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SOUTHERN POLITICAL HISTORY

Required Reading

Steve Bickerstaff, **Lines in the Sand: Congressional Redistricting in Texas and the Downfall of Tom DeLay**, University of Texas 2007.
William J. Cooper, Jr. and Thomas E. Terrill, **The American South: A History, Volumes I and II,** Fourth Edition, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2009
Joseph Crespino, **In Search of Another Country: Mississippi and the Conservative Counterrevolution**, Princeton University Press, 2009
Michael Perman, **Pursuit of Unity: A Political History of the American South**, University of North Carolina Press, 2009

Description

The course will review Southern political history from the 1780s to the present. In the first part of the course, we review the events which transformed the South from a region of progressive nationalism from the 1780s to the 1810s to a region of defensive sectionalism from the 1820s to the 1860s. Touching briefly on the Civil War, we then take up Reconstruction and the agrarian movement of the late 19th century, followed by the period of the "Solid South" in the first half of the 20th century. Next we examine the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, followed by the rise of southern Republicans in the late 20th century.

Exams and Grades

There will be three in-class, multiple-choice exams on the dates noted below. The exams are not cumulative. There is no final exam. The first two exams have 35 questions and the last one has 30 questions for a total of 100 points on all three exams. The raw scores on the three exams are added and the total raw scores are then curved to determine your final grade. There is no extra credit. A make-up exam (not multiple-choice) will be given only if an exam is missed for a valid reason. The top 30% of the class will receive an A, the next 35% a B, the next 20% a C, the next 10% a D, and the bottom 5% a grade of F. There are no pluses or minuses.

Students with disabilities: Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodations from the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Services for Students with Disabilities, 471-6259, www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/

Schedule and Assignments

AUG 30	Introduction [P] pp. 1-7
SEP 4	Background to the Constitution [C&T, I] pp. 102-116

SEP 6	Hamilton's Vision and the Southern Critique [C&T, I] pp. 116-133
SEP 11,13	From Jefferson's Presidency to the Missouri Crisis [C&T, I] pp. 135-162, [P] pp. 11-37
SEP 18	The Age of Jackson [C&T, I] pp. 163-181, [P] pp. 38-46
SEP 20	Texas, the Mexican War, and Slavery [C&T, I] pp. 181-190, 315-333, [P] pp. 46-72
SEP 25	From Kansas-Nebraska to Secession and War [C&T, I] pp. 333-344, 357-371, [P] pp. 72-113
SEP 27	Reconstruction [C&T, II] pp. 410-447, [P] 117-141
OCT 2	**REVIEW**
OCT 4	**FIRST EXAM**
OCT 9	Conservative Rule and the Agrarian Revolt [C&T, II] pp. 471-498, 532-566, [P] pp. 142-181
OCT 11	Jim Crow and the Progressive Era [C&T, II] pp. 567-581, 591-605, 619-625, [P] pp. 185-212
OCT 16	From Wilson to the 1920s [C&T, II] pp. 626-632, 646-652, 658-659, [P] pp. 212-231
OCT 18,23	The Great Depression [C&T, II] pp. 693-720, [P] pp. 231-247
OCT 25	World War II and Civil Rights [C&T, II] pp. 720-748, [P] pp. 248-294
OCT 30, NOV 1	The 1960s [C&T, II] pp. 748-780, [P] pp. 294-319
NOV 6	**REVIEW**
NOV 8	**SECOND EXAM**
NOV 13,15	Mississippi and the Conservative Counterrevolution [C] pp. 1-278
NOV 20	The Rise of Southern Republicans [C&T, II] pp. 780-790, 819-824, [P] pp. 319-358
NOV 27,29	The 2003 Texas Congressional Redistricting [B] pp. 1-273

DEC 4	**REVIEW**
DEC 6	**THIRD EXAM**