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: September 4, 2020

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: **ECON 2505ID Environmental Economics**

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: Online

NUMBER OF SECTIONS CURRENTLY OFFERED: Fall semester\_2\_\_\_\_ Spring semester\_\_2\_\_\_

CHANGE OF INSTRUCTOR: 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.

I will teach two sections of ECON 2505ID in Spring 2021. In order to ensure that students will be able to plan effectively as they begin to register for spring classes, I am proposing to offer both sections in a fully online format. At the same time, the online format seeks to accommodate students who for reasons of health and safety or other considerations, would prefer to continue their studies in an online format.

As both sections of the course will be offered asynchronously, guest lectures will be provided in the same format. 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. Students will then discuss/answer questions on the recorded lecture on the Discussion Board and 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.

Prof. Pa Her (Psychology): will provide a recorded PowerPoint lecture. Students will then be asked to sign in to a Zoom interactive question and answer session with Prof. Her following the lecture.

Prof. Hans Tokke (Sociology): Prof. Tokke 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

To be confirmed:

Prof. Susan Phillip (Hospitality Management)