

**The Economic History of Later Medieval and Early Modern Europe, 1250 - 1750****Professor John H. MUNRO**

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All course materials may be found on my Home Page: <http://www.economics.utoronto.ca/munro5/>And also on Blackboard: <http://www.portal.utoronto.ca>**Class Hours and Room:** Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00 or 5:30 p.m.(four times a semester): in **HS 106****Office Hours:** Thursday afternoons: 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. (or by appointment: from mid-September)**Prerequisite:** ECO 200Y/204Y/206Y, or equivalent full-year course in intermediate micro-economic theory (from another university).**Structure of Marks: nature of assignments**

a) **Term Work:** counts for **70%** of the final grade. There are **three** main components: two regular term essays, worth 25 marks each; and a mid-year take home test worth 20 marks (or an alternative third essay, also worth 20 marks). Bonus marks (up to 5) are added for class participation.

i) **First Term Essay:** due on Friday, 18 November 2011. Late penalty: 3% per week.

ii) **Mid-Year Test:** on Wednesday, 18 January 2012 (to be handed in): not obligatory (see below).

iii) **Second Term Essay:** due on Friday, 23 March 2012. Late penalty: 3% per week (to end of term).

**Alternatives:** students may submit, in lieu of the mid-year take home test, another (third) essay, drawn from topics for either term. It will be due on Thursday, 29 March 2012 (one week before the end of classes). If students do both the mid-term test and the third essay, the higher mark will be chosen.

b) **Final Examination:** counts for the remaining **30%** of the final mark: in the April examination period

- three hours, with **three** essay-type questions: from a free choice of 12 questions.

- drawn from both terms: most questions are based on the A-List essay topics (see below).

**Hierarchy of Essay Topics: for each term.** Choose a term essay, each term, from one of these lists.

i) **A-List Topics:** all are major debate topics

- five-topics per term, all ten of which are guaranteed to appear (in some form) on the final examination.

- complete, updated bibliographies (on line) in both short and long formats.

- for each term, you may purchase a book of readings, with about five articles for each of five topics

ii) **B-List Topics:** equally important as major debate topics

- most of them are A-List topics from previous years.

- topics are not guaranteed to be on the final exam, but may be.

- no book of readings is available, for either term.

- short and long format bibliographies available on line (but most are not updated).

iii) **C-List Topics:** basic, simple topics that will not tax your brains; not debate topics

- not likely to appear on the final exam.

- no book of readings; and no prepared bibliographies.

**Textbooks:** your own voluntary choice, from the list supplied in the Course Outline. There are no mandatory textbooks. You are better advised to purchase, from Scholar House Productions (100 Harbord Street), the **book of readings for the A-List essay topics**, provided each term; but its purchase is also not mandatory. The best textbook consists of my online lecture notes (and Power Point slides).