

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Management of Aging Services Undergraduate Minor

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Specifics (see instructions):

Current Course	Requirement or Recommendation	Proposed Course	Requirement or Recommendation
440	401 required	440	200
460	15 aging credits Junior standing	460	9-15 aging credits at the discretion of the Instructor Junior Standing Instructor Permission only
470	AGNG 460 or AGNG 462 or AGNG 463 required Senior status required	470	AGNG 460 or AGNG 462 or AGNG 463 required or co-requirement Senior status required Instructor Permission only

For AGNG 460, anything at the discretion of the instructor will require that the course be permission only, and the instructor-enforced prerequisite should go in the course description.

Rationale (see instructions):

1. AGNG 440 – change of pre-requisite course from AGNG 401 to AGNG 200
AGNG 440 is an elective for the Management of Aging Services Undergraduate Minor

After a comprehensive review of the structure of the Management of Aging Services Undergraduate curriculum, carried out during the fall semester of 2019 with the goal of re-structuring the undergraduate curriculum in the undergraduate Management of Aging Studies (MAgS) program, it was determined that AGNG 200 is a more appropriate pre-requisite for AGNG 440 than AGNG 401.

As AGNG 401 and AGNG 440 are not sequential in their course content and curriculum, it was determined that the course content of AGNG 200 provides an enhanced foundation for the upper level AGNG 440. AGNG 200 provides a multidimensional and interdisciplinary approach to aging and focuses on the three pillars of the MAgS program: aging, management, and policy. AGNG 200 will provide the foundational knowledge that learners will build upon in AGNG 440 and will ensure that the learners have the preparation needed to be successful in AGNG 440.

Current MAgS Undergraduate Minor students will not be impacted by this change.

2. AGNG 460 – change in number of required AGNG credits from 15 to a range of 9-15 credits.
Instructor permission added.
AGNG 460 is an elective for the Management of Aging Services Undergraduate Minor

AGNG 460 is part of the internship requirement in the Management of Aging Services major. Students are placed at established agencies that provide services to older adults. Previously 15 AGNG credits were required to ensure

that the learners had a good foundational understanding of the theoretical and application of aging to prepare them to either undertake a new project directly related to the management of aging services or participate in an ongoing project designed to improve and/or evaluate services for older adults.

While 15 credits of AGNG courses will still be appropriate for many students in the MAgS undergraduate program, changing the requirement to a range of 9-15 credits will allow for flexibility to account for learners who may have prior experience with the field of aging or relevant experience within their major field of study and may be more prepared as individuals to undertake this internship earlier in their academic program.

Discussions with our MAgS Academic Advisor and AGNG 460 Instructor/Internship Director will determine the appropriate number of credits as a pre-requisite for each individual student to enroll in AGNG 460 within the 9 – 15 credit minimum range. This will allow us to be responsive to the diversity of experience, both academic and in the workplace, of our students and to provide an academic path that is tailored to the individual. By Instructor Permission only is also added to support this process.

Current MAgS Undergraduate Minor students will not be impacted by this change.

3. AGNG 470 – AGNG 460, AGNG 462 and AGNG 463 to become both a pre and co-requisites (previously pre-requisites only).
Instructor permission added.
AGNG 470 is an elective for the Management of Aging Services Undergraduate Minor

While AGNG 460, 462 or 463 (Internship courses) are currently a pre-requisites for AGNG 470 there may be circumstances in which it would be appropriate for students to take an internship class with AGNG 470 (Capstone) within the same semester. While most students do and will continue to take AGNG 460 and AGNG 470 in sequential semesters, allowing 460 or 462 or 463 and 470 to be taken concurrently would allow the MAgS Academic Advisor and/or Internship Director to make individual determinations as to the appropriateness of a student taking these two courses concurrently. By Instructor Permission only is also added to support this process.

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