

THE FUTURE OF CHICAGO

This course is unlike others offered in the Political Science Department. Rather than focus only upon the analysis of existing political systems, the physical structure of Chicago, its past history as a city, or abstract political philosophies, we employ all these methods and more for the purpose of studying and reflecting upon the alternative futures of our city and metropolitan region.

The course involves debate about different visions of our future with outside speakers with opposing views of Chicago speaking each week. I provide an overview in lectures each week as well. Discussion sessions in class and on line will allow you to test your own views and conclusions against those of your classmates. In the end you will develop a synthesis of diverse views and different perspectives on Chicago society, economics, government, and politics.

The readings for the course bring together more than fifty authors from very different backgrounds writing on Chicago, other American cities and their future. You are, of course, not required to adopt the views from these different sources. But you are required to know various proponents' arguments, the reasons they have for making them, the facts they present, and the strengths and weaknesses of each approach.

The course is planned to be exciting, demanding, and controversial. It is meant to be an introduction to the study of politics in a very political city.

Textbooks

You will be expected to read and master the following texts:

Mike Royko, Boss.

Dick Simpson, Rogues, Rebels and Rubber Stamps: The Politics of the Chicago City Council from 1863 to the Present.

Dick Simpson, Constance Mixon, and Melissa Zmuda, Editors, Twenty-First Century Chicago, 2nd Edition, 2016.

Kari Lydersen, Mayor 1%.

Thomas Gradel and Dick Simpson, Corrupt Illinois.

You have several options for obtaining the books. Copies of the new Twenty-First Century Chicago: 2nd Edition is available at the publisher's (Cognella's) web site as well as the UIC bookstore. The book is now available for purchase in both print and digital formats through the publisher's student e-commerce store (<https://students.universityreaders.com/store/>). This will allow you immediate access to your own full or partial (FREE 30% PDF) e-book from

within your student account.

To purchase the textbook from the publisher, please follow the instructions below but be sure to order the latest edition:

Step 1: Log on to <https://students.universityreaders.com/store/>.

Step 2: Create an account or log in if you have an existing account to purchase.

Step 3: Easy-to-follow instructions guide you through the rest of the ordering process. Payment can be made by all major credit cards or with an electronic check.

Step 4: After purchasing, you can access your full or partial e-book by logging into your account and clicking My Digital Materials to get started on your readings right away.

However, all books are available at the UIC Bookstore in a variety of formats. The bookstore will have discounted versions of the previous edition of **Twenty-First Century Chicago** and we will put the new material in the new edition on the course Blackboard site if you prefer this method. Some prices at the bookstore, which are subject to change, are:

Boss	\$15 (new); \$9.50 (used); \$7.50 (rental new); \$4.75 (rental used)
Rogues	\$39 (new); \$20 (used)
21st Century Chicago	\$69.95 (new); \$52.50 (old edition needing Blackboard updates)

In addition to the assigned books, there will be a few other book chapters as well as newspaper, movies, and journal articles made available through the course Blackboard site which will be assigned reading. Those materials will be free.

Grades

Grades will be determined by three principal scores: (1) a mid-term examination; (2) a 7-10 page structured paper on a single unit of government within Cook County; and (3) a take home essay exam. Each is worth 30% of your final grade. In addition, 10 points will be added to your final grade for attending the Student Issues Convention on October 19th from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Room at Student Center East on campus. There will be additional extra credit points for civic engagement activities offered as well.

Class will held at SCE 302 on September 17th at the Constitution Day Event. You are required to attend

Class will not be held on September 12th to give time off to attend the Urban Forum from 8:45 until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13th at the SCE Illinois Rooms. It is free and lunch is provided. You will be preregistered for the event.

COURSE POLICIES

Attendance Policy

Research indicates that students who attend class are more likely to be successful. While attendance may not be taken officially every day in lecture, it will impact how you do on all other coursework.

Policy for Missed or Late Work

Late work - assignments and exams – will be accepted only with valid excuses by the teaching assistants.

Student Courtesy Policy

Please remember to turn off your cell phone when you enter the classroom. Laptops and tablets may be used for taking notes and course purposes only. Other uses will cause a lowered grade.

Academic Integrity Policy

Plagiarism will be punished by an **F** for the entire course and it will be referred to the university for further disciplinary proceedings. As an academic community, UIC is committed to providing an environment in which research, learning, and scholarship can flourish and in which all endeavors are guided by academic and professional integrity. All members of the campus community – students, staff, faculty, and administrators – share the responsibility of insuring that these standards are upheld so that such an environment exists. Instances of academic misconduct by students will be handled pursuant to the Student Disciplinary Policy:

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/dos/studentconduct.html>

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Students who wish to observe their religious holidays shall notify the faculty member or teaching assistant by the tenth day of the semester of the date when they will be absent unless the religious holiday is observed on or before the tenth day of the semester. In such cases, the student shall notify the faculty member at least five days in advance of the date when he/she will be absent. The faculty member shall make every reasonable effort to honor the request, not penalize the student for missing the class, and if an examination or project is due during the absence, give the student an exam or assignment equivalent to the one completed by those students in attendance. If the student feels aggrieved, he/she may request remedy through the campus grievance procedure.

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/oe/docs/ReligiousHolidaysFY20122014.pdf>

Office Hours

My office hours are Monday from 3-4 p.m. or Wednesday 2-4 p.m. in room 1108C BSB or by appointment.

My Teaching Assistants, Tingting Ding's office hours are 9-11 a.m. on Monday at room 1170A BSB and Rosair Rossi's are 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday at room 1145 BSB. Their email addresses are tding8@uic.edu and mrossi8@uic.edu They will be leading the discussion sessions and grading much of the work that you turn in.

