

SUBJECT: **Economic History**

HOURS: **30**

ECTS: 2

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| Course Description: | <p>The course introduces students to economic aspects of world history and historical developments from Paleolithic times to the present. Special attention is paid on the one hand to most important global developments, events and concepts of universal character. On the other, major stages and concepts regarding the economic history of Polish lands throughout centuries are introduced. The main idea is to show historical underpinnings of the current state of affairs i.e. the impact of past events and developments on the present level of development of different countries and continents in the world.</p> |
| Learning Outcomes (Goals and Objectives of the course): | <p>The students will get familiar with the main events, developments, technological and management innovations as well as political, social and economic policy concepts which shaped the economic development of the world throughout centuries</p> |
| Entrance qualifications: | None |
| Course Content: | <p>Topics of particular lectures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Economic history as a science. The origins and development of economic history2. Economic development in Ancient Times3. Economic development in Medieval Europe (feudalism, economic consequences of Crusades, development of European cities, beginning of bank and credit, crisis of the medieval economy)4. Non-western economies on the eve of Western Expansion (Islamic World, Ottoman Empire, East Asia, South Asia, Africa, the Americas)5. Economic expansion of European countries during the Renaissance period (1450-1600), economic consequences of Great Discoveries6. European economy 1600-1700 – economic nationalism and imperialism7. Industrial revolution of the turn of the 18th and 19th century8. Theoretical basis and practice of economic liberalism in Europe in the 19th century. The economic development of France, Prussia, the Habsburg empire and the Russian empire in the 19th century9. Pax Britannica – creation of world economy. Economic development of United States and Japan in the 19th century10. Economic development of the partitioned Polish lands in the 19th century11. Economic causes and consequences of the first world war, problems of economic development of Europe after the first world war. The causes, occurrence and results of the Great Depression 1929-193312. Theory and practice of state intervention in economy, economic changes in the Soviet Union 1917-194113. Problems of economic development of the Second Polish Republic14. Second world war and its impact on global economy. The period of postwar reconstruction and Cold War – economy of the Soviet Union and socialist countries/USA and capitalist countries/Third World Countries <p>The world economy in the beginning of the twenty first century (i.e. the collapse of the Soviet bloc, the evolution of the European Union)</p> |

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| Assessment policy (examination): | <p>The basis for term assessment are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a term essay on the economic development of a particular country/region in the 19th and 20th century or on other relevant topic chosen by a student (1/3 of the final mark) <p>a written exam (2/3 of the final mark)</p> |
| Course materials/bibliography: | <p>1. Main text book in English: Rondo Cameron, Larry Neal, <i>A concise economic history of the world</i>, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2003.</p> <p>2. Materials and notes handed out by the lecturer</p> |
| Methods of Instruction: | Lectures followed by a short discussion on each issue. Slides and PowerPoint presentations will be used as illustration of particular topics. |
| Notes / suggestions: | |