

FACULTY OF **ECONOMICS**

DEGREE COURSE: **BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS BA**

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC HISTORY

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OBJECTIVES

This course allows students to:

- understand the historical processes of development and the origin of the divergences
- illustrate the change on technology and society as consequence of the industrialization process
- identify the prerequisites and concomitants of every single industrialization path
- evaluate the role of strategic sectors
- make a critical analysis of economic causes and consequences of the main historical caesuras of the XXth century
- understand the nature of the growing competitiveness of the international economy and the impact of globalization on business organizations and other social institutions
- evaluate historical facts using both quantitative and qualitative data.

By the end of this course, students should have acquired the following skills:

- techniques for using simple economic theory to explain how various factors led to economic growth
- the ability to construct economic reasons for historical events
- the ability to identify and select the sort of data that is needed to do this
- the ability to assess how much data is needed to make valid judgements.

CONTENTS

This course offers a comprehensive survey of world economic history after the mercantilist era, when the process of industrialization started. Topics are chosen to show a wide variety of historical experience. The main modules are:

- 1 History, Theories and Methodology
- 2 The British Industrial Revolution
- 3 The other Revolutions: patterns of development
- 4 The cyclic growth of the world economy: Great Depression and *Belle Epoque*
- 5 International Economic Disintegration
- 6 The postwar world economy

ASSESSMENT

Written exam: multiple choice and open questions

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS

- Cameron R. and L. Neal, "A concise Economic History of the World. From Paleolithic Times to the Present", Oxford University Press, 2002 (chapters 1 and 5-16).