

**POLS 30203-01
On War**

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Course Information

Lectures: MW 8:00-9:15
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Course Description

This course is about the causes and conduct of war. It is divided into two parts. Part I reviews structural, state-level, and individual theories of the causes of war. Part II analyses the conduct of war, focusing on the Napoleonic Wars, World War I, World War II, and the Cold War.

Course Requirements

Students are required to attend all lectures, complete all the assigned readings **before** coming to class, and take three examinations (two mid-terms and a final). The teaching assistants will hold weekly office hours and **optional** review sessions before the mid-terms and final.

A. Required Reading

The following **required book** is available for purchase at the Hammes Bookstore: Roger Chickering, *Imperial Germany and the Great War, 1914-1918* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998). All other required readings are available through **e-reserve** on the Hesburgh Library website.

B. Grading

Grades are based on two mid-term examinations (25% each), and a final examination (50%). The exams will evaluate students' knowledge and understanding of the lectures **and** readings. Please read and abide by the ND Academic Code of Honor (<http://www.nd.edu/~hnr/code/>).

Course Calendar

January 19 (W)	Class 1	Introduction
Part I: Causes of War		
January 24 (M)	Class 2	Levels of Analysis
January 26 (W)	Class 3	Structural Theories (I)
January 31 (M)	Class 4	Structural Theories (II)
February 2 (W)	Class 5	Structural Cases
February 7 (M)	Class 6	State Theories (I)
February 9 (W)	Class 7	State Theories (II)
February 14 (M)	Class 8	State Cases
February 16 (W)	Class 9	Individual Theories
February 21 (M)	Class 10	Individual Cases
February 23 (W)	Class 11	FIRST MID-TERM
Part II: Conduct of War		
Napoleonic Wars		
February 28 (M)	Class 12	Pre-Revolutionary Warfare
March 2 (W)	Class 13	The Great Transformation
March 7 (M)	Class 14	Movie: <i>Waterloo</i>
World War I		
March 9 (W)	Class 15	Battlefield (I)
March 14, 16 (MW)	<i>No classes</i>	<i>Mid-semester break</i>
March 21 (M)	Class 16	Battlefield (II)
March 23 (W)	Class 17	The Home Front
March 28 (M)	Class 18	Movie: <i>Paths of Glory</i>
World War II		
March 30 (W)	Class 19	Ground War on the Eastern Front (I)
April 4 (M)	Class 20	Ground War on the Eastern Front (II)
April 6 (W)	Class 21	Movie: <i>Stalingrad</i>
April 11 (M)	Class 22	SECOND MID-TERM
April 13 (W)	Class 23	The Holocaust
April 18 (M)	Class 24	Bombing Germany and Japan
Cold War		
April 20 (W)	Class 25	Containment (I)
April 25 (M)	<i>No class</i>	Easter Monday
April 27 (W)	Class 26	Containment (II)
May 2 (M)	Class 27	Movie: <i>Thirteen Days</i>
May 4 (W)	Class 28	On War
Date (X)	0:00-0:00 AM	FINAL

Course Schedule

January 19 (W) Class 1: Introduction

January 24 (M) Class 2: Levels of Analysis

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Man, the State and War: A Theoretical Analysis* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1959), 1-15.

January 26 (W) Class 3: Structural Theories (I)

Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18, no. 4 (1988): 615-628.

John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2001), 29-46.

January 31 (M) Class 4: Structural Theories (II)

Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* 30, no. 2 (1978): 167-170, 186-206.

Dale C. Copeland, *The Origins of Major War* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2000), 11-27.

John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2001), 334-347, 356-359.

February 2 (W) Class 5: Structural Cases

Stephen Van Evera, "The Cult of the Offensive and the Origins of the First World War," *International Security* 9, no. 1 (1984): 58-107.

Dale C. Copeland, *The Origins of Major War* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2000), 56-78.

John J. Mearsheimer, *Conventional Deterrence* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1983), 99-133.

February 7 (M) Class 6: State Theories (I)

Michael W. Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs," *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 12, no. 3 (1983): 205-235.

