

Political Science 103B (649501)
 Class: MWF 12-12:50 p.m., Center 109
 Office Hours: M 3:30-6:30 p.m.

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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 2 exams. The midterm and final will consist of five short IDs and an essay; for the midterm, the essay will be a take-home. Each ID will require you to identify the source, meaning and significance of a term. The paper will ask the students to address a larger issue covered in the course. Both the IDs and the essay 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 1, 2009	25%
Take-home Midterm	May 8, 2009	25%
Essay	May 29, 2009	25%
Final Exam	June 10, 2009	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

March 30	A. Introduction to the Course.
April 1, 3 and 6	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 8, 10 and 13	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.
April 15, 17 and 20	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 22 and 24	D. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race, Labor and Growth, 1973-1993. Sonenshein, <i>Politics in Black and White</i> , all.
April 27 and 29	E. Rebuilding and Restructuring L.A.: Mayors Richard Riordan, James Hahn and Antonio Villaraigosa, 1993-2007.
May 1	MIDTERM EXAMINATION. The essay component of the exam will be take-home, due May 8.
May 4, 6 and 8	F. Regional Growth and Planning: Suburbanization and Sprawl. Fulton, <i>The Reluctant Metropolis</i> , pp. 21-223.
May 11, 13 and 15	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 18, 20 and 22	G. Regional Policy Issues (continued) 2. Transportation 3. Public Finance 4. Smart Growth Movement. Wolch, <i>Up Against the Sprawl</i> , pp. 151-371.
May 25, 27 and 29	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 1, 3 and 5	H. The Politics of Water (continued). Erie, <i>Beyond 'Chinatown'</i> , pp. 133-265.
June 10	FINAL EXAMINATION. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Please note: final occurs on a Wednesday).