**New York City College of Technology**

**Interdisciplinary Committee**

**Course Review Form**

**DATE:** March 31, 2015

**REVIEWER:** Reneta D. Lansiquot

**COURSE TITLE & NUMBER:** ECON 2505 Environmental Economics

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**PREREQUISITES:** ECON 1101 or ECON 1401

**COURSE IS:** 🗹 Existing 🞎 New 🞎 In development

**PROPOSED COURSE DESIGNATION**: 🗹 College Option 🗹 elective 🞎 Capstone 🞎 other:

**DEPARTMENT HOUSED IN:** Social Science

**PROPOSED STRUCTURE (e.g., co-taught, guest lecture, LC, other):**  Co-taught and guest lecturers

**CREDIT DISTRIBUTION** (if co-taught): 1.5 workload hours each

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** This course examines current environmental issues from a macroeconomic perspective, focusing on both the long- and short-term economic viability of various proposals to address current environmental challenges. Traditional goals of economic efficiency are examined in the context of the need to expand renewable energy sources, green design, sustainable construction and resource allocation and other efforts to combat climate change on a global scale.

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

Although sustainability is an inherently interdisciplinary topic and could include guest lecturer participation from several departments in the College, this course is now more easily sustained as it will also be co-taught.

**DESCRIBE & EVALUATE THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STRUCTURE:**

The theme of this course and the methodologies covered will remain the same as the previously approved section. However, this section will be co-taught, 1.5 workload hours each, and incorporate guest lecturers.

**DOES COURSE MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION?** Yes.

**STRENGTHS:** The theme of this course and the methodologies covered will remain the same as the previously approved section. However, economist professor Sean MacDonald will co-teach this section with sociologist professor Diana Mincyte, 1.5 workload hours each, and incorporate guest lecturers.

**WEAKNESSES:** None.