

PSC 401D
State Politics
T/R 10:00AM-11:15AM
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Texts:

- Morehouse & Jewell, State Politics, Parties & Policy.
- Snell, New Realities in State Finance.
- Rosenthal, Heavy Lifting.

Requirements:

- Mid-term exam on October 18. 40% of grade
- Final exam, December 13, 10:10 AM. 40% of grade
- Policy Paper. 20% of grade
- Attendance is required. Grade is negatively affected after two unexcused absences.
- No cell phones.
- Last day to drop class is November 4.

Course Outline:

- I. Introduction (8/30-9/8)
Morehouse, chapter 1.
- II. State Elections (9/13-9/15)
Morehouse, 2.
- III. State Parties (9/20-9/22)
Morehouse 4.
- IV. Interest Groups (9/27)
Morehouse, 3.
- V. State Legislatures (9/29-10/6)
Morehouse, 6.
Rosenthal.

MIDTERM EXAM (10/18)

- VI. The Governor (10/18-10/20)
Morehouse, 5.
- VII. The Courts (10/25)
Morehouse, 7.
- VIII. Direct Democracy (10/27-11/1)
Readings on reserve.

- IX. Budgeting Process (11/3-11/8)
Morehouse, 8.
- X. Taxing Policy (11/10-11/17)
Snell.
- XI. Welfare and Education (11/22-12/1)
Morehouse, 9 & 10

Class Presentations (12/6-12/8)

Final Exam (12/13)