UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: CMSC304 – Social and Ethical Issues in Information Technology

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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)	CMSC 304	
☐	Formal Title	Social and Ethical Issues in Information Technology	
☐	Transcript Title (≤30c)		
☐	Recommended Course Preparation		
☒	Prerequisite **NOTE:** Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.	You must have completed CMSC 202 or CMSC 202H with the grade of C or better.	You must have completed CMSC 202, CMSC 202H or CMSC 210 with the grade of C or better.
☐	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	4	
☐	Repeatable?	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
☐	Max. Total Credits	4	**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:

A survey course that reviews social issues and the ethical impact of information technology throughout the world. The course examines the policy issues that relate to the use of information technology, such as persona, privacy, rights of access, security, transborder information flow and confidentiality.

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:
As we progress with the Computing minor, we currently have no upper level computer science (CMSC) courses available for this minor. As such, we are modifying a few courses such as CMSC 304 to allow for CMSC 210 as a possible prerequisite. A student should be able to be successful in this course if they have taken CMSC 202 or CSMC 210 as a prerequisite for this course.