**New York City College of Technology**

**Interdisciplinary Committee**

**Course Review Form**

**DATE:** **Jan. 22, 2017**

**REVIEWER:** S. MacDonald

**COURSE TITLE & NUMBER:** SOC 3302 Environmental Sociology

**PROPOSED BY:** Diana Mincyte

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**PREREQUISITES:** ENG 1101 and any SOC or ANTH course

**COURSE IS:** x Existing New In development

**PROPOSED COURSE DESIGNATION**: College Option elective x Capstone other:

**DEPARTMENT HOUSED IN:** Social Science

**PROPOSED STRUCTURE (e.g., co-taught, guest lecture, LC, other):**  Guest lecturer

**CREDIT DISTRIBUTION** (if co-taught): <insert>

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** This course examines the complex interactions between societies and the natural environments on which they depend. Special emphasis is placed on the link between the deepening ecological crisis and the operation of the capitalist socio-economic system.

**DESCRIBE & EVALUATE HOW COURSE MEETS INTERDISCIPLINARY CRITERIA?**

**The course would draw upon the disciplines of geography, sociology, anthropology, economics and psychology to examine “the global dimensions” of environmental issues and challenges both locally and globally; focuses on complex questions to gain an interdisciplinary critical understanding of environmental problems; readings and issues explored in the course would span those of anthropology, economics, history, psychology and geography; it would analyze and develop an understanding of the quantitative methods of economics and psychology; class discussions, activities and assignments would require students to apply and integrate the perspectives of these several disciplines.**

Learning Outcomes: **Students, through their engagement with environmental issues from a sociological perspective as well as the perspectives of other related disciplines, will be encouraged to develop critical thinking skills that integrates the interdisciplinary understanding of these issues; they would applied varied perspectives in their analysis of environmental problems**.

**The interdisciplinary section of Environmental Sociology is being offered for the first time, and as such, offers a unique perspective.**

**DESCRIBE & EVALUATE THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STRUCTURE?**

**The course will be taught with guest lecturers. These would come from among the disciplinary perspectives outlined in the application and would clearly enhance the interdisciplinary structure of the class.**

**DOES COURSE MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION? YES** < see links for criteria CityTech: <http://www.300jaystreet.com/college-council/curriculum_proposals/past_proposals> NYS: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/ocue/lrp/liberalarts.htm> >

**STRENGTHS: Very clearly integrates the interdisciplinary perspective through the assigned readings, assignments and discussions/activities in which students will engage; the course also gains considerable strength through the inclusion of guest lecturers in several of the disciplines the overall theme of the course will address.**

**WEAKNESSES: None**