This is a one-semester survey of the development of the U.S. economy from colonial times to the outbreak of World War II. The course uses basic economic concepts to help describe and explain overall economic growth as well as developments in specific sectors or aspects of the economy, such as agriculture, transportation, industry and commerce, money and banking, and public policy. The course focuses on events, trends, and institutions that fostered or hindered the economic development of the nation.

The textbook will be supplemented with assigned journal articles and podcasts.

There will be four multiple-choice examinations, each one fourth of your grade. None of the exams will be cumulative.

The first two exam dates are February 11 and March 11.