New York City College of Technology

Interdisciplinary Committee

Change of Interdisciplinary Format Form for an Existing Course

(or designated section of an existing ID course)

DATE: April 23, 2020

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: **ECON 2505ID Environmental Economics, HD -67; HD-60**

CREDIT HOURS: 3

CURRENT COURSE DESIGNATION: ⌧College Option ⌧Elective 🞏Capstone 🞏Other

DEPARTMENT HOUSED IN: Social Science

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This interdisciplinary 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 will be 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.

CURRENT STRUCTURE: Hybrid

NUMBER OF SECTIONS CURRENTLY OFFERED: Fall semester\_3\_\_\_\_ Spring semester\_\_3\_\_\_

CHANGE OF INSTRUCTOR: Yes ⌧ No

CHANGE IN INSTRUCTOR’S DEPARTMENT/DISCIPLINE: Yes No

CHANGE IN GUEST LECTURER(S): Yes ⌧ No

Are one or more guest lecturers from a different discipline than originally proposed?

IF CO-TAUGHT, CURRENT CREDIT DISTRIBUTION:

PROPOSED CHANGE IN INTERDISCIPINARY FORMAT:

**From:** 🞏Guest lecturers \_\_ minimum 20% \_\_other % 🞏Co-taught 🞏Shared credits 🞏Learning Community ⌧ In person or hybrid

**To:** 🞏Guest lecturers\_\_\_ minimum 20% \_\_other % 🞏Co-taught 🞏Shared credits 🞏Learning community ⌧ Fully online

PROPOSED BY: Sean P. Macdonald

If co taught: Names of those co-teaching

Briefly explain reasoning for changing the format of the currently offered sections, or if new sections of the course are being offered for the first time, explain briefly the rationale for the change in format and attach your syllabus.

Two sections of ECON 2505ID are currently offered as hybrid sections. Given the very short time frame in which all of our courses were moved to a fully online format for the duration of the Spring 2020 semester and the present uncertainty concerning the format for Fall 2020 classes, I am proposing to convert both of the sections of this course to a fully online format. This will ensure that students will be able to plan more effectively as they begin to register for their fall classes. At the same time, it will accommodate students who for reasons of health and safety, may have concerns about returning to in-person classes.

The format for guest lectures will include both synchronous and asynchronous presentations/lectures. For asynchronous lectures, guest lecturers will provide a recorded lecture and students will either be assigned discussion questions in which they will engage with the lecturer and topic in a Discussion Board assignment, or a reflective post-lecture written assignment

Guest lectures and format have been confirmed from the following:

Prof. Amanda Almond (Psychology): Prof. Almond will provide a recorded Youtube video. Students will be provided follow-up questions to answer on the Discussion Board and will offer feedback to one another on the lecture and discussion questions.

Prof. Diana Mincyte (Sociology): Prof. Mincyte will provide a recorded (or live) Zoom presentation. If the lecture is in a live format, students will be able to answer/discuss questions posed in the lecture. alternatively, students will answer questions on the recorded lecture on the Discussion Board and will provide feedback and comments on one another’s posts. These assignments will be evaluated and the guest lecturer will also be able to offer feedback and thoughts to students.

Prof. Gulgun Bayaz Ozturk(Economics-Behavioral Economics): Prof. Ozturk will provide a recorded PowerPoint lecture and students will be required to answer questions following the lecture on the Discussion Board and to comment and offer feedback to one another. This assignment will be evaluated and the guest lecturer will also be able to offer feedback and thoughts to students.

Waiting for confirmation:

Prof. Pa Her (Psychology)

Prof. Susan Phillip (Hospitality Management)

Prof. Hans Tokke (Sociology)