

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: SOCY 351 Medical Sociology

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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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	SOCY 351	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Medical Sociology	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Medicine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Medical Sociology	Soc of Health, Illness & Med
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation	SOCY 101 or ANTH 211 or consent of instructor	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.	none	
<input type="checkbox"/>	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	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	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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grading Method(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Introduction to the field of health and illness behavior and health care institutions, including the sociocultural context of health orientations.

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 explores how health, illness, and the field of medicine are shaped by social and cultural forces. It examines the changing role of physicians and other providers; medicine as a social institution; the nature of healthcare organizations; and the experience of health and illness. Special attention is given to the doctor-patient relationship, and factors that shape individuals’ interactions with their health providers, as well as analyzing the role of persistent sociocultural inequalities across health and health care.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: The course title “Medical Sociology” is outdated and does not reflect the current focus of the field and the course which is on sociocultural aspects of medicine and health care. The current course description is too short and does not accurately describe the course content on sociocultural aspects of health and illness for prospective students. The proposed catalog description provides more specific detail.