Dan Reiter and Allan C. Stam III, "Democracy, War Initiation, and Victory," *American Political Science Review* 92, no. 2 (1998): 377-389.

February 9 (W) Class 7: State Theories (II)

Jack Snyder, "Civil-Military Relations and the Cult of the Offensive, 1914 and 1984," *International Security* 9, no. 1 (1984): 108-146.

Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1991), 21-65.

February 14 (M) Class 8: State Cases

Eckhart Kehr, "Anglophobia and *Weltpolitik*," in Kehr, ed., *Economic Interest, Militarism and Foreign Policy*, (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1977), 22-49.

Keir Lieber, "The New History of World War I and What It Means for International Relations Theory," *International Security* 32, no. 2 (2007): 155-191.

Amy Oakes, "Diversionary War and Argentina's Invasion of the Falkland Islands," *Security Studies* 15, no. 3 (2006): 431-463.

February 16 (W) Class 9: Individual Theories

Daniel L. Byman and Kenneth M. Pollack, "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the Statesman Back In," *International Security* 25, no. 4 (2001): 107-146.

Yuen Foong Khong, *Analogies at War: Korea, Munich, Dien Bien Phu, and the Vietnam Decisions of 1965* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1992), 19-40.

February 21 (M) Class 10: Individual Cases

Kenneth M. Pollack, "Next Stop Baghdad?" *Foreign Affairs* 81, no. 2 (2002): 32-47.

John J. Mearsheimer and Stephen M. Walt, "An Unnecessary War," *Foreign Policy* no. 134 (2003): 51-59.

Richard Ned Lebow, *Between Peace and War: The Nature of International Crisis* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981), 119-147.

February 23 (W) Class 11: FIRST MID-TERM EXAMINATION

February 28 (M) Class 12: Pre-Revolutionary Warfare

Michael Howard, *War in European History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1976), 54-74.

Hew Strachan, *European Armies and the Conduct of War* (London: George Allen and Unwin, 1983), 8-22.

March 2 (W) Class 13: The Great Transformation

Barry R. Posen, "Nationalism, the Mass Army, and Military Power," *International Security* 18, no. 2 (1993): 80-124.

Carl von Clausewitz, *On War*, Peter Paret, trans. (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1984), 100-112, 579-594, 605-610.

March 7 (M) Class 14: Movie—*Waterloo*

March 9 (W) Class 15: Battlefield (I)

Chickering, 10-94.

March 14, 16 (MW) No classes: Mid-semester break

March 21 (M) Class 16: Battlefield (II)

Chickering, 168-191.

March 23 (W) Class 17: The Home Front

Chickering, 95-167.

March 28 (M) Class 18: Movie—*Paths of Glory*

March 30 (W) Class 19: Ground War on the Eastern Front (I)

David M. Glantz and Jonathan House, *When Titans Clashed: How the Red Army Stopped Hitler* (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1995), 49-91.

April 4 (M) Class 20: Ground War on the Eastern Front (II)

Richard Overy, *Why the Allies Won* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1995), 63-100.

April 6 (W) Class 21: Movie—*Stalingrad*

April 11 (M) Class 22: SECOND MID-TERM EXAMINATION

April 13 (W) Class 23: The Holocaust

Omer Bartov, *Germany's War and the Holocaust* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2003), 3-32, 79-98.

April 18 (M) Class 24: Bombing Germany and Japan

Robert A. Pape, "Why Japan Surrendered," *International Security* 18, no. 2 (Fall 1993): 154-201.

April 20 (W) Class 25: Containment (I)

John Lewis Gaddis, "The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System," *International Security* 10, no. 4 (1986): 99-142.

April 25 (M) No class: Easter Monday

April 27 (W) Class 26: Containment (II)

Kenneth N. Waltz, "Nuclear Myths and Political Realities," *American Political Science Review* 84, no. 3 (1990): 731-745.

May 2 (M) Class 27: Movie—*Thirteen Days*

May 4 (W) Class 28: On War

No reading.

Date (X) 0:00-0:00 AM: FINAL EXAMINATION