

POSC 171 State Politics and Policy
Final Study Guide
Exam Date: 6/16/2017 8am – 11am

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 will differ from the syllabus. You will not be responsible for the chapters on the syllabus that are not mentioned here.

Ch. 13-5, 18-19, 24-27, 32

Ch. 13

What state is the root of modern-day legislatures?

The dominance of bicameralism (box)

Legislative service in colonial assemblies

- Legislator compensation

State legislatures from 1900 to 1961

- Unicameral and nonpartisan?

Ch. 14

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

- Know about different patterns of diversity (gender, black, Asian, Latino)

- 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

- Lawless and Fox's Citizen Political Ambition study

-What is impact of legislative diversity?

Ch. 18

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

Know the four theories of policy processes, and why one might be more plausible than another in different contexts

Ch. 25

What is policy innovation? Where are we most likely to see it? What role does geography play? How is innovation measure?

-Other reasons diffusion occurs

-Antismoking policy diffusion – know the case study

What are diffusion mechanisms?

-Role of federal gov't

-Own-source revenues

Ch. 26

How does the state budget come about?

-Fiscal scale; fiscal balance

Composition of revenues

-How much is from federal government

-When were sales taxes adopted?

Sources of variation

Budget process

-Revenue forecasting

-Formal budget powers and deadlines

-State gov't debt

Ch. 27

Main arenas for moral issues policymaking

-Abortion

- Gay Rights (we will not cover this because Supreme Court has ruled same-sex marriage is legal)
- “Right to Die”
- Gambling

Ch. 32

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

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?