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CURRICULUM TRANSMITTAL COVER PAGE

Department: Communications and Performing Arts   Date: 3/20/17

Title Of Course Or Degree: SPE 40 - Phonetics

Change(s) Initiated: (Please check)

☐ Closing of Degree

☐ Closing of Certificate

☐ New Certificate Proposal

☐ New Degree Proposal

☐ New Course

☐ New 82 Course

☐ Deletion of Course

☐ Change in Degree or Certificate Requirements

☐ Change in Degree Requirements (adding concentration)

☑ Change in Pre/Co-Requisite

☐ Change in Course Designation

☐ Change in Course Description

☐ Change in Course Title, Numbers Credit and/or Hour

☐ Change in Academic Policy

☐ Pathways Submission:

    ☐ Life and Physical Science

    ☐ Math and Quantitative Reasoning

    ☐ A. World Cultures and Global Issues

    ☐ B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity

    ☐ C. Creative Expression

    ☐ D. Individual and Society

    ☐ E. Scientific World

☐ Other (please describe):_____

PLEASE ATTACH MATERIAL TO ILLUSTRATE AND EXPLAIN ALL CHANGES

DEPARTMENTAL ACTION

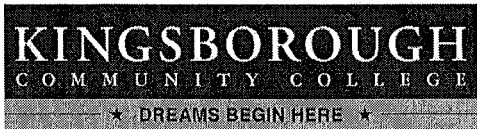Action by Department and/or Departmental Committee, if required:

Date Approved:_____Signature, Committee Chairperson:_____

I have reviewed the attached material/proposal

Signature, Department Chairperson: _Gordon Young_____

Revised/Dec.2015/AK

TO: Spring 2017 Curriculum Committee

FROM: Department of Communications and Performing Arts

DATE: March 17, 2017

RE: Change in course prerequisites for SPE 40000 – Phonetics

The Department of Communications and Performing Arts is proposing a change in course prerequisites for SPE 4000 – Phonetics

FROM:

SPE 4000 – PHONETICS (3 crs. 3 hrs.) Introduction to different aspects of phonetics and their relationship to language. The sounds of English and the International Phonetic Alphabet which symbolizes those sounds will be included. Theoretical foundations of phonetics will be explored as they relate to normal and abnormal language development as well as speech correction and improvement.

Open to Speech Communication Majors only.

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Rationale for Change:

SPE 4000 is one of the core requirements for the A.S. in Speech Communication. The A.S. in Speech Communication was first introduced at KBCC in Fall 2005. When the program began with our first cohort of 49 students in Fall 2005 the SPE 4000 originally the course was open to all students regardless of major. As Kingsborough Community College's student population grew significantly between 2010-2012, SPE 4000 would fill up quickly and majors in the A.S. in Speech Communication were not always able to get the seats in this course as they needed it to graduate. Also at this time we did not have the full time faculty to be able to guarantee that SPE 4000 would run in both the spring and fall semesters. As a result, we introduced a prerequisite requirement that the course would only be open to majors.

After adding this prerequisite we received feedback from non-majors wishing to take the class. As SPE 4000 teaches students how to properly pronounce, read, and transcribe language using the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) it is useful for Theatre students who want to master the sounds of different accents, Foreign Language and ESL students who want to master the sounds of a language they are learning, English and Language Arts Education students who want to learn the correct pronunciations for American English, and it also satisfies the Speech course requirement for our Liberal Arts majors. We are currently hiring three new Speech Communication professors for Fall 2017 so we will henceforth be able to offer SPE 4000 every semester.

Given the increased demand to take SPE 4000 by students outside the A.S. in Speech Communication major and increased ability of our department to offer the course because of three new faculty hires we request that the prerequisite that SPE 4000 be restricted to Speech Communication majors be removed from the next iteration of the KBCC course catalogue.