UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: GWST338: Women, Gender, and Law

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

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change		current	proposed
	Course Number(s)	338	
	Formal Title	Women, Gender, and Law	
	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Women, Gender, and Law	
	Recommended Course Preparation	One course in POLI or GWST	
	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.		
	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	3.00	
	Repeatable?	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Max. Total Credits	3.00	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 examines ways in which gender affects rights with the American civil and criminal legal systems. It explores the interrelationship between traditional attitudes and stereotypes concerning women's roles in society and the historical development of women's legal rights. The course focuses on the consequences of sex differences in shaping the rights of persons under the U.S. Constitution statutory remedies to discrimination in employment and education, legal issues relating to reproduction and personal life, and the response of criminal law to issues affecting women, including domestic violence, rape and prostitution

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 examines how American civil and criminal legal systems shape gender and identity. It explores the interrelationship between traditional attitudes and stereotypes concerning gender roles in society and the historical development of women's citizenship and legal rights. Using case law as the primary text, the course focuses on statutory remedies to discrimination in employment and education, reproduction and personal life, and the response of criminal law to domestic violence, rape, and prostitution.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: Updated description better reflects the content of the course as it has shifted in recent years to better represent changes in the field.