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Revised Course Request: Common Course
(Substantive Modifications)

Use this form to request a substantive change to an existing common course. Representatives from all institutions offering the common course must participate in developing the proposed revisions to a common course. Signatures from all institutions offering the common course must be included on the final form submitted to the Academic Affairs Council (AAC). Consult the system database for information about existing courses. If the course revision is for an approved General Education course, please see the Revision to General Education Requirements Form.

BHSU	Dr. Thomas Weyant		10/14/2025
Institution	**Form Initiator**	**Dean's Approval Signature**	**Date**
BHSU	School of Mathematics & Social Science		Click here to enter a date. 12/23/25
Institution	**Division/Department**	**Institutional Approval Signature**	**Date**
~~NSU~~ BHSU			Click here to enter a date.
Institution	**Division/Department**	**Institutional Approval Signature**	**Date**

(*add additional lines as needed*)

Indicate universities that currently offer the common course:

☒ BHSU ☐ DSU ☒ NSU ☐ SDSMT ☐ SDSU ☐ USD

Section 1. Existing Course Title and Description

If changing from a course that previously had only a lecture or laboratory component to a composite course, identify both the course and laboratory numbers (xxx and xxxL) and credit hours associated with each. Provide the complete description as it appears in the system database, including pre-requisites, co-requisites, and registration restrictions.

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
HIST 363	The United States from 1890-1940	3

Course Description
This course examines the social, political, and economic history of America from 1890-1940.

Please list any active equated courses for the course being revised. Any universities offering equated courses must be indicated in the check boxes above, as they currently offer the course.

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits

Section 2. Modification(s) Requested

Check all revisions that apply and provide detailed information in the Current and New fields below. If changing a course that previously had only a lecture or laboratory component to a composite course, identify both the course and laboratory numbers (xxx and xxxL) and credit hours associated with each.

2.1. This modification will include (*place an "X" in the box for all that apply*):

	Current		New
☐ **Prefix change from**		to	

Indicate any university for which this must be added as new prefix:

☐ BHSU ☐ DSU ☐ NSU ☐ SDSMT ☐ SDSU ☐ USD

	Current		New
☐ **Change in instructional method**		to	
☒ **Course Title change from**	The United States from 1890-1940	to	America from Gilded Age to New Deal
☐ **Credit Hours change from**		to	
☐ **Pre-Requisites**		to	

Note: University specific pre-requisites are inconsistent with the system common course guidelines and receive approval only in rare circumstances.

☐ **Co-Requisites**		to	
☐ **Registration Restriction**		to	

☐ **Addition/deletion of a lab/lecture component**

If the addition of a lab/lecture component requires a change in pre-requisites or co-requisites, indicate below (add lines as needed, make sure to copy and paste format)

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-Req/Co-Req?
		Choose an item.

Will the grade for this lab/lecture component be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will section enrollment for the lab/lecture component be capped?

☐ Yes, max per section: _____ ☐ No

☒ **Course Content/Description change (write proposed new content/description below)**

This course examines the social, political, economic, and cultural history of America from the end of the Civil War through the early decades of the 20th century.

Note: Course descriptions are short, concise summaries that typically do not exceed 75 words. DO: Address the content of the course and write descriptions using active verbs (e.g., explore, learn, develop, etc.). DO NOT: Repeat the title of the course, layout the syllabus, use pronouns such as "we" and "you," or rely on specialized jargon, vague phrases, or clichés.

☐ **Course Deletion**

Indicate the universities deleting the course:

☐ BHSU ☐ DSU ☐ NSU ☐ SDSMT ☐ SDSU ☐ USD

Effective term of the change: Fall 2026

2.2. Add justification for all changes noted above:

Section 3. Other Course Information

Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course database (Course Inventory Report)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate the course(s) to which the course will equate (add lines as needed):

Prefix & No.	Course Title

Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)

	Current		New
☐ **Change in University Department Code**		to	

☐ **Change in Banner Department Code** _____ to _____

☐ **Change in CIP Code** _____ to _____

Email Correspondence w/ NSU:

From: Usitalo, Steven <Steven.Usitalo@northern.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 4:37 PM
To: Weyant, ThomasB <Thomas.Weyant@bhsu.edu>; Dias, Ric <ric.dias@northern.edu>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Offering Common Courses

Hello Thomas -
Steven here. Good to hear that you will be offering those courses, they have always proven popular at NSU. I am fine with the changed course description for HIST 363. Updating is often very useful.
By the way, Ric Dias will be retiring after this academic year, though we do plan on making a hire to replace him this year.
Best wishes
Steven

From: Weyant, ThomasB <Thomas.Weyant@bhsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 1:19 PM
To: Usitalo, Steven <Steven.Usitalo@northern.edu>; Dias, Ric <Ric.Dias@northern.edu>
Subject: Offering Common Courses

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Dear Drs. Usitalo and Dias,

Greetings from Black Hills State! I wanted to reach out to both of you, Dr. Usitalo as chair and Dr. Dias as a professor of 20th century American history, to let you know that we are considering offering the following courses: HIST 361 (The US during the 1960s), HIST 363 (US from 1890-1940), and HIST 365 (Cold War).

Additionally, I wanted to ask your thoughts on making some changes to HIST 363 in name and description. I have taught a Gilded Age/Progressive Era course as a selected topics course focusing from 1865 to 1920. I had wanted to make it a permanent course and initially drafted it out as a new course, but my chair encouraged me to see if we could amend the existing HIST 363. My thought would be to rename the course "America from Gilded Age to New Deal" and to alter the existing course description.

From: *"This course examines the social, political, and economic history of America from 1890-1940."*

To: *"This course examines the social, political, economic, and cultural history of America following the Civil War through the early decades of the 20th century."*

Even if we cannot/do not change the name of the course a change in description such as the one suggested would allow faculty greater flexibility, including the ability to focus more on pre-1890 if they chose.

I would very much like to hear your thoughts.

Best,
Tom

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