## CURRICULUM TRANSMITTAL COVER PAGE

Department: $\qquad$ FOREIGN LANGUAGES Date: 5 FEB 2020

Title Of Course/Degree/Concentration/Certificate: LIBERAL ARTS
Change (s) Initiated: (Please check)
$\square$ Closing of Degree
$\square$ Closing of CertificateNew Certificate Proposal
$\square$ New Degree Proposal
$\square$ New Course
$\square$ New 82 Course (Pilot Course)Deletion of Courses)
$\square$ Change in Degree or Certificate
$\square$ Change in Degree: Adding Concentration
$\square$ Change in Degree: Deleting Concentration
$\square$ Change in Prerequisite, Corequisite, and/or Pre/Co-requisite
$\square$ Change in Course Designation
$\square$ Change in Course Description
$\square$ Change in Course Title, Number, Credits and/or Hours
$\square$ Change in Academic Policy
$\square$ Pathways Submission:
$\square$ Life and Physical Science
Math and Quantitative Reasoning
$\square$ A. World Cultures and Global Issues
$\square$ B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity
$\square$ C. Creative Expression
$\square$ D. Individual and Society
E. Scientific World
$\square$ Change in Program Learning Outcomes
$\square$ 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: 19 sept 2019 Signature, Committee Chairperson:


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

Date Approved: $\qquad$ Signature, Department Chairperson: $\qquad$
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I have reviewed the attached material/proposal $\qquad$

TO: $\quad$ Spring 2020 Liberal Arts Sub-committee of the Curriculum Committee
FROM: Alfonso J. García Osuna, Chair, Department of Foreign Languages
DATE: 5/7/2020

RE: $\quad$ Change in Degree Requirements for A.A. Liberal Arts

The Department of Foreign Languages is proposing a change to the degree requirements for the A.A. in Liberal Arts

## Changes:

1. Inclusion of a the option of a Foreign Language under degree requirements for the major
2. Addition of notation explaining Foreign Language options within the degree and concentration requirements

## Rationale for Change:

The Department supports including an option for students to take a Foreign Language under the major requirements for the Liberal Arts degree - through the addition of the following: World History or Anthropology or Foreign Language (addition).

The Department considers language as a critically important point of entry into cross-cultural understanding, which aligns with its placement alongside World History and Anthropology. Given the strong cultural content inherent to Foreign Language courses, enhanced language instruction would prepare students for a more profound and sustained immersion in international contexts and give students the tools needed to more thoroughly appreciate different cultural worldviews through the exploration of the intersections of culture, identity, power, and structural inequalities in a rigorous and intentional way. This change would underscore Kingsborough's commitment to diversity and internationalism in the curriculum.

Additionally, the option of a Foreign Language under the major requirement for the degree addresses not only the importance of cultural diversity and transnational awareness within the major, but also the College Option requirement at four-year institutions that require a full year of a Foreign Language. Students will be able to complete a full-year of a Foreign Language through the option under the major requirements as well as the selection of a Foreign Language under Flexible Core: World Cultures and Global Issues (Group A).

Students who enter without prior training in a Foreign Language would have to achieve proficiency in a Foreign Language through the 200-course level. Students who have prior training or native fluency in a language other than English would be required to take at least one course at or above the 300 -course level in the language they have acquired, or an introductory course (100-200-course level sequence) in a new language.

| Add/Delete/Change | A.A. LIBERAL ARTS |  |
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|  | HEGIS code: 5649.00 |  |
|  | Program code: 01044 |  |
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|  | CUNY CORE | CREDITS |
|  |  |  |
|  | REQUIRED CORE: (4 Courses, 12 Credits) | 12 |
|  | When Required Core courses are specified for a category, they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major. |  |
|  | ENG 1200 - English Composition I | 3 |
|  | ENG 2400 - English Composition II | 3 |
|  | $\pm$ Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning | 3 |
|  | $\pm$ Life and Physical Sciences $\pm$ | 3 |
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|  | FLEXIBLE CORE: | 18 |
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|  | B. U.S. Experience In Its Diversity |  |
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|  | D. Individual \& Society |  |
|  | $\pm$ E. Scientific World |  |
|  | $\pm$ Plus another course selected from any Group A - E |  |
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|  | DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (9 Courses, 27 Credits) | 27 |
|  | For the General Liberal Arts Concentration - No more than four (4) of the following nine (9) courses may also satisfy a CUNY Flexible Core requirement: |  |
|  | For all other Concentrations - To complete the degree within sixty (60) credits students must select courses that fulfill Major, Concentration, AND Common Core Pathways Requirements |  |
|  | Art or | 3 |
|  | Media and Film Studies or |  |
|  | Music or |  |
|  | Theatre |  |
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|  | AND |  |
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|  | Speech | 3 |
|  | Literature | 3 |
|  | Philosophy | 3 |
|  | American Politics | 3 |
|  | American History | 3 |
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|  | AND |  |
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|  | World History or | 3 |


| CHANGE | Anthropology or |  |
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| ADD | Foreign Language |  |
|  | AND |  |
|  | Psychology | 3 |
|  | Sociology | 3 |
|  | ELECTIVES: see below |  |
|  | General $=3$ to 15 credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits |  |
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|  | English $=0$ credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits |  |
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|  | Spanish $=0$ to 15 credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits |  |
|  | Women's and Gender Studies $=0$ credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits |  |
|  | TOTAL CREDITS: 60 | 60 |
| ADD | Note: |  |
|  | For the General Liberal Arts Concentration - World Languages proficiency through the 200 -level is recommended for students who do not have native fluency, or have not successfully completed three years of one foreign language in high school and passed the Regents Level 3 language exam. These students may take a 100 -level World Language as a Flexible Core: World Cultures and Global Issues (Group A) Pathways requirement and a 200 -level World Language as a major requirement. Other concentrations may be able to do as listed above. For concentrations other than General, it is recommended that you speak with your academic advisor. |  |
|  | (The Political Science Concentration does not allow the option of taking a Foreign Language as a major requirement.) |  |
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