

Required Reading: Jonathan Hughes and Louis Cain (H&C), **American Economic History** (Sixth edition); and **Material Posted on the Website**

Components of Final Grade: Three exams: Exam 1 (25%); Exam 2 (35%); Exam 3 (40%).

Schedule of Classes:

Aug 28 Do I Want To Take This Class?

Aug 30 The Institutional Background for Economic Growth
H&C: Chapters 1 (pp. 13-16), Chapter 2 (pp.38-42) Chapter 7, and Chapter 31.
Alston and Mueller, PropertyRights and the State

Sep 4 Indentured Servitude: The Market for Moving Free People to America
H&C: Chapter 1 (pp. 10-12).

Sep 6 Slavery
& 11 H&C: Chapters 9 & 10

Sep 13 Economics of the Civil War
H&C: Chapter 13

Sep 18 Peopling the Country: Births, Deaths, Immigration and Migration
& 20 H&C: Chapters 16-17

Sep 25 Money, Banks and Government Policy
H&C: Chapter 19

Sep 27 Southern Agriculture - Not Everyone Was Sipping Mint Juleps
& Oct 2 H&C: Chapter 13 (pp. 262-273)
Alston: "Issues in U.S. Postbellum..."
Atack and Passell: "The South After the.."

Oct 4: No class – study for exam.

EXAM OCT 8 –EDUC 220 6:00-7:50 pm

Oct 9 Northern Agriculture- Too Wet To Plow: Protest
& 11 H&C: Chapter 15
Atack and Passell: "Northern Agricultural.."

Oct 16 The Iron Horse and Economic Growth
H&C: Chapter 14

Oct 18 The Microsofts of the 19th Century: Regulation and the Origins of Anti-Trust
H&C: Chapter 18

Oct 23 The Wild West: The Use and Abuse of Natural Resources
Libecap, "Property Rights in ..."

Oct 30 The Great War
H&C: Chapter 22

NO CLASS ON NOV 1

Nov 6 The Roaring Twenties: Farms Failing and Banks Busting
H&C: Chapter 23

EXAM NOV 12 EDUC 220 6:00-7:50 pm

Nov 8 The Great Depression
13, & H&C: Chapters 24 & 25

15 Atack and Passell: "The Great Depression: The Contraction" and "The Recovery of 1933"