

POLI103B / USP113 (741858)
 Class: TuTh 2:00-3:20 PM, PCYNH 106
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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 paper, and 3 exams. The in-class midterm and final will consist of IDs and essays; there will also be a take-home midterm essay and a course essay. The course essay prompt will be posted online. Both the midterm and final’s essays and IDs will be drawn from study guides handed out in advance.

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
In-Class Midterm	May 8, 2012	25%
Take-home Midterm	May 15, 2012	25%
Course Essay	May 29, 2012	25%
Final Exam	June 12, 2012	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

April 3	A. Introduction to the Course.
April 5 and 10	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.
April 12 and 17	C. Historical Development, 1850-1973 1. 19th Century: Pueblo to town; Real Estate & SPRR. 2. Political Infrastructure: The City Charter. Fogelson, <i>The Fragmented Metropolis</i> , pp. 1-134.
April 19 and 24	C. Historical Development (continued) 3. The Politics of Progressivism 4. Postwar Political and Economic Development. Fogelson, <i>The Fragmented Metropolis</i> , pp. 136-276.
April 26 and May 1	D. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race, Labor and Growth, 1973-1993. Sonenshein, <i>Politics in Black and White</i> , all.
May 3	E. Rebuilding and Restructuring L.A.: Mayors Richard Riordan, James Hahn and Antonio Villaraigosa, 1993-2007.
May 8	MIDTERM EXAMINATION.
May 10 and 15	F. Regional Growth and Planning: Suburbanization and Sprawl. Fulton, <i>The Reluctant Metropolis</i> , pp. 21-223. TAKE-HOME MIDTERM EXAM DUE ON MAY 15.
May 17 and 22	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.
May 24 and 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. COURSE ESSAY DUE ON MAY 29.
May 31 and June 5	G. Regional Policy Issues (continued) 5. Globalization and Restructuring H. W(h)ither Southern California? The Politics of Water. Erie, <i>Beyond 'Chinatown'</i> , pp. 1-132.
June 7	H. The Politics of Water (continued). Erie, <i>Beyond 'Chinatown'</i> , pp. 133-265.
June 12	FINAL EXAMINATION. 3:00 PM – 5:59 PM.