UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: ANTH 401H - Honors Thesis Research

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Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2020

**COURSE INFORMATION:** (please provide all information in the “current” column, and only the information changing in the “proposed” column)

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| ☑ Prerequisite | You must complete Anthropology 303 with a minimum grade of "C". | • completed at least 60 credits  
• completed ANTH 480 and two other upper level ANTH courses, each with a minimum grade of a "B"  
• have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 |
| ☐ # of Credits | 3 | |
| ☑ Repeatable? | ☑ Yes ☐ No | ☐ Yes ☑ No |
| ☑ 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. |
| ☑ Grading Method(s) | ☑ Reg (A-F) ☐ Audit ☐ Pass-Fail | ☑ Reg (A-F) ☐ Audit ☐ Pass-Fail |

**CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**
This course, along with ANTH 402H, fulfills the requirement of the major in anthropology with honors. Information describing the requirements for the honors major is available from the departmental office. This course is repeatable.

**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 is the first in a two-course individual study sequence, along with ANTH 492H, that lead to fulfilling the requirements of the departmental Honors Program in Anthropology. During this sequence, the student completes an original research project leading to an Honors Thesis under the supervision of two full-time faculty members in the department who serve as the Honors Committee. The Honors Thesis typically is completed during a student's final year at UMBC. Interested students should contact their Anthropology major adviser or the Anthropology program director for more information about the Honors Thesis. Students considering graduate school in Anthropology are particularly encouraged to pursue this option. In order to undertake this Thesis, students must also have a 3.5 cumulative GPA in Sociology and Anthropology courses of 3.5 and receive approval from their committee members.
RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

Course Number: We recently became aware that the course number for one of the courses in the two course sequences has the same number (ANTH 402H) as one cross-listed course with MLL as Ethnography of Communication. We are therefore asking to change the course numbers for our Honors Thesis sequence.

Course Title: We are proposing the update in order to clarify that this is a two-part sequence.

Prerequisites: We are updating the requirements to match the Honors Program description as approved by our department. We are also updating the course number for the prerequisite from ANTH 303 to ANTH 480 (Anthropological Methods), a course number change that was made in our curriculum quite a few years back but not undated here, and raising the grade required in that course to a B to ensure that students are prepared to undertake this independent research project.

Repeatability: The previous description indicated that this course is repeatable for credit, which it should not be. Instead, students should take the next course number (currently ANHT 402H, proposed ANTH 492H) in the sequence.

Grading Method: We are not sure what grading methods were allowed before, but this should only be Regular Grading (A-F) since this course would only be used to meet the requirement for the departmental Honors Program.

Course Description: We are updating the course description to provide more information about this course, the honors thesis, and the departmental honors program.
ANTH 401H and 402H -- approval?

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To: Jodi Kelber-kaye <jodik@umbc.edu>  

Fri, Feb 7, 2020 at 11:50 AM

I think this will do it -- thank you!!

On Fri, Feb 7, 2020 at 11:47 AM Jodi Kelber-kaye <jodik@umbc.edu> wrote:
I looked. We're ok with both of these courses. You don't need to write the bit about fulfilling Honors requirements in the course description because our students know that departmental honors courses count toward their certificate.

Can this be our email if approval or do you need a more official one?

On Fri, Feb 7, 2020, 11:31 AM Bambi Chapin <bchapin@umbc.edu> wrote:
You are an angel!!

On Fri, Feb 7, 2020 at 11:30 AM Jodi Kelber-kaye <jodik@umbc.edu> wrote:
Hey, I'm in meetings until 3:30 so can't look until then. But that can be the first thing I do when I get back.

On Fri, Feb 7, 2020, 11:27 AM Bambi Chapin <bchapin@umbc.edu> wrote:
Hi, Jodi -- I just realized yesterday that TODAY is the last day to get forms in to UGC to be approved for the fall. The course we need to update is an "H" course, so I wanted to see if you could...

1) look at these to make sure you are okay with these changes, considering that they are "H" designated courses.

2) look specifically at the note I have added to the description, saying:
   Note: this course may be used towards to Honors College requirements.
   Is this correct? Is it necessary?

3) If this is all okay, could you send me an email back saying you support these changes?

If you can't get to this by today, I will go ahead and submit these and then update them as necessary, but at least they will be in the queue!

Thank you,
Bambi

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