**New York City College of Technology**

**Interdisciplinary Committee**

**Course Review Form**

**DATE:** October 20, 2014

**REVIEWER:** Reneta D. Lansiquot

**COURSE TITLE & NUMBER:** SBS 2000 Research Methods for the Behavioral and Social Sciences

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**PREREQUISITES:** Any introductory ANTH, ECON, GEOG, GOV, HIS, PSY, SOC, or, any AFR or LTAM 1400 series course, or AFR 1501, 1502, 2402 or 3000, or COM 2402, or 3401 and MAT 1180 or higher; COMD students will also need the prerequisite of PSY 3407

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

**PROPOSED COURSE DESIGNATION**: 🗹 College Option 🗹 elective 🞏 Capstone 🞏 other: listed as an upper-level social or behavioral science course, but this is also part of the College Option

**DEPARTMENT HOUSED IN:** Social Science

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

**CREDIT DISTRIBUTION** (if co-taught): Not applicable

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** An introduction to the research methodologies utilized in the social and behavioral sciences, beginning with the fundamentals of research design, through data collection, analysis, interpretation, and the final reporting of results. Both quantitative and qualitative designs are examined using software to aid in inquiry and analysis.

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

The proposed course integrates perspectives and methodologies from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences to research problems that span those different disciplines. For instance, the design of the research approach to investigate a given problem may depend on the current understanding of the problem (i.e., the theories that explain the different factors relevant to a given problem), and those theories depend on disciplinary perspectives. Through the inclusion of different perspectives from different disciplines, students will be able to design integrated research approaches to investigate complex problems.

**DESCRIBE & EVALUATE THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STRUCTURE:**

Guest lecturers will comprise 25% of the course.

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

**STRENGTHS:** Another section of this course was approved last year.This section will be taught by a different instructor (Judith Sedaitis) in the evening, thereby providing more options for students.

**WEAKNESSES:** None.