POSC 171 State Politics and Policy  
Final Study Guide  
Exam Date: 12/13/2018 11:30am – 2:30pm

As before, all material covered in the slides or the text below is fair game, but questions are most likely to come from the study guide. The test is cumulative, although weighted extensively towards the latter half of the course. For the first half study guide see the guide posted on the course website.

The chapters below may differ from some of the chapters covered on the syllabus. You will not be responsible for the chapters on the syllabus that are not mentioned here.

The exam is cumulative but heavily weighted to new material. See the midterm study guide as needed.

**Ch. 13-15, 18-19, 24, 25, 27, 32**

**Ch. 13** -- Note, we didn’t really cover this in lecture. Just know these questions and these sections for this chapter

What state is the root of modern-day legislatures?  
The dominance of bicameralism (box)  
State legislatures from 1900 to 1961  
- Unicameral and nonpartisan?

**Ch. 14** -- Note, we went over this extensively in class

Gerrymandering, organizing districts more generally  
What is racial redistricting?  
How do states determine how to redistrict?  
- Institution selecting  
- Process based  
- Outcome based  
- What does California do?  
- What is balanced partisanship  
Know about different types of commissions
Ch. 15 -- Note, we went over this extensively in class

- Know about different patterns of diversity (gender, race/ethnicity)
- What are key differences between gender and racial/ethnic diversity in terms of role of federal gov’t?
  - 1965 voting rights act
- Which party has more ethnic diversity?
- Demand side/supply side hypotheses of gender diversity
- Role of incumbents in gender representation
- Know about the mind findings of Lawless and Fox’s Citizen Political Ambition study
- What is impact of legislative diversity? (i.e., are people better represented, different issues raised, etc.)

Ch. 18 -- Note, we covered this extensively in class

Formal/informal components to gubernatorial power
Where does CA fall in terms of gubernatorial power?
Relations between governor and legislature
  - Why might one governor be more effective than another?
Quasiformal powers (why?)
Recall elections
  - Used often?
Gubernatorial campaigns
  - plural executive
  - Cost

Ch. 24 -- Note, we did not cover all of this in class
Know the four theories of policy processes, and why one might be more plausible than another in different contexts

Ch. 25 -- Note, we covered this extensively in class

What is policy innovation? Where are we most likely to see it? What role does geography play in policy innovation/diffusion?
How is innovation measure?
  - Other reasons diffusion occurs
  - Antismoking policy diffusion – know the case study
- Other diffusion examples covered in the book or in lecture
- Know the general model of Sustained Organizational Influence theory (Collingwood, El-Khatib, and Gonzalez O’Brien 2018, Policy Studies Journal). I presented this briefly in class. What methodological approach does this paper rely upon that is distinct from most other research in policy diffusion?

What are diffusion mechanisms?
- In particular, what is the role of federal gov’t in policy diffusion?
- Own-source revenues

Ch. 27 Note, we did not cover this material in class

Know about main arenas for moral issues policymaking, especially the following:
- Abortion
- “Right to Die”
- Gambling

Ch. 32 Note, we covered much, but not all, of this in class

Foundation of federal jurisdiction
Nativism and language laws
Details of the back door
State response to growth of undocumented immigration
- California’s Proposition 187 and Congressional response
- Growth in immigrant and undocumented populations since 2000
- Where is foreign born growth highest, generally?
Exclusionary vs. inclusionary policies
- What is E-verify?
- What is self-deport
- SB-1070
- The DREAM Act
- What are four institutional policies local gov’ts use to support immigrants?