

SYLLABUS

HISTORY 2911 – U.S. CONSTITUTION & GEORGIA HISTORY

PROFESSOR ROGER SOISET – FALL SEMESTER 2009

1. **Title:** U.S. Constitution and Georgia History (History 2911): A one-hour course designed to help students meet the Georgia legislative requirement that all students have a knowledge of the U.S. and Georgia constitutions, and U.S. and Georgia history. **This class may be taken for credit by only those students who have credit for U.S. History or American Government from outside the University System of Georgia.**
2. **Credit:** 1 Semester Hour. This is a self-study course and your only obligation is to pass the course examination with a **C** or better.
3. **Textbooks:** Georgia History in Outline by Kenneth Coleman and A Short History of the United States by Robert Remini (in SPSU bookstore). Any textbook in college-level American Government (see enclosed list). A copy of the U.S. Constitution will be needed; and a copy of the Georgia Constitution will be provided or can be downloaded from www.Georgia.gov.
4. **Expected Results:** Students will be able to discuss the articles and amendments of the Constitution, especially the “Bill of Rights” and the “Civil War amendments”; identify the powers of the different branches of government; discuss the expansion of voting rights; and identify significant events in the history of the United States and Georgia.
5. **Exam:** There will be an exam on the material that you are expected to know twice during the semester. The exam will be objective (matching, fill in the blank, multiple choice, etc.) in format. You may take it both times if you wish and will receive the higher of the two grades. If you fail to take the exam either time, you will receive a grade of “F.”
6. **Grades:** Your grade will depend entirely on your higher test score.
7. **Office:** J 321 – W 10:00am-1:00 pm; other times by appointment
Phone: 678-915-3990
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8. The course examination will be given on the following dates:
September 30, 2009 in J-216 from 12 noon to 2pm
October 28, 2009 in J-216 from 12 noon to 2pm
The computer lab can only accommodate 12 students at one time, so this will be on a first-come basis. Those who have a 1pm class should come at noon; those who do not should be able to take the test at 1pm. Typically, no more than 45 minutes is needed to finish the tests.
9. A one-hour mandatory review session before test #1 will be scheduled after September 2. If you do not attend and are not excused, you will not be allowed to take the test on September 30.

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**Contact the SIS Department (678-915-7442) if you have a conflict that prohibits you from taking the exam at the scheduled time and we will work with you to arrange an alternative testing time.*

GUIDE

I. U.S. Constitution (know the following):

Article I

- terms, qualifications, and election of Senators and Representatives
- exceptions to freedom from arrest
- provisions for over-riding a veto
- Art. I, sec. 8 = the enumerated powers of congress
- Art. I, sec. 9 = limitations of the power of congress

Article II

- qualifications, powers, and duties of president
- treaties

Article III

- Judicial power of the United States
- definition of treason

Article IV

- full faith and credit

Article V

- Amendment procedure

Amendments

- what are the 27 amendments and what does each do

Features of the American constitution (understand)

Bill of Rights
bills of attainder
checks and balances
due process of law
ex post facto laws

federalism
implied powers
judicial review
republican government
separation of powers

II. Georgia History (be able to define the following):

Hernando De Soto
3 motives for colonizing GA
James Oglethorpe
Trustees
Battle of Bloody Marsh
rum and slaves (role of)
Lyman Hall
Tondee Tavern meeting
Count d'Estaing
Methodists and Baptists (p. 27)
Treaty of New York (1790)
Yazoo Lands
Fletcher v. Peck

Leo Frank
Cpt. John Reynolds
Ellis Arnall
Salzburgers

St. John's Parish

Henry Clinton
Wesleyan College
Robert Howe
Nancy Hart
capitals of GA

George M. Troup
Stephens Herman Talmadge
Cherokees
Georgia platform
Joe Brown
James J. Andrews
Andersonville Prison
John B. Hood
John Pope
Henry Grady
Bourbonism
Populism
sharecropping
Tom Watson

Alexander

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Richard B. Russell
Eugene Talmadge
Walter F. George

Lester Maddox
Jimmy Carter

III. Georgia Constitution

Georgia Bill of Rights
Eminent Domain
Voter eligibility
Impeachment
Qualifications for members of General Assembly
Open Meetings
Jury trials
Sovereign Immunity
Recognition of Marriage
Taxes
State Debt

IV. United States History

Articles of Confederation
Federalist Papers
Saratoga
Kings Mountain
Causes of the War of 1812
The Indian Removal Act
John Brown
Harriet Beecher Stowe
Lewis and Clark
Emancipation Proclamation
Frederick Douglass
Great Sioux War
Panama Canal
John Pershing
The Dust Bowl
New Deal
Pearl Harbor
Douglas MacArthur
United Nations

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Political Science books in the Library (for reference)

There will be a political science textbook on reserve in the library, which you can check out for a period of 2 hours. A better alternative is to check out an American government text from the library. The appropriate books are in the DK 274 section of the stacks. Some of the books to choose from (but are not limited to the following):

Greenberg, Edward, The Struggle for Democracy

Kraemer, Richard, et al., American Democracy: The Third Century.

Mac Manus, Susan A., et al., Governing a Changing America.

Sherrill, Robert, Governing America

Sigler, Jay A. and Getz, Robert, Contemporary American Government: Problems and Prospects.

Stephenson, D. Grier, et al., American Government.

Volkomer, Walter, American Government.

Watson, Richard A. and Fitzgerald, Michael, Promise and Performance of American Democracy.

Wilson, James Q., American Government

Most of what you want to know will be in chapters entitled "The Constitution," or "Federalism." You might also find information in chapters entitled "The President," "Congress," and "The Courts." Most of these books have glossaries and all have copies of the constitution.