

TO: Fall 2022 Curriculum Committee

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

DATE: September 4th, 2022

RE: Change in Course Title and Description for **HIS 6500 - Social Unrest and Revolution in Modern Times**

The Department of History, Philosophy and Political Science is proposing a change in the description and title of History 65: Social Unrest and Revolution in Modern Times

FROM:

HIS 6500 - Social Unrest and Revolution in Modern Times

The ideological basis of industrialism, laissez-faire, doctrines of reform and transformation, the co-related movements in the 19th and 20th centuries. Topics include: emergence of post-democratic totalitarianism in Russia, Italy, and Germany, contemporary expressions of Socialism, Marxism, Leninism, and revisionist views of liberalism and democracy.

TO:

Introduction to Modern Ideologies

Revolutions and vast social movements characterized the 20th century. These events involved a great conflict of ideologies or points of views about capitalism, individuality and the power of the state. We examine the central ideologies of fascism, Marxism, communism and liberalism. In doing so, we look at the history of important historical figures such as Lenin, Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.

Rationale for Change:

The title is unclear as to subject matter and the description referred topics both unknown to students and unclear to the faculty. The new title makes clear the introductory nature of the course and links more common ideas to some historical figures students in which the students might be interested.