Economic History of the United States
(WI) MW 3:00 – 4:15 pm – BUSAD D203
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CRISIS AND THE U.S. ECONOMY
1789 - 2014

Pre-requisite: Econ 301 or instructor’s consent.

----------LEARNING OBJECTIVES----------
• Understand how economic crises develop and resolve.
• Compare and evaluate different perspectives on the Great Depression of the 1930s.
• Analyze debates at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference establishing the $Standard.
• Consider how the 2007-2009 crisis differs from earlier U.S. economic crises.
• Learn how to analyze arguments on such issues as the 1830s land market boom/bust, the gold standard, the Great Depression, subprime mortgages, and TARP.

----------COURSE DESCRIPTION----------
• Writing-Intensive: Three 5-page papers; 2 class presentations; book review; exam.
• Topic coverage: 2007-2009 crisis (40%); Great Depression (35%); earlier crises (25%).