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Office Hours: Sloan 318, T&R 10-10:30, 2-3; and by appointment (email).

This course is both an introduction to the economic history of the US and an introduction to the application of economic theory and evidence to historical issues. Lectures will focus on key topics in US economic history. Students will use the readings for background and details of chronology, geography, and politics.

310 Web page. I maintain a personal web page for the class, with an active (ongoing) course outline, as well as links to supplementary materials and resources. However, this is not a web-based class: attendance is essential.

<<https://irwinpages.updog.co/310L.html>>

310 Piazza. We'll use Piazza as a platform for student questions and discussion. Use Piazza, rather than email, for questions that are relevant to classmates (piazza.com/cmich/spring2020/eco310)

Readings will be available online (refer to the "Active Course Outline" on the 310 web page).

Grading: comprehensive final exam 25% 2 in-term exams 40% best 2 of 3 tests 25% attendance/participation 10%

Optional Reading Report, to replace your lowest 21 points from tests or exams. The report will summarize and discuss an academic journal article (or part of a scholarly book) dealing with some aspect of US economic history.

3 points: your selection (by email) of an approved reading, based on your online search, in consultation with Dr. Irwin;

6 points: your descriptive summary of the reading, in at most 1 page in a form of your choice (sentences required);

12 points: your reflective essay (5-6 pages) discussing the reading in relation to ECO 310.

Optional reading selection due **Fri 2/28**; summary due **Thu 3/26**; reflective essay due **Thu 4/23**.

Late penalties: 10% points for the first day, 2% per additional day (no course work accepted after the final exam).

Overview: Major Sections of the Course

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| I. Aggregate economic history | II. The Colonial Period (1490-1780) |
| III. The "Long 19th Century" (1780-1910) | IV. 20th-Century Topics |

Specific topics with required readings and other supporting materials will be posted on the "Active Course Outline" on the ECO 310 web page (check frequently there for updates).

Accommodations for students with disabilities CMU provides students with disabilities reasonable accommodations to participate in educational programs, activities or services. Students with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in class activities or meet course requirements should register for services through Student Disability Services, 120 Park Library (989-774-3018, www.cmich.edu/ess/studentaffairs/SDS/).

No audio or video recording in our classroom. To protect the privacy of all members of the class, audio or video recording of classroom lectures and conversations is not permitted without the express, written consent of the instructor. As appropriate, students will have opportunities to take photos of the board during class meetings.