

UMBC UGC Instructions for Change in Existing Course Form (Revised 4/2016)

Course number & title: Enter the current course number and title of the course at the top of the page.

Date submitted: The date that the form will be submitted to the UGC.

Effective date: The semester that the change will be effective, if approved.

Contact information: Provide the contact information of the Chair or UPD of the department housing the course. If the course is not housed in a department or program, then provide the same information for the head of the appropriate academic unit. (See UGC Procedures.) If another faculty member should also be contacted for questions about the request and be notified about UGC actions on the request, include that person's contact information on the second line.

Course information: Provide all of the current information for this course. Check the "change" column for aspects of the course that will be changed by this proposal and provide the specific changes. Unchanged fields may be left blank under the "proposed" column. *Note: all 300- and 400-level courses must have prerequisites or recommended preparation.*

Course number: For cross-listed courses, provide all the numbers for the course.

Transcript title: Limited to 30 characters, including spaces. Leave the current transcript title blank if this is not known.

Recommended Course Preparation: *Please note that all 300 and 400 level courses should have either recommended course preparation(s) or prerequisite(s) and that 100 or 200 level courses may have them.*

Here fill in what previous course(s) a student should have taken to succeed in the course. These recommendations will NOT be enforced by the registration system. Please explain your choices in the "rationale" (discussed below).

Prerequisite: *Please note that all 300 and 400 level courses should have either recommended course preparation(s) or prerequisite(s)* Here fill in course(s) students need to have taken before they enroll in this course. These prerequisites will be enforced through the registration system. Please explain your choices in the "rationale" (discussed below).

NOTE: Please use the words "AND" and "OR", along with parentheses as appropriate, in the lists of prerequisites and recommended preparation so that the requirements specified will be interpreted unambiguously.

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.

of credits: To determine the appropriate number of credits to assign to a course please refer to the [UMBC Credit Hour Policy](#) which articulates the standards for assignment and application of credit hours to all courses and programs of study at UMBC regardless of degree level, teaching and learning formats, and mode of instruction.

Maximum 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): Please review the [grading methods document](#) (this link can be found on the UGC forms page) before selecting a grading option. Please do not select all three grading options by default.

Current catalog description: Provide the course description as it appears in the current undergraduate catalog or since the last UGC-approved change.

Proposed catalog description: If this proposal involves a change in the course description, provide the exact wording of the course description as it will appear in the next undergraduate catalog. Course descriptions should be a) no longer than 75 words, b) stated in complete sentences, and c) avoid reference to specific details that may not always pertain (e.g., dates, events, etc.). Leave blank if this proposal does not change the course description. Course descriptions should not repeat information about prerequisites (which are always listed alongside the course description).

Rationale including a pedagogical justification to any changes in course level: Provide a brief explanation for the need for the proposed changes.

Cross-listed courses: Requests to change cross-listed courses must be accompanied by letters of support via email from all involved department chairs. Proposals for the addition of a cross-listing to an existing course must include as a part of the rationale the specific reason why cross-listing is appropriate. Email from all involved department chairs is also required when cross-listing is removed and when a cross-listed course is discontinued. Please note that Special Topics cannot be cross-listed.

Note: the UGC form is a Microsoft Word form. You should be able to enter most of the information by tabbing through the fields. The document is protected. In the rare case that you need to unprotect the document, use the password 'ugcform'. Beware that you will lose all the data entered in the form's fields if you unlock and lock the document.

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: BIOL 101L – Concepts of Biology Lab

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Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2019

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	BIOL 100L	BIOL 101L
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Concepts of Biology Lab	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)	Concepts of Experimental Biology	Concepts of Biology Lab
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.	You must have completed BIOL 100 with a grade of C or better or have BIOL 141 or BIOL 142 as a co-requisite or pre-requisite.	You must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in BIOL 101 or 141. All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
<input type="checkbox"/>	# of Credits Must adhere to the UMBC Credit Hour Policy	2.0	
<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	2.0	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grading Method(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

The laboratory exercises are designed to provide the student experience with essential laboratory equipment and techniques.

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 laboratory course is designed to introduce non-Biology majors to essential laboratory equipment and techniques, as well as basic experimental design.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

We would like to change the Course Number for BIOL 100L to BIOL 101L to coincide with our current non-majors Biology lecture course, Concepts of Biology (BIOL 101). The Transcript Title has also been updated to match the course title and to not confuse the course with Experimental Biology Lab (BIOL 300L).

The phrase “This course is intended for non-Biology majors” is added to the Course Description to help distinguish the course as a course for non-majors.

We would like to change the pre-requisite so that students enrolled in lecture BIOL 101 lecture may also concurrently enroll in the BIOL 101 laboratory seeing as the topics covered in both the lecture and laboratory will be related. We have also removed BIOL 142 as a pre/co-requisite since most non-major students will not complete BIOL 142. BIOL 142 will also no longer be required as a prerequisite because minimal content relating to BIOL 142 will be needed to complete the labs in BIOL 101L, and the content that is needed will be taught as part of the BIOL 101L curriculum.