

KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

CURRICULUM TRANSMITTAL COVER PAGE

Department: History, Philosophy and Political Science Date: 9/21/2021

Title Of Course/Degree/Concentration/Certificate: His 5900: Modern America: 1920 to Present

Change(s) Initiated: (Please check)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Closing of Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Degree or Certificate |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Course Designation |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deletion of Course(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in Course Title, Number, Credits and/or Hours |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Academic Policy |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways Submission: |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Life and Physical Science |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Math and Quantitative Reasoning |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A. World Cultures and Global Issues |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> C. Creative Expression |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> D. Individual and Society |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> E. Scientific World |
- Change in Program Learning Outcomes
- Other (please describe): _____

PLEASE ATTACH MATERIAL TO ILLUSTRATE AND EXPLAIN ALL CHANGES

DEPARTMENTAL ACTION

Action by Department and/or Departmental Committee, if required:

Date Approved: _____ Signature, Committee Chairperson: _____

If submitted Curriculum Action affects another Department, signature of the affected Department(s) is required:

Date Approved: _____ Signature, Department Chairperson: _____

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I have reviewed the attached material/proposal

Signature, Department Chairperson: Jacob Segal

TO: Fall Semester Curriculum Committee

FROM: Prof. Jacob Segal, Chair, Department of History, Philosophy and Political Science

DATE: September 12, 2021

RE: Change in **Title and Course Description** for **History 59**

The Department of History is proposing a change in title and **Course Description** for **History 59**.

FROM:

Modern America: 1920 to Present

Development of the United States from 1920 to the present. The Jazz Age, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Revolution, and the protest movements of the 1960's.

TO:

Modern U.S. History from 1945 to the Present

This class introduces students to an in-depth analysis of pivotal issues faced by the U.S. since the end of World War II, including postwar economic growth and suburbanization; the 1950s red scare; the emergence of the U.S. as a world super power and U.S. military engagements such as the Vietnam War; the rise of social protest movements around issues of race, gender, and sexuality; and post 1970s crises such as growing economic inequality, climate change, and political polarization.

Rationale for Change:

The title change reflects the fact that the course focuses on the history of one country—the United States—and not the many countries that comprise our current understanding of “the Americas.” The change in periodization also reflects the need to cover the immense changes wrought in the aftermath of World War II, and the fact that so much has happened in the 21st century that needs to be addressed to understand “modern” or “contemporary” U.S. history. Also, “1945 to the present” is a much more common period for a U.S. history course to cover than 1920 to the present so the new periodization will align our course with courses at Brooklyn College and other colleges.