

Fall 2010

ECON 4524-001

Economic History of the United States

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Class Schedule and location:

019 T,R 12:30 -1:45, MUEN E432

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

II. REQUIREMENTS

The final grade is determined as follows:

- x Exam 1: 15%
- x Exam 2: 40%
- x Exam 3: 45%

III. READINGS

Readings will include both books and articles. Assigned articles and book chapters are listed in the course schedule. The following books are required for the class and are available for purchase at the UMC bookstore:

- x American Economic History (Eighth Edition) by Jonathan Hughes and Louis Cain (H&C)
- x Some articles will be available on line on the course website at:
<http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/eb/alston/econ4524/>

*If reading assignments change somewhat during the course of the semester, you will be notified in advance.

IV. SCHEDULE

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 23: Exam 1

Nov. 11: Exam 2

Final Exam

Aug. 24 Do I Want To Take This Class?

Aug. 26 The Institutional Background for Economic Growth

x H&C: Chapters Chapter 2 (pp.39-42)

x Chapter 7 Alston and Mueller, Property Rights and the State

Aug. 31 Indentured Servitude: The Market for Moving Free People to America

x H&C: Chapter 1 (pp. 9-12)

Sept. 2 & 7 Slavery

x H&C: Chapters 9 & 10

Sept. 9 Economics of the Civil War

x H&C: Chapter 13

Sept. 14 Peopling the Country: Births, Deaths, Immigration and Migration

x H&C: Chapters 16-17

Sept. 16 Southern Agriculture - Not Everyone Was Sipping Mint Juleps

x H&C: Chapter 13 (pp. 270-278)

x Alston: "Issues in U.S. Postbellum..."

x Atack and Passell: "The South After the..."

Sept. 21

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