

PLS 406
Contemporary Southern Politics
T/Th 12:30pm in LH 254

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 Spring 2011
 Office Hours: M & W 10-11am & 12-1pm; other times by appointment

This is a SR/JR class; it meets in the Dixon Conference Room (LH 254). 25% of your grade will be based on attendance. You are expected to have read the assignment at least twice before examinations. You are responsible for all required readings and for all material covered in lectures and class discussions.

Your exams are composed of essays and short-answer questions that cover both lectures and readings.

Books:

Earl & Merle Black, Divided America: The Ferocious Power Struggle in American Politics

R. P. Warren, All the Kings Men

Other Black & Black monographs are on reserve in the library under PLS 406.

Grades	90-100	A
	80-89	B
	70-79	C
	60-69	D
	50 & below	F

Course Outline & Required Readings

Week 1	Introduction
Week 2	<u>Divided America</u> (Chapters 1 & 9)
Week 3	DA Dem. Juggernaut S. Rep (40-71) P & S (3-15, 23-49, 75-97)
Week 4	Civil Rights Movement P & S (99-171, 195-212)
Week 5	Review/Discussion
Week 6	Midterm 25%
Week 7	South Mid-class P & S (15-22, 50-72, 213-231) SR (1-39)

Week 8	New South Electorate P & S (175-176, 186-194, 232-304, 308-316) SR (72-368)	
Week 9	“South as Region” Chapt. 2 Student Reports 25 %	
Week 10	“Other Regions” Chapt. 3, 4, 5	
Week 11	“Conf & WH” Chapt. 6, 7, 8	
Week 12	“Comp South” SR (1-39 again), 369-404 “Div Am” again, Chapt. 1 & 9	
Week 13	Review and Discussion	
Week 14	Final Exam, No Make-up!	25%