

**CSCDEP 8901, 8902, 8903, 8904**  
**WEEKLY SEMINAR SCHEDULE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024**

**8901 — THEORY AND NATURE OF WAR**

**WEEK ONE – 4 September 2023**

Lesson 1: Fundamentals of Military Theory

**WEEK TWO – 11 September 2023**

Lesson 2: Napoleonic Warfare, Clausewitz, and Jomini

**WEEK THREE – 18 September 2023**

Lesson 3: The Modernization of War in America

**WEEK FOUR – 25 September 2023**

Lesson 4: The Early Twentieth Century: Modern War Comes of Age in Europe

**WEEK FIVE – 2 October 2023**

Lesson 5: Military Change in the Interwar Period

**WEEK SIX – 9 October 2023**

Lesson 6: World War II

**WEEK SEVEN – 16 October 2023**

Lesson 7: The Cold War, Sun Tzu, and John Boyd

**WEEK EIGHT – 23 October 2023**

Lesson 8: Contemporary and Future War

***8901 Course Assessment Due***

**WEEK NINE – 30 October 2023**

***Faculty grading of 8901 course examination***

**8902 — NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES**

**WEEK TEN – 6 November 2023**

Lesson 1: Foundations of National and International Security

***8902 Course Research Assessment Discussed***

**WEEK ELEVEN – 13 November 2023**

Lesson 2: Strategy

**WEEK TWELVE – 20 November 2023**


Lesson 3: Instruments of National Power

**8901 Course Close Out Due**

**WEEK THIRTEEN – 27 November 2023**

Lesson 4: National Security Decisionmaking

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**WEEK FOURTEEN – 4 December 2023**

Lesson 5: National Strategic Guidance

**WEEK FIFTEEN – 11 December 2023**

Lesson 6: Alliances and Coalitions

**DECEMBER HOLIDAY BREAK (NO SEMINAR) 19 Dec 2023 – 1 Jan 2024**

**WEEK SIXTEEN – 1 January 2024**

Lesson 7: Joint Strategic Planning System and the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution System

**WEEK SEVENTEEN – 8 January 2024**

Lesson 8: Strategic Case Study: Suez Crisis (1956)

***8902 Course Assessment Research Essay Due***

**WEEK EIGHTEEN – 15 January 2024**

***Faculty grading of 8902 course examination***

***8903 — JOINT OPERATIONS***

**WEEK NINETEEN – 22 January 2024**

Lesson 1: Evolution of Jointness

**WEEK TWENTY – 29 January 2024**

Lesson 2: Service Warfare

**WEEK TWENTY-ONE – 5 February 2024**

Lesson 3: Combatant Commands

***8902 Course Close Out Due***

**WEEK TWENTY-TWO – 12 February 2024**

Lesson 4: Joint Force Organization

**WEEK TWENTY-THREE – 19 February 2024**

Lesson 5: Higher-Level Staff Work

**WEEK TWENTY-FOUR – 26 February 2024**

Lesson 6: Interorganizational Cooperation

**WEEK TWENTY-FIVE – 4 March 2024**

Lesson 7: The Joint Operating Environment

**WEEK TWENTY-SIX – 11 March 2024**

Lesson 8: Joint Functions Case Studies

**WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN – 18 March 2024**

**8903 Course Assessment Due**

**8904 — OPERATIONAL ART**

**WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT – 25 March 2024**

Lesson 1: Operational Art

**WEEK TWENTY-NINE – 1 April 2024**

Lesson 2: Operational Design

8903 Course Close Out Due

**WEEK THIRTY – 8 April 2024**

Lesson 3: Operational Design and Leadership

**WEEK THIRTY-ONE – 15 April 2024**

Lesson 4: Joint Operation Planning

**WEEK THIRTY-TWO – 22 April 2024**

Lesson 5: Campaigning and Competition

**WEEK THIRTY-THREE – 29 April 2024**

Lesson 6: Information Operations and Operational Design Practical Exercise

**WEEK THIRTY-FOUR – 6 May 2024**

Lesson 7: Operational Design Practical Exercise

**WEEK THIRTY-FIVE – 13 May 2024**

Lesson 8: 8904 Course Assessment Practical Exercise – Refinement and Presentation

**8904 Course Close Out Due 8 June**