



*Dep. de Economía e Historia  
Económica*

**Academic Year 2017-2018**

First Year Teaching Schedule:

## **ECONOMIC HISTORY**

**Degree in Accounting and Finance**

Department of Economics and Economic History  
Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

### **1.- Subject Syllabus:**

The official subject syllabus, approved by the Department Committee is adjoined in **Appendix I**.

### **2.- Bibliography:**

**Appendix II** contains a list of selected titles relevant to the discipline.

### **3.- Educational Activity:**

Educational activity includes the following aspects:

- a) Theoretical classes:** these consist of explanations of aspects of the syllabus provided by the lecturer. Lessons related to the syllabus that are not given as theoretical classes or assigned readings, for reasons beyond the Department's control, are to be prepared by students themselves, guided by specific reading recommendations where appropriate.
- b) Supplementary activities:** these consist of work undertaken by students themselves, including presentations, problem solving, text commentaries, seminars and debates based on selected readings and any additional materials indicated by the lecturer.

### **4. Assessment and grading systems and criteria:**

Students can choose between two options:

#### **1.- CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES.**

These consist of practical exercises and an assessment test based on the syllabus

#### **2.- FINAL EXAM.**

Final written exam

#### **1.- CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES**

**a)** Assessment is divided into two parts:

- 40% of the mark will depend on on-site and off-site activities undertaken by students during the course. These activities include coursework, problem solving, text commentaries and participation in seminars and/or debates. Active participation in all proposed supplementary activities will be especially valued. The weight of each of the supplementary activities will depend on group size and the type of activity carried out.

- The remaining 60% of the mark will depend on a written test that will take place during the last week of the teaching period. Accuracy, capacity of synthesis and analytical differentiation of the fundamental issues of the discipline will be taken into consideration and evaluated.

**b)** The structure of the written test will be the same for all groups on the course and will consist of three questions related to the explanations given of aspects of the syllabus and the assigned readings.

**c)** Students will only have two sheets for the written test, which will also include the questions.

**d)** The written test will last one hour.

**e)** Each of the questions will be worth a maximum of 2 marks.

**f)** In order to pass the subject via the continuous assessment system a minimum of 2.5 marks out of a total of 6 is required for the written test. A pass will be achieved when, taking into account this minimum requirement, the sum of the mark for the written test and the mark for the supplementary activities is at least 5 out of a total of 10.

## **2.- FINAL EXAM**

**a)** In all official sittings assessment will be via a written examination comprising questions related to all the subject contents included in the syllabus.

**b)** The structure of the examination will be the same for all groups and will consist of five questions.

**c)** Students will only have three sheets for the examination, which will also include the questions.

**d)** The examination will last one hour and forty-five minutes.

**e)** Each of the questions will be worth a maximum of 2 marks.

**f)** In order to pass the subject a minimum mark of 5 out of 10 is required in the examination.

## **Appendix I: SYLLABUS**

### **BLOCK I. AGRICULTURE-BASED EUROPEAN ECONOMIES: 15TH - 18TH CENTURIES**

#### **Topic 1. Agrarian societies, late feudalism and capitalism**

- 1.1. Population and feeding: the old demographic model and the evolution of the population
- 1.2. Characteristics of traditional agriculture and agrarian growth.
- 1.3. Long-distance trade. Commercial institutions, instruments and techniques
- 1.4. Changes in manufacturing

### **BLOCK II. ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INDUSTRIALIZATION (1780-1914)**

#### **Topic 2. The Industrial Revolution**

- 2.1. The Industrial Revolution
- 2.2. Modern economic growth: modern demographic cycle and changes in agriculture
- 2.3. The spread of industrialization

#### **Topic 3. The emergence of the international economy**

- 3.1. The integration of product markets and factors of production
- 3.2. Evolution of trade and trade policies
- 3.3. The international movement of factors of production
- 3.4. The international system of payments: the gold standard

## **Topic 4. The world at the time of the Second Technological Revolution**

4.1. New materials, sources and forms of energy

4.2. The scientific organization of work and changes in business organization

4.3. The revolution in transport and communication

## **BLOCK III. THE WORLD ECONOMY IN THE 20TH CENTURY (1914-2009)**

### **Topic 5. World War I and the economic growth of the 1920s.**

5.1. The conflict and its consequences

5.2. The difficult monetary reconstruction

5.3. The economic growth of the 1920s

5.4. The Russian Revolution and the creation of the USSR

### **Topic 6. The crisis of the 1930s and recovering from the Depression**

6.1. The origins of the crisis in the USA and the New York stock market crash.

6.2. The spread of the Depression beyond the USA

6.3. Recovering from the Depression

### **Topic 7. The golden age of capitalism**

7.1. The outcome of World War II: a new international order

7.2. Growth factors

7.3. The new dynamics of growth

## **Topic 8. The international economy in the last third of the 20th century**

8.1. The end of economic expansion

8.2. Centrally planned economies: from communism to capitalism in Eastern Europe.

8.3. The great Asian economic expansion and the persistence of underdevelopment

## **IV. EPILOGUE**

**Topic 9. The current crisis: the sudden emergence of imbalances**

## Appendix II: Bibliography

### Recommended textbook:

Neal, Larry and Rondo Cameron (2015, 5th edition): *A Concise Economic History of the World. From Paleolithic Times to the Present*. Oxford University Press.

### Selected bibliography:

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