

## **History of Economic Doctrine**

**ECON 5060/6060 Spring 2016**

**Wednesday 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm**

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### **Overview:**

This course will study the evolution of economic theories from the time of Adam Smith. The course will revolve around four main concepts of "theory of value", "growth", "cycle", and "ideology". Modern economists find their intellectual origins from thinkers in the history of economic doctrine. By the end of the course, students who are successful in this course will be able to

- critique theory of value, which is central to economic doctrine
- understand the concept of economic growth and evolution of economic systems
- think critically on the concept of cycle
- identify the different economic ideologies

Graduate students should register for ECON 6060 and will be held to higher standards and additional work.

### **Required Text:**

- Hunt, E.K. and Mark Lautzenheiser. *History of Economic Thought: A Critical Perspective*, 3rd ed. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2011. ISBN: 978-0765625991

### **Optional Text:**

- Heilbroner, Robert L. *The Worldly Philosophers: The Lives, Times and Ideas of the Great Economic Thinkers*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1999. ISBN: 978-0684862149

### **Course Requirements:**

Weekly reading note  $10 \times 6\% = 60\%$

Reading will be assigned every week before class. Please take a short note and turn in for credits. I will take half credit off, if you are not present in the class.

Presentation and discussion  $1 \times 12.5\% = 12.5\%$

You will have to lead a discussion on one of our economists. Look at the class schedule and email or talk to me.

500-750 words creative essay  $1 \times 12.5\% = 12.5\%$

Please explore current economic issues of your interests: chose one of our great economists and write down what he/she would say about it.

Exam  $15\%$

## Schedule

Week	Class	Topic	Note
1	13-Jan	Introduction	
2	20-Jan	Adam Smith: why we consider him the father of economics?	p. 49-56, 61-63
3	27-Jan	Ricardo and Malthus	p. 71-78
4	3-Feb	Growth, distribution, and cycle	p. 96-98, 103-108
5	10-Feb	Marx	p. 206-209, 218-221
6	17-Feb	An abysmal system	p. 222-231, 240-244
7	24-Feb	Walras: math and equilibrium	p. 264-273
8	2-Mar	The marginalists	p. 250-261
9	9-Mar	A theory on "capital"	p. 302-312
10	16-Mar	Spring Break	
11	23-Mar	Veblen: behavior and institutions	p. 318-320, 324-327, 336-342
12	30-Mar	Keynes: a change in paradigm?	p. 408-415
13	6-Apr	Cambridge Controversy: modern conflict on theory of value	p. 501-509
14	13-Apr	Share your thoughts?	
15	20-Apr	Exam	

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