

## AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY

Economics 2102

Spring 2013

Office Hours: 1:30 p.m.-3:00 pm T,TH  
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Texts: American Economic History (8<sup>th</sup> ed.), Jonathan Hughes & Louis P. Cain  
("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 <b>Midterm Examination: March 14</b> <b>Spring Recess: March 17-23</b>
Weeks 11 - 13:	The Interwar Period, the Great Depression and the Extension of the State H&C- Chs. 22-25
Weeks 13-15:	Post World War II, Evolution of the Modern Economy and the Political Economy of the International System H&C- Chs. 27-30  <b>Final Examination Date: TBA</b>