AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY

Economics 2102                              Prof. Derek M. Johnson
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("H&C"); Additional readings will be assigned during the course.

Grading: There will be a mid term examination (30 points), a (cumulative) final
exam (30 points), and a term paper writing project (40 points). Class
participation and extraordinary achievement may be worth up to 10% of the
grade. Nevertheless, and according to university-wide policies for W
courses, you cannot pass this course unless you receive a passing grade
for its writing components. The term paper writing requirement shall be
satisfied by a term paper project of the student’s selection (prior approved
required) of not less than fifteen (15) pages and otherwise in conformity
with the University of Connecticut guidelines including rules and
academic discipline pertaining to plagiarism which is defined in the
University of Connecticut Student conduct code as “presenting as one’s
own the ideas or words of another for academic evaluation.” It is highly
recommended that you review the University of Connecticut Student
conduct code. Plagiarism is taken seriously and, if determined, will be
subject to academic discipline to the fullest extent allowed.

“W” Term Paper Deadlines/Points:

TERM PAPER TOPICS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY
7, 2013.
TERM PAPER ABSTRACT AND OUTLINES ARE DUE NO
LATER THAN MARCH 5, 2013 (5 Points).
FIRST DRAFTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 4, 2013. (10
Points).
FINAL TERM PAPER PROJECTS ARE DUE ON MAY 2, 2013 (25
Points).
ONE POINT WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE PAPER
PROJECT FOR EVERY DAY LATE.

The following is a tentative week-by-week listing of concepts and topics to be discussed and
reading assignments.

Week 1: Intellectual, Political and Institutional Background
H&C- Ch. 1
Weeks 2-3:  The Colonial Period  
H&C- Chs. 2-4

Weeks 4-6:  The Antebellum Period  
H&C- Chs 5-9; 11 and 12

Weeks 6 and 7:  The Political Economy of Slavery  
H&C- Ch. 10

Week 7  The Civil War and its Economic Consequences  
H&C- Ch. 13

Weeks 8-11  The Postbellum Period and the Transformation of the American Economy  
H&C- Chs. 14-21  
Midterm Examination: March 14  
Spring Recess: March 17-23

Weeks 11-13:  The Interwar Period, the Great Depression and the Extension of the State  
H&C- Chs. 22-25

H&C- Chs. 27-30

Final Examination Date: TBA