

DePaul University

The Chicago Economy/ECO 312

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Fall Quarter 2020

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Monday / Wednesday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm and by appointment

Text

Chicago: An Economic History. By John F. McDonald. Available at University Bookstore and online

Lecture Outlines are posted on class D2L in Content Section

Chicago Tonight/WTTW Weeknights 7-8 pm

Course Description

The first half of the course will focus on major changes in the Chicago metropolitan economy from inception to 1950. Topics to be covered include the Great Chicago Fire, railroad expansion, financial panics, Great Migration and urban development. The second half of the course will focus on post World War II issues up to present day economic issues such as poverty, crime, suburbanization, transportation, gentrification and political structures.

Course Requirements

There will be three papers due in the course. Additionally, there will be a mid-term and a final exam. Class attendance is strongly recommended as the lecture nature of the course weighs heavily in successfully completing the course. The final exam will be cumulative and both exams will be multiple choice, true/false with a small set of short answer questions.

Course Grade Composition

Chicago Economic Issue Paper	25%
Mid Term Examination	20%
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Current Chicago Issue Paper	20%
Final Examination	20% ²

Exams

² Midterm exam week will consist of a review class on Monday October 12 and the final exam will be between November 18 – 24, 2020. More information will be forthcoming. You must take the exam on the day scheduled. Exams will be closed book. You will be allowed to bring a notecard (4 by 6) which I will provide on which you may fill out both sides with information you believe useful. The final exam week includes a review class on Monday November 16, 2020 and the final exam will be administered on Wednesday November 18, 2020.

Grading

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92-100% A
90-91% A-
88-89% B+
81-87% B
80-81% B-
78-80% C+
71-78% C
70-71% C-
60-69% D

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Tentative Schedule

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Week 1: ☐ Introduction / Expectations

Week 2: ☐ Chapter 1 Terms-Theory Points / Chapter 2 1840-1890

Week 3: ☐ Chapter 2 1890-1900 / Chapter 3 1900-1920

Week 4: ☐ Chapter 3 1920-1930 / Chapter 4 1930-1940

Week 5: ☐ Chapter 4. 1940-1950 / Chapter 5 1950

Week 6: Review Class / Mid Term Examination

Week 7: Chapter 6 1950-1960 / Chapter 6 1960-1970

Week 8: ☐ Chapter 7 1970-1980 / Chapter 7 1980-1990

Week 9: Chapter 8 1990-2000 / Chapter 8 2000-2010

Week 10: Chicago 2010-2020 / Pandemics in Urban Cities

Week 11: Review Class / Final Examination- Wednesday November 18, 2020

