COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Timely and thorough reading of the assignments is mandatory. In addition, each student will be responsible for initiating discussion of the readings at one session during the semester.

The principal requirement of the class will be a term paper on one aspect of industrialization, comparing the American experience with that in one or more of the other three countries. A preliminary draft (about 10 pages), based on assigned readings, will be due on November 9; after revision and incorporation of additional research from outside sources, the final draft (about 25 pages) will be due on December 14.

The final grade will be based on class participation (30%), the preliminary paper draft (30%), and the final paper (40%).

REQUIRED BOOKS


SEMESTER SCHEDULE

September 14. Comparative Methodology

Frederickson, George M. "Giving a Comparative Dimension to American History: Problems and Opportunities." Journal of Interdisciplinary History 16 (Summer 1985): 107-110.

September 21. What Does "Industrialization" Mean?

David S. Landes, Prometheus Unbound: Technological Change and Industrial Development in Western Europe from 1750 to the Present, pp. 1-40 (Ch. 1, "Introduction").

September 28. Explaining Patterns of Industrialization

Trebilcock, pp. 1-21 (Ch. 1, "Historical Models of Growth").
October 5. A Model Industrializer? The United States

North et al., Growth and Welfare in the American Past, pp. 1-148 (Chs. 1-13).

October 12. The Model (Early) Industrializer: Great Britain

Deane, The First Industrial Revolution, pp. 1-218 (Chs. 1-12).

October 19. Another Early Industrializer: France

Trebilcock, pp. 112-204 (Ch. 3, "France").

October 26. A Model (Late) Industrializer: Germany

Trebilcock, pp. 22-111 (Ch. 2, "Germany").

November 2. The Rise of Big Business

Chandler and Daems, eds., Managerial Hierarchies: Comparative Perspectives on the Rise of the Modern Industrial Enterprise

November 9. Growth of the Middle Class

PRELIMINARY PAPER DRAFT DUE (approx. 10 pp.)

November 16. The Emergence of Labor Movements

November 23. The Role of the State in Industrialization

Review North et al., Ch. 8, "Government and the Growth of the Economy."
Deane, The First Industrial Revolution, pp. 219-237 (Ch. 13).
Arthur L. Dunham, The Industrial Revolution in France, 1815-1848 (New York: Exposition Press, 1955), pp. 388-419 (Ch. 18, "Governmental Influences on Industrial Growth").

November 30. Topic to be agreed upon.

December 7. Topic to be agreed upon.

December 14. Conclusion: Making Sense of It All.

Trebilcock, The Industrialization of the Continental Powers, pp. 385-428 (Ch. 6, "Anti-Models").
FINAL DRAFT OF PAPER DUE (approx. 25 pages)