

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**POSC 421: Ethnic Politics**  
**Spring 2018**  
**TTh 12:30 – 1:50 pm, VKC 102**

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This course examines the concepts of race and ethnicity and their relationship to U.S. politics. The learning goals for this course include factual mastery of the material, effective oral and written communication, and enhanced critical thinking and analytical reasoning.

I. Required readings

There are 4 required books available for purchase at the USC bookstore.

Bowler, Shaun, and Gary M. Segura. 2012. *The Future is Ours: Minority Politics, Political Behavior, and the Multiracial Era of American Politics*.

Grose, Christian R. 2011. *Congress in Black and White: Race and Representation in Washington and at Home*.

Schmidt, Ronald Sr., et. al. 2009. *Newcomers, Outsiders, and Insiders: Immigrants and American Racial Politics in the Early Twenty-first Century*.

Tichenor, Daniel J. 2002. *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America*.

II. Course Requirements

Final grades will be computed on the basis of the following distribution:

class participation	10%
paper	30%
examination #1	30%
examination #2	30%

Students are expected to complete the required reading for each class meeting and be ready to discuss the material. Class attendance counts toward the participation grade. No unexcused make-ups for the examination will be given. Late assignments and papers will not be accepted. Academic policies set forth by the university as per the student guidebook (<http://scampus.usc.edu/academic-policies/>) apply to this course. See also the USC Dornsife statement on academic conduct and support systems (<https://dornsife.usc.edu/ase/statement-on-academic-conduct-and-support-systems/>).

### III. Course Outline and Assignments

Day	Date	Class topic	Reading	Assignment
T	1/9	Introduction to the course		
Th	1/11	What is race? What is ethnicity?	Schmidt intro, 1	
T	1/16	Analyzing ethnoracial politics	Schmidt 2, 3	
Th	1/18	Racialization and segregation	Schmidt 4	
T	1/23	Political representation and coalitions	Schmidt 5, 6	
Th	1/25	Complex racial classification	Schmidt 7	
T	1/30	Political implications of demography	Bowler 1, 2	
Th	2/1	Partisanship and minority Americans	Bowler 3, 4	
T	2/6	Racial and political participation	Bowler 5, 6	
Th	2/8	Racial identification and politics	Bowler 7, 8	
T	2/13	Representation and electoral systems	Bowler 9, 10	
Th	2/15	U.S. democracy amidst diversity	Bowler 11-13	
T	2/20	Race and ethnicity in U.S. politics		
Th	2/22	Examination #1		
T	2/27	Politics of race and representation	Grose 1, 2	
Th	3/1	Racial gerrymandering	Grose 3	
T	3/6	African American linked fate	Grose 4, 5	
Th	3/8	Redistricting	Grose 6	
T	3/13	Spring break – no class		
Th	3/15	Spring break – no class		
T	3/20	Reconceptualizing representation	Grose 7	
Th	3/22	The politics of belonging	Tichenor 1	
T	3/27	Immigration policy	Tichenor 2	
Th	3/29	Paper work day – no class		Papers due 5 pm
T	4/3	Nativism	Tichenor 3	
Th	4/5	Chinese exclusion	Tichenor 4	
T	4/10	National origins quotas	Tichenor 5	
Th	4/12	Two-tiered immigration policy	Tichenor 6	
T	4/17	Post-war immigration policy	Tichenor 7, 8	
Th	4/19	Politics of immigration reform	Tichenor 9, 10	
T	4/24	Future of U.S. immigration policy		
Th	4/26	Examination #2		