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Department of Economics and Finance

ECON*3720 History of the World Economy Since 1850

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Course Overview

This course is a study of the evolution of the world economy since 1850. Topics include: the costs and benefits of empire and free trade, industrialization patterns, nineteenth-century trade and foreign investment, international monetary policy and institutions, the economic effects of war, reparations and war debt, immigration, agricultural production, origins of the Great Depression, the 1945-1973 boom in world production and trade, and subsequent economic developments.

Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to prepare for lectures and seminars by studying the assigned readings, taking notes, and keeping abreast of information posted on the course website (see "Courselink/Blackboard/D2L" below).

Required Textbook

James Foreman-Peck, *A History of the World Economy: International Economic Relations Since 1850*, second edition (1995) (Harvester, 1995) HC54.F565 1995 (available as e-book)

Online Readings

Additional readings may be posted on Courselink (or placed on reserve in the library).

Evaluation

Students will be evaluated with two mid-term tests, and one 2500-3000 word OR a final exam. Instructions and guidelines for the essay, test, and review essay will be given in class and posted on Courselink. N.B. All assignments will be completed on an individual basis (not group work).

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| Midterm test I (October 10) | 30% |
| Midterm test II (November 14) | 30% |
| Research Essay (due Nov 21) OR Final Exam (Dec. 11 th at 11:30 am) | 40% |

Courselink/Blackboard/D2L

The course website on Courselink/Blackboard/D2L will serve as a repository for required readings, and information on written assignments, exams, lectures, and the like. It is the student's responsibility to keep abreast of information posted thereon.

University Policies

It is your responsibility as a student to be aware of and to abide by the University policies regarding academic misconduct, e-mail communication, maintaining copies of out-of class assignments, what to do when you cannot meet a course requirement and the drop date for this semester. To better understand these policies, visit:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/economics/node/1115>

Course and Instructor Evaluation

You will be asked to complete an evaluation of this course at some time during the last two weeks of the semester. The Department of Economics policy regarding the conduct and use of these evaluations will be found at:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/economics/academics/courses/course-evaluation>