Week | Topic | Assignment
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Jan 18- Feb 2 | Part I The Institutional Framework | 
| Introduction | Ch.1
| The Colonial and Early National Period | Ch.2
| The Transition to Modern Economic Growth | Ch.9
| A Mature Economy | Ch.18

Feb 5-16 | Part II Demographic Change | 
| The Colonial and Early National Period | Ch.3
| The Transition to Modern Economic Growth | Ch.10
| A Mature Economy | Ch.19

Feb 19-28 | Part III Economic Growth | 
| The Colonial Economy | Ch.4
| The Transition to Modern Economic Growth | Ch.11
| A Mature Economy | Ch.20

Mar 2 | 1st Midterm Examination | 

Mar 5-14 | Part IV The International Economy | 
| The Colonial and Early National Period | Ch.5
| The Transition to Modern Economic Growth | Ch.12
| A Mature Economy | Ch.22

Mar 16-23 | Part V Regional Trends | 
| The Colonial and Early National Period | Ch.6
| The Transition to Modern Economic Growth | Ch.15
| A Mature Economy | Ch.26

Apr 2-13 | Part VI Industrial Structure | 
| The Transition to Modern Economic Growth | Ch.13,14
| A Mature Economy | Ch.23,24,25

Apr 16 | 2nd Midterm Examination |
Course Requirements

Examinations:
Students are required to take the midterm and final examinations. The final examination is divided into two parts, the first part covers the last third of the course, the second part is comprehensive. Students with an excused absence from one of the midterm examinations are required to take the second part as well as the first part of the final examination. Students with an excused absence from both midterm examinations will be dropped from the course. For students who take all of the examinations the second part of the final examination is optional; if the student recieves a higher grade on the second part of the final than either of the midterms the higher grade will be substituted for the lower grade.

Grading Policy:
The final grade is determined by four equally weighted grades including the term paper, two midterm grades, and a final exam grade. All of these, including the term paper, are required to complete the course.
TERM PAPER

All students are required to write a term paper. The term paper should contain the following content:

1. Identify a specific policy issue in the American economy. That policy issue should be more specific than the broad topics outlined above. For example, we will be examining America in the international economy. A student interested in the international economy might choose a specific policy issue relating to this topic, e.g., tariff policy, international debt policy, intellectual property rights, etc.

2. Discuss the historical background relevant to an analysis of this policy issue. For example, a student writing about tariff policy would write a section on the history of U.S. tariff policy.

3. Discuss the issues relating to the current policy debate. For example, a student writing about tariff policy would want to discuss the recent trends toward protectionism in the U.S. and the relevant arguments for and against this trend.

4. Critically evaluate this policy debate with reference to political economy. We will be exploring alternative paradigms of political economy in the course; this should provide a framework for understanding and critically evaluating policy issues.

5. You should conclude with a summary of policy recommendations and a defense of those policy recommendations. Note that you will be asked to make an oral presentation to the class based upon this summary.

The grade you receive on the term paper will be based upon both the written and oral presentation. The written term paper should conform to the standard style manual (e.g., Chicago Manual of Style). In particular, it is important to cite material taken from other sources in footnotes, and to include in addition to footnotes a bibliography of all references used in the paper (papers that fail to do this will not be accepted).

Schedule of deadlines for the term paper

January 26 Statement of topic and preliminary bibliography

February 23 Final paper is due