This class will both chronologically and thematically trace the history of American business from the colonial era up to the twenty-first century. We will focus on various topics such as the brutal businesses of slavery, colonialism, and imperialism; the development of modern management and accounting techniques; the shifting relations between employers and employees; the role of business in underrepresented communities; the rise of the military-industrial complex; business and environmental justice; and the rise of the Silicon Valley and the gig economy.