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: October 8, 2020

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: LIB 2205 Learning Places: Understanding the City

CREDIT HOURS: 3

CURRENT COURSE DESIGNATION: 🞏College Option **X** Elective 🞏Capstone 🞏Other

DEPARTMENT HOUSED IN: Library

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This special topics course offers an interdisciplinary approach to investigating our built environment using a case study focused on a specific place each semester. This course combines physical examination with information research and data collection using methodologies developed in multiple disciplines. Students from a variety of departments engage in on-site exploration and in-depth research of a location in New York City.

A faculty member from Hospitality Management and guest lecturers will be teaching the course in spring 2021. Guest lecturers from disciplines including history, social sciences, African American studies, and architecture will provide perspectives on contested monuments and how to reimagine them.

CURRENT STRUCTURE: Co-teaching by two instructors (and guest lecturers)

NUMBER OF SECTIONS CURRENTLY OFFERED: Fall semester\_\_\_\_\_ Spring semester \_\_\_1\_\_

CHANGE OF INSTRUCTOR: **X** Yes Prof Amanda will not be an instructor in

spring 2021. Prof Susan Phillip will remain an instructor.

CHANGE IN INSTRUCTOR’S DEPARTMENT/DISCIPLINE: **X** Yes No

Guest lectures will come from several departments at City Tech and from other institutions/organizations

CHANGE IN GUEST LECTURER(S): **X** Yes No

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

There will be more guest lectures than in previous semesters. Guest lecturers have been identified from Social Sciences, African American Studies, Architecture, and the Library and from other institutions.

IF CO-TAUGHT, CURRENT CREDIT DISTRIBUTION:

3 Credits (1 lecture hour and 4 lab hours) 2.5 per instructor

PROPOSED CHANGE IN INTERDISCIPINARY FORMAT:

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

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

PROPOSED BY: Susan Phillip

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.

The course was developed in 2018 by Profs Susan Phillip (Hospitality Management) and Amanda Almond (Social Sciences) and co-taught by them in the 2019 and 2020 spring semesters. Prof Almond will not be co-teaching the course in spring 2021 (but will be a guest lecturer). Prof Phillip will be teaching the course in the guest lecturer format. In spring 2021, the course will be fully online (synchronously) with guest lecturers providing interdisciplinary perspectives. Guest lecturers will interact with students in live lectures via Zoom, and students will have the opportunity for Q&A. To broaden the opportunities for guest lecturers, recorded video lectures may also be used, with the course instructor interacting with students to answer questions and provide additional content. Students will also be able to email questions to guest lecturers whose content is recorded.