

# SYLLABUS

## HISTORY 2911 – U.S. CONSTITUTION & GEORGIA HISTORY

### PROFESSOR ROGER SOISET – FALL SESSION 2007

1. **Title:** U.S. Constitution and Georgia History (History 2911): A one-hour course designed to help out-of-state students meet the Georgia legislative requirement that all students have a knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and Georgia History. **This class may be taken for credit by only those students who are attempting to obtain transfer credit for U.S. History or American Government from another state.**
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 (in SPSU Bookstore). Any textbook in college-level American Government (see enclosed list).
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 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 highest test score.
7. **Office:** J 321 – 10-10:30am MWF; and 8:30-9:30am Tues/Thur (or by appt)  
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8. The course examination will be given on the following dates:

**September 20 (Thursday) at 3:00pm in J-101**  
**October 24 (Wednesday) at 1 pm in J-131**

*\*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.*

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### STUDY 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

George M. Troup

Herman Talmadge

Cherokees

Leo Frank

Cpt. John Reynolds

Ellis Arnall

Salzburgers

St. John's Parish

Henry Clinton

Wesleyan College

Robert Howe

Nancy Hart

capitals of GA

Alexander Stephens

Georgia platform

Joe Brown

James J. Andrews

Andersonville Prison

John B. Hood

John Pope

Henry Grady

Bourbonism

Populism

sharecropping

Tom Watson

Richard B. Russell

Eugene Talmadge

Walter F. George

Lester Maddox

Jimmy Carter

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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.