

COURSE SYLLABUS: ECONOMICS 1301

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS HISTORY

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TEXTS AND OTHER MATERIALS:

1. A Prosperous People: The Growth of the American Economy, Edwin J. Perkins and Gary M. Walton
2. The Worldly Philosophers, Robert Heilbroner
3. Lecture Notes on Economic and Business History, Kent Gilbreath
4. Study Questions for Economic and Business History, Kent Gilbreath

*Reading Assignments:

*Examination I

Worldly Philosophers - Chapters 1-4
A Prosperous People - Chapters 1-7
Lecture Notes and Study Questions - Assigned Sections
(See course outline on last page of syllabus)

*Examination II

Worldly Philosophers - Chapters 5-8
A Prosperous People - Chapters 8-14
Lecture Notes and Study Questions - Assigned Sections

*Examination III

Worldly Philosophers - Chapters 9-11
A Prosperous People - Chapters 15-21
Lecture Notes and Study Questions - Assigned Sections

*(There may be additional reading assignments made throughout the semester.)

Reading Schedule:

The reading material for the course should be read according to the schedule on the following page. The student will be expected to have read the material and answered the study questions. The professor will use the Socratic method to orally examine individual students over the reading material on the assigned date. The student's grade will be affected by his or her answers to the oral questions over the reading assignments. Absences on a day when reading material is due to have been read will result in a grade deduction from your next examination.

Reading Schedule (cont.):

Date Due:		Read to:
January 23 (Friday)	A Prosperous People The Worldly Philosophers	p. 18 p. 42
January 30 (Friday)	A Prosperous People The Worldly Philosophers	p. 37 p. 75
February 6 (Friday)	A Prosperous People The Worldly Philosophers	p. 71 p. 105
February 20 (Friday)	A Prosperous People The Worldly Philosophers	p. 101 p. 136
February 27 (Friday)	A Prosperous People The Worldly Philosophers	p. 115 p. 171
March 5 (Friday)	A Prosperous People The Worldly Philosophers	p. 140 p. 249
March 26 (Friday)	The Worldly Philosophers	p. 288
April 2 (Friday)	A Prosperous People The Worldly Philosophers	p. 170 p. 311
April 16 (Friday)	A Prosperous People The Worldly Philosophers	p. 196 p. 333
April 23 (Friday)	A Prosperous People	p. 231

EXAMS:

There will be three examinations during the semester and a comprehensive final examination. Your test average on the three semester examinations will count 2/3 of the course grade and the final examination will count 1/3 of the course grade. There will be potential "extra credit points" for a geography exam given near the end of the semester. Your course grade will be determined by your examination scores and by your scores on the oral examinations.

Nature of the Examinations: All examinations will be of an objective nature and may include multiple choice and true-false questions. Approximately 50% of the questions on each examination will come from the assigned readings, and 50% will come from classroom material. Included in the classroom material will be certain geographical materials.

HONOR CODE:

All students are bound by the university's honor code. Read it carefully. In particular, any student who has in his or her possession a copy of an old examination from this course is in possession of material that has been stolen from Baylor University. Further, any knowledge of other students having possession of any old tests from this course must be reported to the professor or the student with such knowledge is in violation of the honor code.

ATTENDANCE:

As a bonus, students having perfect attendance throughout the year (zero absences and tardies) will receive five points added to their final examination grade. Any absence or tardy, either excused or unexcused, will render the student ineligible for these extra points. Students missing 25% of the classes (over 11 absences, excused or unexcused) will not be able to pass the course. Because of the disturbance they cause to class, tardies will count as an absence. Students will also be counted absent if they read newspapers or do homework during class.

CLASS ETIQUETTE: These class etiquette requirements are important: 1) **Ball caps or hats may not be worn in class.** 2) Students should not begin closing books or making other preparations to leave class until the class is dismissed by the professor. 3) The Dean of the business school has insisted that students not bring drinks or food into the classroom; please cooperate with his request.

COURSE OUTLINE

1.	Introduction to the Course	Jan. 12, 14
2.	Early Economic Systems	Jan. 16, 21, 23
3.	The American Revolution	Jan. 25, 28, 30
4.	Immigration	Feb. 2, 4, 6
5.	EXAMINATION I	Wednesday, Feb. 11
6.	Territorial Expansion	Feb. 9, 13, 16
7.	Agriculture	Feb. 18, 20, 23, 25
8.	The Industrial Revolution in America	Feb. 27, March 1, 3
9.	Transportation and Communications	March 5, 8, 10
10.	Entrepreneurs	March 12, 22
11.	EXAMINATION II	Wednesday, March 24
12.	Laborers and Unions	March 26, 29, 31
13.	Money and Banking	April 2, 5, 7
14.	Foreign Trade and Investment	April 14, 16, 19
15.	The Economics of War	April 21, 23, 28
16.	EXAMINATION III	Friday, April 30
17.	Maps Test & Review for Final Examination	Monday, May 3
18.	FINAL EXAMINATION	
	A. <u>9:00 a.m.</u> class	Friday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.
	B. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> class	Thursday, May 6, 4:30 p.m.

Students must take the final exam at the time designated for their class. It is not possible to take the final exam with the other class section.