

**UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: CMSC 491: Special Topics in Computer Science**

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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)	CMSC 491	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Special Topics in Computer Science	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤24c)	Spec Topics in Comp Sci	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation	Varies by topic	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Credits	1-4	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grading Method(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input 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:**

Special Topics in Computer Science

**PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** (leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:**

This course has only ever been offered as 3 credits. It can count toward the technical electives in “Section F” of the CMSC BS degree requirements. All of the regular courses in this category are also 3 credits. Given its applicability to the degree requirements, we would not want it to be offered at other than 3 credits. To ensure this, we would like to change to a fixed 3 credits.