SOUTHERN POLITICS  
Political Science 4039  
Louisiana State University

3:00-4:30 TTh  
Fall, 2008  
Office Hours: TBA.

Required Books: The following books are in paperback and are required for the class.

Julia Cass and J.L. Chestnut, Black in Selma (1991)  
Peter Applebome, Dixie Rising (1997)  

Semester Book: Moodle should be considered part of the class syllabus and students are required to regularly check their Moodle News for this course. These announcements will carry assignment dates, grades and other relevant announcements. The syllabus is available only on semester book as well.

Course Requirements: The assignments are as follows: Book Quizzes ... 30% (15% each) Mid-Term Exam.....20% Short Paper... 20% Final Exam.........30%

Final Grade: All assignments and the final grade use the following grading scale:
A = 90% B = 80% C = 70% D = 60 % F = Below 60%

Book Quizzes: There will be two separate quizzes on parts of the Chestnut and Applebome books. These quizzes will occur early in the semester. The remainder of these two books will also be covered on the mid-term and final exam. The Rozell book is covered only on the final exam.

Short Paper: Students will be required to write one 1000 word paper and be prepared to answer questions about them in class on the day their topic is covered. The papers will be turned into the instructor at least two days before the class where they are discussed. The topics and dates of presentation will be selected in class from a list provided by the instructor. Various topics on he 2008 elections will comprise one set of topics. Penalties for late papers and for plagiarism will be discussed in class.

Final Exam: A comprehensive final exam will be given at the end of the course.

Participation Points: Periodically during the semester, class discussion will involve writing comments and other students and the instructor read and discuss those comments. These comments will be gathered at the end of class and saved. At the end of the semester five of these comment papers will be selected randomly and a point for each will be added to the final exam grade - not the final course grade - the final exam grade.

Disabilities: Students with disabilities should contact Disability Services (578-5919) and make all necessary arrangements through that office.