

Political Science 103B / USP 113

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POLITICS AND POLICYMAKING IN LOS ANGELES**COURSE OUTLINE**

“This course examines politics and policymaking in the five-county Los Angeles region. It explores the historical development of the city, suburbs, and region; politics, power, and governance; and major policy challenges facing the city and metropolitan area” (*UCSD Catalog*). Students will do a significant amount of reading in this class.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Your course grade will be based on a take-home midterm, a term paper, participation and a three-part cumulative final examination. The take-home midterm will consist of two essays. I will hand out the essay question one week before these essays are due. Students will also complete an argumentative term paper for the class. The study guide for the final, with both terms and essay questions for which to prepare, will be handed out at least one week prior to the exam.

You are permitted to form groups to assist you in preparing for examinations, but your papers and exams must be your own. Please review carefully review UCSD’s “Policy on Integrity of Scholarship,” included in the General Catalog and posted on the internet. If a student submits work closely resembling that of colleagues, or work that uses sources without proper citation, he or she may be faced with charges of academic dishonesty. Please ask for clarification if you do not understand. There is **NO** extra credit with which to compensate for poor performance; course grades are calculated as follows:

COMPONENT	DATE	PORTION OF COURSE
Take-Home Midterm	August 17, 2011	25%
Term Paper	August 29, 2011	30%
Participation	TBA	20%
Final Exam	September 2, 2011	25%

This syllabus establishes deadlines for all course work. If they are infeasible, please don't take the class. Exceptions are invidious and make the course unfair for other students. Late work will be penalized by at least one-half of one grade if not handed in at the time and date it is due, and by one-half of one grade more for each day it is late.

Required Texts

1. Robert M. Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis: Los Angeles, 1850-1930*.
2. Raphael J. Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White: Race and Power in Los Angeles*.
3. William Fulton, *The Reluctant Metropolis: The Politics of Urban Growth in L.A.*
4. Jennifer Wolch et al, *Up Against the Sprawl: Public Policy and the Making of Southern California* (University of Minnesota Press, 2004).

5. Steven P. Erie, *Beyond 'Chinatown': The Metropolitan Water District, Growth, and the Environment in Southern California* (Stanford University Press, 2006).

SCHEDULE--LECTURES, READINGS, AND ASSIGNMENTS

August 1	A. Introduction to the Course and its Concepts. 1. L.A.as World-Historical City. 2. L.A. as the laboratory for the future.
August 3	B. Situating Los Angeles. Fogelson, <i>The Fragmented Metropolis</i> , pp. xv-xxvi. Fulton, <i>The Reluctant Metropolis</i> , pp. 1-20. Wolch, <i>Up Against the Sprawl</i> , pp. vii-ix, pp. 1-41.
August 8	C. Historical Development, 1850-1973 1. The 19th Century: From Pueblo to Town; Railroads & Real Estate 2. Political Infrastructure: The City Charter. Fogelson, <i>The Fragmented Metropolis</i> , pp. 1-134.
August 10	C. Historical Development (continued) 3. The Politics of Progressivism 4. Postwar Political and Economic Development. Fogelson, <i>The Fragmented Metropolis</i> , pp. 136-276.
August 15	D. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race, Labor and Growth, 1973-1993. Sonenshein, <i>Politics in Black and White</i> , all.
August 17	E. Rebuilding and Restructuring L.A.: Mayors Richard Riordan, James Hahn and Antonio Villaraigosa, 1993-2007. Take-Home Midterm Due!
August 22	F. Regional Growth and Planning: Suburbanization and Sprawl. Fulton, <i>The Reluctant Metropolis</i> , pp. 21-223.
August 24	F. Regional Growth and Planning (continued) G. Regional Policy Issues 1. Immigration and Housing. Fulton, <i>The Reluctant Metropolis</i> , pp. 225-359. Wolch, <i>Up Against the Sprawl</i> , pp. 71-150.
August 29	G. Regional Policy Issues (continued) 2. Transportation 3. Public Finance 4. Smart Growth Movement. Wolch, <i>Up Against the Sprawl</i> , pp. 151-371. Term Paper Due!
August 31	G. Regional Policy Issues (continued) 5. Globalization and Restructuring H. W(h)ither Southern California? The Politics of Water. Erie, <i>Beyond 'Chinatown'</i> , all.
September 2	FINAL EXAMINATION, Friday, 11:30 AM – 2:29 PM