

This course in United States politics focuses on the South, paying particular attention to partisan competition, the politics of race, redistricting, and voting rights.

Each of the three non-cumulative analytical exams, the research paper assignments, and class participation (in part, unscheduled quizzes on the assigned reading to reward those who do and understand the readings) constitutes roughly 20 percent of your course grade.

Ultimately your grade turns on my impression of how well you have done in this course. What impresses me? Think of this course as your job and approach it with professionalism. Take this course seriously and let me know that. How? Attend class; be prepared for class--read the assignments for understanding, be ready to ask and answer questions, take an informed role in discussions; arrive early to class; remain for the entire class; be attentive in class without distracting me or your classmates with cell phones, text messages, side conversations, bathroom trips or any other reason for coming-and-going, and so forth; take exams when scheduled and complete assignments when due; demonstrate your understanding on the exams, quizzes, and research paper assignments.

After six unexcused absences I drop you from the course. An excused absence is almost exclusively restricted to religious reasons, certain university activities, documented medical conditions, or documented family emergencies. Absences for religious reasons or for university extracurricular activities necessitate communication with me in advance. If you have a disability that requires an accommodation, see me in advance.

Each of you must meet with me for 15 minutes in the first two weeks of the semester. Sign up for an appointment time during the first day in class.

All readings should be on reserve in Fondren. The books ordered through the bookstore include Key, *Southern Politics*; Black and Black, *The Rise of Southern Republicans*; and Morgan, *Governance by Decree: The Impact of the Voting Rights Act in Dallas*. Also required but not listed below: you are expected to supplement the listed readings with media accounts of ongoing politics in the southern states. Understand that assigned readings listed here for specific pages in Black and Black include the endnotes (not listed here) associated with those pages.

There may be changes in the readings and assignments below. This course requires use of Blackboard at <http://courses.smu.edu>.

Office: 316b Carr Collins, x8-2529; HStanley@SMU.edu (e-mail works best); office hours W 10-11:30; W 2:30-4; and by appointment

Th, Aug 18 * Introduction and Overview
F, Aug 19 * 9.30-11 am, 2.30-4 pm appointment meetings
M, Aug 22 * 9.30-11 am, 2.30-4 pm appointment meetings
T, Aug 23 * Key, *Southern Politics*, preface and c. 1 (1-12): "The Problem" and 3-4 pm appointment meetings
W, Aug 24 * 9.30-11 am, 2.30-4 pm appointment meetings
Th, Aug 25 * Key, cc. 30-31 (644-675): The "Future" and 3-4 pm appointment meetings
F, Aug 26 * 9.30-11 am, 2.30-4 pm appointment meetings
M, Aug 29 * 9.30-11 am, 2.30-4 pm appointment meetings
T, Aug 30 * Key, cc. 13 and 14 (277-311): One-party, So What?
Th, Sept 1 * Key, cc. 2-3 (15-57): Commonalities and Differences: VA and AL
T, Sep 6 * Key, cc. 4-6 (58-129): TN, FL, and GA
Th, Sep 8 * Key, cc. 7-9 (130-204): SC, LA, and AR
T, Sep 13 * Key, cc. 10-12 (205-276): NC, MS, and TX
Th, Sep 15 * Key's South: A Retrospective
T, Sep 20 * Exam One

Th, Sep 22 * Black & Black, *The Rise of Southern Republicans*, (hereafter, *RSR*), c. 1 (1-39): The Southern Transformation
T, Sep 27 * B&B, *RSR*, c. 2 (40-71): Confronting the Democratic Juggernaut
Th, Sep 29 * B&B, *RSR*, c. 3 (72-113): The Promising Peripheral South
T, Oct 4 * B&B, *RSR*, cc. 4-5 (114-173): The Impenetrable Deep South and the Democratic Smother
Th, Oct 6 * B&B, *RSR*, c. 6 (174-204): Democratic Domination
F, Oct 7, 4 pm >>>Research paper draft, 500 words

T, Oct 11 * no class meeting: Fall Break
Th, Oct 13 * B&B, *RSR*, c. 7 (205-240): Reagan's Realignment of White Southerners
T, Oct 18 * B&B, *RSR*, c. 8 (241-267): A New Party System
Th, Oct 20 * B&B, *RSR*, cc. 9-10 (268-327): Peripheral South Breakthrough and Deep South Challenge
T, Oct 25 * B&B, *RSR*, cc. 11-12 (328-404): The Republican Surge and Competitive South, Competitive America
Th, Oct 27 * Exam Two
T, Nov 1 * Morgan, *Governance by Decree* (hereafter, *GD*), introduction and conclusion (1-5, 268-278)
Th, Nov 3 * Morgan, *GD*, c. 1 (9-32): Voting Rights Act
T, Nov 8 * Morgan, *GD*, c. 2 (33-63): Voting Rights Case Law
Th, Nov 10 * Morgan, *GD*, cc. 3-4 (67-118): History, Culture, and Political Heritage of Dallas
T, Nov 15 * Morgan, *GD*, c. 5 (119-152): Dallas in Court, 1967-1991
Th, Nov 17 * Morgan, *GD*, c. 6 (155-196): Electoral Effects of the VRA in Dallas
T, Nov 22 * Morgan, *GD*, c. 7 (197-228): Governance Consequences
>>>Research paper due T, Nov 22: 2,500 words
Th, Nov 24 * no class meeting (Thanksgiving holidays)
T, Nov 29 * Morgan, *GD*, c. 8 (229-267): Policy Results
Th, Dec 1 * no class meeting (Thanksgiving holidays makeup class day, follow Wednesday class schedule)
W, Dec 7 8:00 am – 9.20 am * Exam Three