Students whose last name begins with the letters A-L will be in discussion sessions in room C1 with Rosair Rossi and students from M-Z will be in a smaller room with Tingting Ding. The room will be announced on the 10th day of class.

PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS

(Speakers will not be confirmed until mid-September or later so the speaker dates and therefore the other classroom topics will change. All changes will be posted each Monday on the revised syllabus on Blackboard.)

<u>WEEK DATES</u>	<u>LECTURE TOPICS</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENTS</u>
I 8/27	Introduction to course and “Teaching Politics” DVD To be shown in class.	<u>Boss</u> , first half of book
*8/28	Optional Event: Great Cities “1968” panel 9 a.m. – Noon SCE- Illinois Room	
8/29	Introduction to Chicago’s future	“Chicago’s Tale of Two Cities” on Blackboard
8/31	“Vito” videotape on machine politics to be shown in class.	
II 9/3	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY: No Class	
*9/4	Extra Credit Event: Provost’s Forum on 2018 State And Local Elections - SCE Illinois Room	
9/5	“Chicago: The City of the Century” DVD to be shown in class	<u>Boss</u> , second half of book
9/7	Discussion: Boss, Vito, and Machine Politics	
III 9/10	Social and Economic Conditions	<u>21st Century Chicago</u> Part I and II, pp. 1-61
*** 9/13 Thursday	Special Event Urban Forum 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SCE Illinois Rooms (No Class on 9/13)	
9/14	“From DuSable to Obama”	“Housing Articles” Webstreamed to your home or campus computer through

Blackboard.

IV.		Constitution Week	
***	9/17	Special Event Constitution Day Speaker Professor Jack Rakove “Trumping the Constitution” SCE 302, 12:00 –12:50 p.m.	<u>21 Century Chicago</u> Part V, pp. 145 - 215
	9/19	Chicago Politics	
	9/21	Discussion: Constitutional Limits and Chicago politics	
V	9/24	Chicago's government	<u>Rogues</u> , pp. 1 – 199
*	9/25	National Voter Registration Day Opportunity for Civic Engagement Extra Credit	
*	9/26	Pierre de Vise Memorial Lecture UIC Professor Janet Smith: “Racial Change and Housing in Chicago”	
	9/28	Discussion of Race and Politics in the Chicago Metropolitan Region	
VI	* 10/1	Chicago Coalition For the Homeless: “Homelessness in Chicago”	<u>21st Century Chicago</u> Part III, pp 63 - 109
	*10/3	14th Ward Alderman Ed Burke: “The Chicago City Council and the Future of Chicago”	
	10/5	Discussion: Politics and Government in the Mayor Emanuel Era	
VII	10/8	MIDTERM EXAM	<u>21st Century Chicago</u> Part IV, pp 111 – 143
	*10/9	Last Day to Register to Vote in November Election	

- * 10/10 **Joe Ferguson, Inspector General, City of Chicago: “The Future of Corruption In Chicago”**
- 10/12 Assignment of Research Paper on one unit of Chicago, Suburban or Cook County Government
- VIII * 10/15 "Chicago City Council: Ready for Reform?" DVD
To be viewed at home or UIC
On your own computer. Rogues pp. 201-332
- * 10/17 **County Board President Toni Preckwinkle: “Reform of Cook County Government”**
- 10/19 **Student Issues Convention
9 a.m. – Noon, Cardinal Room, SCE**
- IX * 10/22 **Joseph C. Szabo, Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning: “Planning the Future of Metropolitan Chicago”** Sections from the book Golden on Rod Blagojevich ON BLACKBOARD
- * 10/24 **Former City Clerk James Laski: “Inside the Chicago Machine”** ,
- 10/26 Financing Local Governments
- X 10/29 The Rahm Emanuel Regime: First Three Years 21st Century Chicago
Part VI and VII
pp. 205 – 258
- * 10/31 **Cook County Commissioner Jesus Garcia: “Reform in The Preckwinkle Era** Newspaper Articles and reports ON BLACKBOARD
- 11/2 Discussion of Cook County and Metropolitan Governance
- XI * 11/5 The Problems of Illinois and What Might be Done to Fix Them Corrupt Illinois

- * 11/6 **Election Day**
- * 11/7 **Former Governor Pat Quinn:
“The Future of Illinois and
Citizen Participation”**
- 11/9 Discussion: The Role of Finances
In Illinois’ and Chicago’s Future
- XII 11/12 The 2018 Election and It’s Likely Mayor 1% (First Half)
Effects on the Future of Chicago
- * 11/14 **Kari Lydersen: Rahm Emanuel
And the 2015 Election**
- 11/16 Discussion of the 2018 and 2019
Elections
- XIII 11/19 Lecture on the Culture of Corruption in Mayor 1% (Second Half)
Illinois
- * 11/21 **State Senator Bill Cunningham:
“Veto Override Session”**
- 11/23 Discussion of Global Chicago today
- XIV * 11/26 **Congressman Mike Quigley Corrupt Illinois (All)
Illinois 5th Congressional District
“The Role of the Federal Government
in Chicago’s Future”**
- TURN IN RESEARCH PAPER IN CLASS OR
At Professor Simpson’s Mailbox in BSB 1101**
- 11/28 “For the People: Local Government
Budget Making” To be viewed at home
On your own computer
- 11/30 **Thanksgiving Holiday**
- XV 12/3 Course Review Lecture
- * 12/5 **Fred Hess Memorial Lecture
Chicago School Superintendent
Janice Jackson**

“The Future of Chicago Public Schools”
RECEIVE TAKE-HOME EXAM

12/7

Course Review Discussion Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 FINAL EXAM is due at the Political Science Department Office by Noon. Room BSB 1102.