SOUTHERN POLITICAL HISTORY

Required Reading


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 is the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, followed by the rise of southern Republicans. Cooper and Terrill is the main textbook for the course, of which we will read about half. The Crespino book describes the reaction of white Mississippians to the civil rights struggle of the 1950s and 60s. The Bickerstaff book describes the congressional redistricting carried out by Texas Republicans in 2003.

Exams and Grades

There will be three in-class, multiple-choice exams on the dates noted below. 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 (essay type) will be given only if an exam is missed for a valid reason. A plus/minus grading system will be used. The grading system is fully explained on Blackboard under “Course Documents.”

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Schedule and Assignments

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