

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Anthropology

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Specifics (see instructions):

We are requesting a change to the elective courses that can be counted towards an Anthropology minor. The current requirement for the minor in Anthropology reads, "The minor in Anthropology consists of ANTH 211 and 15 credits in elective anthropology courses (a total of 18 credits). At least six of these credits must be at the 300 level or above, and at least nine credits must be taken at UMBC. A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses."

The proposed change is to allow up to 3 credits of Sociology coursework to count towards the minor. The new requirement for the Anthropology minor would read, "The minor in Anthropology consists of Anth 211 and 15 credits in elective anthropology courses (a total of 18 credits). A maximum of three credits in Sociology can count as elective credits. At least six anthropology credits must be at the 300 level or above, and at least nine credits must be taken at UMBC. A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses."

Rationale (see instructions):

a) This change allows three credits of sociology to count towards the Anthropology minor. This change will provide students with the flexibility to explore additional related topics in their pursuit of the minor. For example, minors who have an underlying interest in medicine or health would now have the option of taking Medical Sociology or Health and Aging, courses that offer further insight into how social scientists study health and wellbeing.

This change would be retroactively applied to all current anthropology minors.

b) The discontinuation of courses is not relevant to this proposed change. If courses are discontinued, students may choose other electives

c) No change in the number of required credits is being requested