

KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

CURRICULUM DATA TRANSMITTAL SHEET

DEPARTMENT English DATE 18 Sept 2014

Title of Course or Degree: English 7400 Themes in American Literature

Change(s) Initiated: (Please check) II

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Closing of Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Degree or Certificate Requirements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closing of Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Degree Requirements (adding concentration) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Certificate Proposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Pre/Co-Requisite |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Degree Proposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Course Designation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Course | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in Course Description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New 82 Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Course Titles, Numbers, Credits &/or Hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deletion of Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Academic Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe): _____ | |

PLEASE ATTACH PERTINENT MATERIAL TO ILLUSTRATE AND EXPLAIN ALL CHANGES

I. DEPARTMENTAL ACTION

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

Date approved 18 Sept 2014 Signature, Committee Chairperson: Jane Weiss (Jane Weiss)

Signature, Department Chairperson: Eileen Ferrante

II. PROVOST ACTION

Provost to act within 30 days of receipt and forward to College-wide Curriculum Committee exercising one of the following options:

- A. Approved B. Returned to department with comments

Recommendations (if any): _____

Signature, Provost: _____ Date: _____

III. CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Approved B. Tabled (no action will be taken by Curriculum Committee)

Recommendations (if any): _____

Signature, Sub-Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

IV. COLLEGE-WIDE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee to act within 30 days of receipt, exercising one of the following options:

- A. Approved (forwarded to Steering Committee)
B. Tabled (Department notified)
C. Not Approved (Department notified)

Signature, Chairperson of Curriculum Committee _____ Date: _____

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Curriculum Change Proposal

English 7400: Themes in American Literature II: 1865 to the Present

Change in Course Description

Current Course Description:

A survey of American literature and literary history from the end of the Civil War to the present. Consideration of many well-known writers (James, Hemingway, and Frost) as well as writings by women, Native Americans, Hispanics, and African-Americans. Students will acquire a greater comprehension of historical, philosophical, political, religious and literary forces that shaped American life during this period. Questions of what America represents and how it is represented in literary texts and history will be discussed.

Proposed Course Description:

A survey of American literature and literary history from the late 19th century to the present, examining works that depict urbanization, immigration, class conflict, and social change.

Explanation for the Proposed Change:

The current course description is outdated: many women writers (of any ethnic origin), Latino/Latina authors and African-American writers of both genders would now be considered "well-known" and typical anthologies for the course cover a far wider range of authors than the current description suggests.