

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY

COURSE INFORMATION

DISCIPLINE/DEPARTMENT: History IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Jan. 2001

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<u>HIST 410</u>	<u>The Industrialization of European Society</u>	<u>4</u>
SUBJECT/NUMBER OF COURSE	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE	UCFV CREDITS

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: An examination of the economic origins of modern European society from 1700 to 1914. The course will focus on a comparative study of Britain-the industrial pioneer-and the varied experiences of other nation-states as industrialization spread across continental Europe. The intellectual dimension and social consequences of industrialization will also be studied.

RATIONALE: History 410 will add a different field of historical enquiry to our upper-level offerings. It is also hoped that this course will help reduce the length of upper-level course waitlists. Also a recommended elective course for students in business and economics.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: 9 credits of lower-level history.
HIST 109, 110, 201 and 202 are strongly recommended.

COURSE COREQUISITES: None

HOURS PER TERM FOR EACH STUDENT	Lecture	20	hrs	Student Directed	
	Laboratory		hrs	Learning	hrs
	Seminar	35	hrs	Other - specify:	
	Field Experience		hrs	<u>Consultation</u>	<u>5</u> hrs
				TOTAL	60 HRS

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 20

Is transfer credit requested? **9** Yes **:** No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s): _____ **Chairperson:** _____
Jack Gaston, PhD (E. Davis) Curriculum Committee

Department Head: _____ **Dean:** _____
B. Huskins, PhD J.D. Tunstall, PhD

PAC: Approval in Principle _____ **PAC: Final Approval:** December 16, 1998
(Date) (Date)

SYNONYMOUS COURSES:

(a) replaces N/A
 (course #)

(b) cannot take N/A for further credit
 (course #)

SUPPLIES/MATERIALS:

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS (List reading resources elsewhere)

Required texts:

- Landes, D., The Unbound Prometheus (Cambridge University Press, 1972)
Wrigley, E.A., Continuity, Chance and Change (Cambridge University Press, 1988)
Valenze, D., The First Industrial Woman (Oxford University Press, 1995)
Engels, F., The Condition of the Working Class in England (Penguin, 1845)

OBJECTIVES:

To develop further the students' abilities in the following ways:

1. to improve their knowledge of the past in terms of information, the conclusions historians draw from the evidence, and the important historiographical debates;
2. to improve their research skills; that is, their ability to search out historical information, formulate a thesis based upon the evidence, and cogently argue the case on paper;
3. to improve their writing skills;
4. to improve their oral presentation skills as they explain and debate assigned readings.

METHODS:

The 14-week seminar course will be organized as follows:

1. The first three classes will introduce the course and provide essential background by means of lectures and assigned readings. The last class will employ a similar format to conclude the course.
2. The other ten weeks will be devoted to seminars. Each week two students will explain and assess pre-assigned articles on the theme for that week. Each student will prepare a précis of his/her assigned reading for distribution to the students at the beginning of the class and a week later they will submit a five-page reflection based on the readings and discussion.
3. Outside of class students will be expected to complete two written assignments, one of which will be a 12-page research essay. Some time will be provided in class for consultation about the research papers.
4. Finally, there will be a concluding take-home exam.

STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:

Seminar presentation:

- oral	10%
- written reflection	10%
Book review	20%
Term essay	30%
Final exam	30%

COURSE CONTENT

Lecture and seminar topics for the 14-week term are as follows:

1. **Course introduction** (lecture)

- Readings: (i) Landes, D., "Introduction" (pp. 1-40) in The Unbound Prometheus (1972)
(ii) Wrigley, E.A., "Definitions and Concepts" (pp. 7-33) in Continuity, Chance and Change (1988)

2. **Was the Industrial Revolution a revolution?/The importance of natural resources** (lecture and discussion)

- Readings: (i) Landes, D., "The Fable of the Dead Horse, or, The Industrial Revolution Revisited," in Joel Mokyr, ed. The British Industrial Revolution, (Westview Press, 1993)
(ii) Wrigley, Continuity, Chance and Change, chaps. 2 & 3

3. **Theories of industrial growth and the role of capital** (lecture and discussion)

- Readings: (i) Gerschenkron, A., "Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective" in Gerschenkron, Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective: a Book of Essays (Harvard U.P., 1962)
(ii) Rostow, W.W., "The Take-off into Sustained Growth" in B. Supple, ed., The Experience of Economic Growth (Cambridge U.P., 1963)
(iii) Deane, P., "The Role of Capital in the Industrial Revolution," Explorations in Economic History, vol. 10 (1972-73)

4. **England, 1700-1815: "The First Industrial Nation"** (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Chambers, J.D., "Enclosures and Labour Supply in the Industrial Revolution," Economic History Review, vol. 10 (1953)
(ii) Eversley, D.E.C., "The Home Market and Economic Growth in England, 1750-80," in E. Jones and G.E. Mingay, eds., Land, Labour and Population in the Industrial Revolution (Hodder and Stoughton, 1967)
(iii) Landes, "The Industrial Revolution in Britain," chapt. 2, The Unbound Prometheus (text reading for all)

Due: first written assignment on Valenze, The First Industrial Woman

COURSE CONTENT (contd.)

