

PHIL 329/PACS 316: “War and Peace”

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION: The experience of war and political violence, and the yearning for peace and non-violence, are powerful and enduring features of the human experience. This course will feature a comprehensive discussion of theory and history, of law and morality, and of national and international applications regarding armed conflict and the desire to overcome it. We have *three main lenses* with which to view the ethics of war and peace in this course: 1) conceptually or philosophically; 2) historically, especially in terms of knowing helpful details about major wars, battles, and weaponry; and 3) in terms of concrete contemporary case studies and problems (e.g.: Syria, or cyber-war).

2. METHOD: The method by which this course will proceed is through lectures and readings. A/V material will be used, and there is a LEARN site for the course— it will be used for lecture slides and course administration.

3. TEXT: There is one text recommended (but not required) for this course. It is my own: B. Orend, *The Morality of War* (Broadview: second edition, 2013). It is available at either the main, or used, UW bookstore. A few copies of it, along with several others for research purposes, are on 3-hour Reserve Reading @ Porter Library.

4. REQUIREMENTS: There are *three* requirements for this course: 1) one *in-class* mid-term exam, worth 30%; 2) one final paper, due at term’s end, worth 40%; and 3) one *take-home* final exam, worth 30%.

5. COURSE SCHEDULE: (*subject to minor revisions regarding content*)

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| Week 1 (09/11) | -Administration. Introduction to the Three Major Theories: Realism; Pacifism; and Just War Theory/International Law. Causes of Armed Conflict; and Defining “War.” |
| Week 2 (09/18) | - Starting Wars (“ <i>Jus ad Bellum</i> ”). Reading: Chapter 2, pp. 33-70 (on traditional, international, interstate wars) |
| Week 3 (09/25) | - <i>Jus ad Bellum</i> , cont’d. Reading: Chapter 3, pp. 71-110 (on such non-classical wars as civil wars, AHI, “War on Terror”, preventive war/anticipatory attack) |
| Week 4 (10/02) | - <i>Jus ad Bellum</i> , cont’d. Plus: Cyber-warfare. Reading: 171-81. |
| Week 5 (10/09) | - NO CLASS: * Thanksgiving Day/Fall Break * |
| Week 6 (10/16) | - Conduct During War (“ <i>Jus in Bello</i> ”). Reading: Chapter 4 (pp. 111-52). On strategy, soldier conduct, and weaponry.
- <i>Information about the mid-term exam</i> |

- Week 7 (10/23)** **** Mid-Term Exam **** (More as date approaches: an in-class, closed-book, written exam)
- Week 8 (10/30) - *Jus in Bello*, cont'd. **Reading:** Chapter 5 (pp. 153-71)
- Week 9 (11/06) - Justice After War ("*Jus post Bellum*"). **Reading:** Chap. 6 (pp. 185-214). On transitioning from war to peace: e.g., war crimes trials; revenge vs. rehabilitation policies; wars-without-end (?)
- Week 10 (11/13) - *Jus post Bellum*, cont'd. **Reading:** Chap. 7 (pp. 215-50).
- Week 11 (11/20) - The Realist Alternative. **Reading:** Chap. 8 (pp. 251-72).
- Week 12 (11/27) - The Pacifist Alternative. **Reading:** Chap. 9 (pp. 273-96).
- Week 13 (12/04)** - **** Last Day of Class. **** -Pacifism, cont'd.

**** Final paper is due, in class, on 12/04**.** The paper will be a 15-20 page, double-spaced (excluding notes), essay on some war and peace issue either referred to in the course, or in the text, or in the A/V materials. More next week.

**** Hand Out of Take-Home Final Exam on 12/04**, which will be due as a Word attachment into my Inbox (above) by 12 noon on Wed., Dec. 13th.** More as date draws closer.

6. Required University Policy Declarations: Note on avoidance of academic offences: All students registered in the courses of the Faculty of Arts are expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for their actions. When the commission of an offence is established, disciplinary penalties will be imposed in accord with Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline). For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students are directed to consult the summary of Policy #71 which is supplied in the Undergraduate Calendar (section 1; on the Web at <http://www.ucalendar.uwaterloo.ca/UW/policies.html>). If you need help in learning what constitutes an academic offence; how to avoid offences such as plagiarism, cheating, and double submission; how to follow appropriate rules with respect to "group work" and collaboration; or if you need clarification of aspects of the discipline policy, ask your TA and/or your course instructor for guidance. Other resources regarding the discipline policy are your academic advisor and the Undergraduate Associate Dean. Note for students with disabilities: AccessAbility, located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility at the beginning of each academic term.