

COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMIC HISTORY AND INEQUALITY

Country

Norway

Host Institution

University of Oslo

Program(s)

University of Oslo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Economics

UCEAP Course Number

111

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ECONOMIC HISTORY AND INEQUALITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course covers central topics in the global economic history since 1500. The topics are chosen from the comparative history of the development of nations. The course emphasizes the dynamic process of historical change. The method is in part applied economics with a critical attitude towards timeless explanations of the wealth of nations. The list of questions includes: Why and how has the world become increasingly unequal? Why did some countries industrialize before others? What was the role of income distribution, endowments and political institutions for economic progress? What role did high wages play to induce change? Why was it Europeans who conquered the world? How was the Americas incorporated into the global economy? Why has Africa remained the poorest region in the world? This course addresses these and other similar questions using simple tools and by contrasting them to contemporary and modern economic theories for understanding the role of economic incentives, inequality, and institutions for economic and social development. This course requires students to have completed courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and mathematics as prerequisites.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ECON2951

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

