

## Contemporary Economic History of Europe (A005532)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0** **Study time 150 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2023-2024**

A (semester 2) Dutch Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024**

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**Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024**

[Bachelor of Arts in History](#) crdts 5 offering A

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Economic History

**Position of the course**

This course offers an overview of the economic development of Europe from the Industrial Revolution onwards. The sustained economic growth that started then, interrupted by periods of economic downturn, is being analyzed during more than two centuries. The specificity of the Belgian economy within this West-European process is highlighted. The students are offered an multidimensional insight in economic processes. As well macro-economic as micro-economic developments are focused upon.

**Contents**

1. Long waves, crises and economic fluctuations
2. Sectoral development (agriculture, industry and services)
3. Knowledge and technology, *rival or non-rival good?*
4. Market integration and trade: comparative advantages
5. Monetary developments: is money neutral?
6. The Firm: concentration and economies of scale
7. Distribution of the benefits of economic growth
8. Regulation: a mixed economy, neo-corporative and (free) market economy

**Initial competences**

No specific knowledge required.

**Final competences**

- 1 knowledge of and understanding of the economic development of Belgium and Europe.
- 2 knowledge and understanding of economic developments during the long run.
- 3 Ability to make independent and critical judgments about economic phenomena.
- 4 To be able to reflect in a critical way on the role of 'economy' within a broad societal perspective.
- 5 To be able to evaluate the different models of economic development critically.
- 6 The student can assess contemporary developments from a historical perspective.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

**Conditions for exam contract**

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

**Teaching methods**

Lecture

**Learning materials and price**

Course material: Syllabus and powerpointslides (15 euro).

**References**

S.Broadberry and K.O'Rourke (ed.), The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

B.Eichengreen (2007). The European Economy since 1945. Coordinate Capitalism and beyond. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

**Course content-related study coaching**

Individual guidance possible on appointment.

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment****Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

**Calculation of the examination mark**

100% written exam.