scientist.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

The Professor who taught this course has retired. The prerequisites on this course are much more stringent than other history department courses. (They will now be in line with the rest of our upper level courses). This is keeping

students from taking the course (especially non History major, STEM students) and is requiring too many course override permissions per semester. This change will make the course more widely available and since the course does not require a background in the History of Science, students should be able to take the course.