In this course, we will describe and analyze the economic development of the United States from the Civil War through the Great Depression.

Reading: Reading assignments will be drawn from the list below.

Grading: Your grade will be determined by your scores on quizzes (15%), one midterm (20%), extended reading assignments (10%) a paper (20%) and a final exam (35%). I will not give make-up quizzes or make-up exams. If you need to miss a quiz or an exam, you need to see me before the quiz/exam in order to request an excused absence. In the event that you need to miss something and are excused, I will prorate the rest of your scores.

I. Introduction and Review: Jan 28 and Jan 30.


A. Economic Causes and Consequences of the American Civil War


Midterm 1: March 12 (at night from 7:30 – 9:30p)

III. Post-Bellum Growth Factors


B. Labor: April 2-7.


D. Foreign Trade: April 14-16.


E. Infrastructure: April 21 – April 23.

IV. Great Depression and Post-WWII Growth

A. The 1920s: April 28.


B. Great Depression and Post-WW II Growth: Apr 30 – May 7.