

Southern Politics (Political Science 4039)

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Introduction:

This course will introduce you to the political dynamics of the 11 southern states that succeeded from the United States during the 1860's. It will focus on causes and results of the unique political history of this region and examine the political past, present and future of the region. This course will also provide the opportunity to do original analysis on the political behavior of the southern region.

Grading:

Precise instructions and details on all assignments will be provided via Moodle

Exams (30%):

There will be mid-term and a final. They will not be cumulative.

Critical Analysis Papers (30%):

These are written responses to additional assignments during the semester. These assignments will be provided via Moodle.

Quizzes (15%):

There will be quizzes on our assigned McKee book chapters. They will be open book and administered via Moodle

Project: (25%)

There will be one project:

1. An election project to analyze the 2022 Midterm Elections in the South

Required Reading:

The Dynamics of Southern Politics: Causes and Consequences. Seth C. McKee ISBN: 9781452287270

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<https://sk-sagepub-com.libezp.lib.lsu.edu/cqpress/the-dynamics-of-southern-politics>

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Course Schedule:

Always subject to change

| Week | Date | Topic |
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| Week 1 | Week of August 22 | Introduction |
| Week 2 | Week of August 29 | Historical Prologue (Pre-1860) |
| Week 3 | Week of September 5 | Ch. 2 - Before a Solid South (1860 – 1900) <i>Labor Day Holiday on Monday the 5th</i> |
| Week 4 | Week of September 12 | Ch. 3 - Democratic Past (1900 – 1950) |
| Week 5 | Week of September 19 | Ch. 4 - Competitive Transition (1950 – 1990) |
| Week 6 | Week of September 26 | Ch. 5 - Republican Present (1990 – 2016) |
| Week 7 | Week of October 3 | Catch-Up and Mid-Term |
| Week 8 | Week of October 10 | Ch. 6 - Generational Change and GOP Growth <i>Fall Holiday on Thursday, October 13</i> |
| Week 9 | Week of October 17 | Ch. 6 - Generational Change and GOP Growth |
| Week 10 | Week of October 24 | Ch. 7 - Issues: Race, Economics and Religion |
| Week 11 | Week of October 31 | Ch. 7 - Issues: Race, Economics and Religion |
| Week 12 | Week of November 7 | Ch. 9 - Changing Southern Electorate |
| Week 13 | Week of November 14 | Ch. 10 - Republican Responses to Demographic Change |
| Week 14 | Week of November 21 | Ch. 10 - Republican Responses to Demographic Change <i>Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 23</i> |
| Week 15 | Week of November 28 | Ch. 10 - Republican Responses to Demographic Change |
| Week 16 | Week of December 5 | Final Exams |