Economics 4983
Economics as Social Science

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Office Hours: Monday 12:30-1:30 PM; Friday 11:30-12:30 PM; and by appointment

Prerequisites: Senior status, majoring in Economics; (or instructor’s permission)

Course Objectives: An improved ability to apply economic theory; a deeper understanding of American economic history

Exams and Grading Procedures: 3 hourly essay exams @ 100 points each; 1 comprehensive final exam @ 150 points; 15-20 page research paper on student selected/instructor approved topic in American economic history @ 100 points

Texts: Walton and Rockoff, History of the American Economy

Course Outline:

I. The European Background and the Colonial Economy
   Walton and Rockoff(W&R), Chapters 1-5

II. Revolution: Economic and Political
    W&R, Chapters 6

III. The Ante-bellum Economy
    W&R, Chapters 7

EXAM I

IV. The Economics of Slavery and the Civil War
    W&R, Chapters 8-13

V. Growth of an American Colossus: 1865-1920
    W&R, Chapters 14-20
EXAM II

VI. The Great Depression and New Deal
    W&R, Chapters 23-24

VII. The American Economy since World War II
    W&R, Chapters 26, 28, and 29

EXAM III

FINAL EXAM: Monday, December 10, 8:00 am – 10:00 am