5. The social consequences of industrialization in Britain (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Hobsbawm, E.J., "The British Standard of Living, 1790-1850," Economic History Review E.H.R., vol X (1957)
(ii) Hartwell, R.M., "The Rising Standard of Living in England, 1800-1850," E.H.R., vol. 13 (1961)
(iii) Engels, F., "The Great Towns" in The Condition of the Working Class in England (text reading for all)

6. The industrial workforce (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Thompson, E.P., "Time, Work Discipline and Industrial Capitalism," Past and Present, vol. 38 (1967)
(ii) Joyce, P., "Labour, Capital and Compromise: a Response to Richard Price," Social History, vol. 9 (1984)
(iii) Engels, "Single Branches of Industry, Factory Hands" in The Condition of the Working Class in England (text reading for all)

7. Industrialization on the European continent (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Pollard, S., "Industrialization and the European Economy," Economic History Review, vol. 26 (1973)
(ii) O'Brien, P.K., "Transportation and Economic Development in Europe, 1789-1914" in O'Brien, Railways and Economic Development in Western Europe, 1830-1914 (Macmillan, 1983)
(iii) Landes, "Continental Emulation," chapt. 3 in The Unbound Prometheus (text reading for all)

8. Industrialization of "Follower Countries": Germany and France (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Tilly, R., "German Industrialization and Gerschenkronian Backwardness," Conference on Patterns of European Industrialization: Rethinking Gerschenkron's Hypothesis, October 3-6, 1988, Bellagio, Italy.
(ii) Grantham, G., "The Persistence of Open Field Farming in France," Journal of Economic History, vol. 40 (1980)

9. The international transfer of technology (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Tann, J. and M.J. Brecklin, "The International Diffusion of the Watt Engine, 1775-1825," Economic History Review, vol. 31 (1978)
(ii) Fremdling, R., "British Exports and the Modernization of the German Iron Industry from the 1820's to the 1860's," in W.R. Lee, ed., Recent German Contributions to Economic History (Routledge, 1991)
(iii) Landes, "Closing the Gap," chapt. 4, The Unbound Prometheus (text reading for all)

COURSE CONTENT (contd.)

10. **Industrialization and war** (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Smith, B.M.D., "The Galtons of Birmingham: Quaker Gun Merchants and Bankers, 1702-1831," Business History, vol. 9 (1967)
- (ii) Crouzet, F., "Wars, Blockades and Economic Change in Europe, 1790-1815," Journal of Economic History, vol. 24 (1964)

11. **Less successful "Follower Countries": Hungary and Spain** (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Komlos, J., "Economic Growth and Industrialization in Hungary, 1830-1913," Journal of European Economic History, vol. 10 (1981)
- (ii) Harvey, C. and P. Taylor, "Mineral Wealth and Economic Development: Foreign Direct Investment in Spain, 1851-1913," Economic History Review, vol. 40 (1987)

12. **Industrialization and the Entrepreneur** (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Wilson, C., "The Entrepreneur in the Industrial Revolution in Britain," Explorations in Entrepreneurial History, vol. 7 (1955)
- (ii) McKendrick, N., "Josiah Wedgwood: an Eighteenth Century Entrepreneur in Salesmanship and Marketing Techniques," E.H.R., vol. 12 (1960)

13. **Industry and trade** (seminar)

- Readings: (i) Heywood, C., "The Launching of an ~~an~~ infant Industry?: the Cotton Industry of Troyes under Protectionism 1793-1860," Journal of European Economic History, vol. 10 (1981)
- (ii) Crouzet, F., "Toward an Export Economy: British Exports during the Industrial Revolution," Explorations in Economic History, vol. 17 (1980)

Due: Term paper

14. **Crafts, technology and science in the industrial era/From the first to the second industrial revolution** (lecture and discussion)

- Readings: (i) Musson, A.E. and E. Robinson, "Science and Industry in the late Eighteenth Century," E.H.R., vol. 13 (1960)
- (ii) Samuel, R., "The Workshop of the World: Steam Power and Hand Technology in Mid-Victorian Britain," History Workshop Journal, vol. 3 (1977)
- (iii) Landes, "Short Breath and Second Wind," chapt. 5, The Unbound Prometheus (text reading for all)

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LIBRARY RESOURCES:

I have been building a basic collection in economic history over the past few years. In addition to the startup \$1,000 from the Library, I will devote my 1999 acquisition budget, whatever that might be, to purchase further in this area. Reference works and journals already acquired include:

1. Aldcroft, O.H. and R. Rodger, Bibliography of European Economic and Social History, 2nd ed., Manchester University Press (Manchester, 1993)
2. Church, R.A. and E.A. Wrigby, The Industrial Revolutions, 11 vols., Blackwell (Oxford, 1994)
3. McCloskey, D. and G.K. Hersh, A Bibliography of Historical Economics, Cambridge U.P. (Cambridge, 1990)
4. Poston, M.M. and H.J. Habakkuk, eds., Cambridge Economic History of Europe, 10 vols., The Cambridge U.P., (Cambridge, 1941), complete sets in Abbotsford and Chilliwack
5. Wrigley, E.A. and R. Schofield, The Population History of England, 1541-1871

Journal holdings of direct interest include:

1. Business History, 1989 - present
2. Continuity and Change, 1983-85 and 1992 - present
3. The Economist, 1985 - present
4. The Economic History Review, 1950 - present
5. The International History Review, 1980 - present
6. The Journal of Economic History, 1981 - present
7. The Journal of European Economic History, 1992 - present, including Index for 1972-1992
8. Journal of Family History, 1984 - present
9. Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 1984 - present
10. Journal of Urban History, 1989 - present
11. Past and Present, 1975 - present
12. Technology and Culture, 1982-84, restore order
13. Victorian Studies, 1957 - present