T H E H I ST O R Y O F EC O N O M I C T H O U G H T

# (EC O N 210)

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Help: In my office, MWF 8:30 – 10:00 AM and 3:00 – 4:00 PM

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*Course Materials:*

All readings freely provided here:

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*Course Description:*

This course surveys the history and development of economic ideas. We will be examining the thoughts and predictions of famous economists. We will learn where the academic discipline of economics came from and how economists have tried to explain capitalism.

We will spend the most time on the Big Three: Smith, Marx, and Keynes. We will find out that Smith was not anywhere as free market as you would think, while Marx actually said, “capitalism is the most productive system known to man.” As for Keynes, he never used IS/LM curves and snarled, "I am not a Keynesian." In addition to these three greats, we will also explore the works of David Ricardo, Joseph Schumpeter, and Frank Knight.

*Course Grading:*

Share of Final G r ad e

Class Participation (Perusall) 20%

Homework Essays 20%

Two Big Papers 20% each

Final Exam Essay 20%

W certification: C - or better final grade in the course.

*Your Responsibilities:*

I expect you to be engaged and attentive. Ask questions whenever you are unsure of something I said. Stop me if you missed what I said.

I f you know you will be absent from a class, please let me know in advance. If you unexpectedly miss class, please let me know what happened via email.

Please communicate with me: [tiny.cc/Comm](http://tiny.cc/Comm)

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