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Econ 113A Economic History of the United States Spring 2024

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Prerequisites	Sophomore or Upper Division Standing

Class Resources

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on the Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>

Course Description

Economic analysis of U.S. and Canadian history to the mid-20th century and its application to understanding the causes, pattern, and consequences of economic development. Prerequisite: Sophomore or Upper Division Standing.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Specific CLOs for this course include:

- 1) Identify the general features and possible causes of the Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions and explain how those two transformations relate to the economic development of the United States;
- 2) Be familiar with the contours and pattern of North American economic history, from before European contact until the mid-twentieth century;
- 3) Appreciate how economic theory enriches our understanding of historical particulars, with emphasis on the impacts of war, chattel slavery, migration, and trade, both regional and international.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook (Recommended)

1. Rockoff, Hugh, and Gary M. Walton. History of the American Economy, 4th Edition. (Mason, Ohio: Cengage Learning, 2014). ISBN: 978-1-111-82292-7

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Economic History of the U.S., Econ 113A, Spring 2024 Course Schedule

The following schedule is subject to change. If changes are needed, I will make announcements through email and Canvas.

Class Schedule

Week	Dates	Topics, Assignments, and Exams	Assigned Readings
0	1/24-1/28/24	Discuss Syllabus and Course Structure	
1	1/29-2/4/24	Review of Supply and Demand models	
2	2/5-2/11/24	Founding the Colonies and their Economic Activities	RW Ch 2 and 3
3	2/12-2/18/24	Colonial Economic Relationships and Growth	RW Ch 4 and 5
4	2/19-2/25/24	War of Independence and Consequences (HW 1 Due)	RW Ch 6 and 7
5	2/26-3/3		

