

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. 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.

Keith Koeneman, First Son: The Biography of Richard M. Daley.

You have several options for obtaining the books. Copies of the new Twenty-First Century Chicago: Revised Edition which has just been published is available at the publisher's (Cognella's) web site. The book is now available for purchase in both print and digital formats through their 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.

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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. The bookstore will have discounted versions of the previous edition of **Twenty-First Century Chicago** and we will put the new material on the course Blackboard site if you prefer this method. Some prices at the bookstore 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 four assigned books, there will be a few other book chapters as well as newspaper and journal articles made available through the course Blackboard site which will be assigned reading.

Facebook Discussions

We will be creating a Facebook Account for course students. About every other week in addition to in-person discussion sessions there will be a topic or article assigned for the course discussions on Facebook. Additional instructions about participation in those online discussions will be given later in the semester.

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 National Student Political Issues Convention on November 15 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Student Center East on campus.

Office Hours

My office hours are Monday from 2-4 p.m. in room 1126C BSB. Teaching Assistant office hours and email addresses will be announce at the first class session

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 Friday on Blackboard.)

<u>WEEK DATES</u>	<u>LECTURE TOPICS</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENTS</u>
I 8/26	Introduction to course and “Teaching Politics” DVD To be shown in class.	<u>Boss</u> , first half of book
8/28	Introduction to Chicago’s future and a discussion of machine politics.	
8/30	“Vito” videotape on machine politics to be shown in class.	
II 9/2	Labor Day Holiday, No Class	
9/4	“Chicago: The City of the Century” DVD to be shown in class	<u>Boss</u> , second half of book
9/6	Discussion: Boss, Vito, and Machine Politics	
III 9/9	Social Conditions of Chicago	<u>21st Century Chicago</u> Part I and II, pp. 1-64
* 9/11	Pierre de Vise Memorial Lecture: UIC Professor Janet Smith “Racial Change in Housing in Chicago”	
9/13	“From DuSable to Obama” Webstreamed to your home computer through Blackboard.	
IV 9/16	Economic Change in Chicago	<u>21st Century Chicago</u> Part V, pp. 145 - 206
*** 9/17	Special Event on Tuesday: Constitution Day Speaker M. Cherif Bassiouni: “The Constitution, Guantanamo, And Civil Rights” Student Services Building B&C, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	

	9/18	No Class. Time off to Attend Constitution Day	
	9/20	"Chicago City Council: Ready for Reform?" DVD To be viewed at home on your own computer.	
V	9/23	Chicago's government	Rogues, pp. 1 - 199
*	9/25	14th Ward Alderman Ed Burke "The Chicago City Council and the Future Of Chicago"	
	9/27	Discussion of Race and Politics in the Chicago Metropolitan Region	
VI	9/30	Hanna Willage, Chicago Coalition For the Homeless "Homelessness in Chicago"	<u>21st Century Chicago</u> Part III, pp 65 - 112
*	10/2	Political Change in Chicago	
	10/4	Discussion: Politics and Government in the Mayor Emanuel Era	
VII	10/7	MIDTERM EXAM	<u>21st Century Chicago</u> Part IV, pp 113 - 144
*	10/9	County Board President Toni Preckwinkle: "Reform of Cook County Government"	
*	10/11	Discussion of County and Metropolitan Government	
VIII	10/14	Assignment of Research Paper on one unit of Chicago, Suburban or Cook County Government	<u>Corruption</u> (all, 128 pp.)
*	10/16	Joe Ferguson, Inspector General, City of Chicago: "The Future of Corruption In Chicago"	

	10/18	Discussion: A Plan To Cure Corruption in Illinois	
IX *	10/21	Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning “Planning the Future of Metropolitan Chicago”	Sections from the new book <u>Golden</u> on Rod Blagojevich ON BLACKBOARD
*	10/23	Former City Clerk James Laski “Inside the Chicago Machine”	,
	10/25	Lecture on the Culture of Corruption in Illinois	
X	10/28	The Rahm Emanuel Regime: First Two Years	Newspaper Articles ON BLACKBOARD
*	10/30	Cook County Commissioner Jesus Garcia	
	11/1	Discussion: How is Chicago and Mayor Rahm Emanuel Doing?	
XI	11/4	Financing Local Governments	<u>21st Century Chicago</u> Part VI and VII, pp. 207 – 258
*	11/6	Erma Trantor, Executive Director Of Friends of the Park “The Future of Public Space in Chicago”	
	11/8	Former Governor Jim Edgar: “The Future of Illinois”	
XII	11/11	The 2014 Election and It’s Likely Effects on the Future of Chicago	<u>First Son</u> Parts I – III, pp. 3-142
*	11/13	Secretary of State Jesse White: “The Future of Illinois”	
	11/15	NATIONAL STUDENT ISSUES CONVENTION 9-12 P.M. CARDINAL ROOM 329 SCE	
XIII	11/18	Creating a Just Global City	
*	11/20	Author Keith Koeneman	<u>First Son</u>

On First Son

Parts IV-V, pp. 143-208

11/22 Discussion of Global Chicago today

XIV * 11/25

**Congressman Mike Quigley
Illinois 5th Congressional District
“The Role of the Federal Government
in Chicago’s Future”**

First Son
Parts VI-VII
pp. 209-309

**TURN IN RESEARCH PAPER IN CLASS OR
At Professor Simpson’s Mailbox in BSB 1101**

11/27 "For the People: Local
Government Budget-Making."
DVD To be viewed at home
on your own computer.

11/29 **Thanksgiving Holiday**

XV 12/2 Course Review Lecture

* 12/4 **Fred Hess Memorial Lecture
Chicago Teachers Union President
Karen GJ Lewis, “The Future of
Education in Chicago”**

12/6 **RECEIVE TAKE-HOME EXAM**
Review of Course Discussion

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 FINAL EXAM is due in Professor Simpson’s Mailbox by Noon.
Room BSB 1101.