Economics 4983-002
Economics as Social Science

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 12:30-1:30 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 Early National Period
    W&R, Chapter 7

   EXAM I

IV. The Ante-bellum Economy and Civil War
    W&R, Chapters 8-13

   EXAM II

V. The Growth of an American Colossus: 1865-1920
   W&R, Chapters 14-20
VI. The Great Depression and New Deal
   W&R, Chapters 23-24

   EXAM III

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

   FINAL EXAM

   Thursday May 11; 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm