CSCDEP 8905, 8906, 8907, 8908 WEEKEND SEMINAR SCHEDULE AY 2026

8905 — SMALL WARS

MONTH ONE – October

Saturday Lesson 1: Introduction to Small Wars

Lesson 2: Culture in Small Wars

Sunday Lesson 3: The Law of War and Ethical Leadership in Small Wars

Lesson 4: Foreign Humanitarian Assistance and Peace Operations

Course Assessment Released

MONTH TWO – November

Saturday Lesson 5: Insurgency

Lesson 6: Counterinsurgency

Sunday Lesson 7: Transnational Threats and Terrorism

Course Assessment Due

8905 Course Close Out Due 31 November

8906 — MAGTF EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

MONTH THREE – December

Saturday Lesson 1: Leadership and Ethics

Lesson 2: Organizational Leadership

Command Philosophy Paper Assigned

Sunday Lesson 3: Expeditionary Operations

Lesson 4: Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations

Lesson 5: Rear Area Operations and Force Protection

MONTH FOUR – January

Saturday Lesson 6: Force Deployment Planning and Execution and the Maritime

Prepositioning Force

Lesson 7: Logistic Support for Expeditionary Operations

Command Philosophy Paper Due

Sunday Lesson 8: Command and Control and Intelligence

Lesson 9: MAGTF Fires and the Information Environment

8907 — NAVAL EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

MONTH FIVE – February

Saturday Lesson 1: Naval Warfare

Lesson 2: Historical Force Design in Support of Naval Expeditionary Operations

Sunday Lesson 3: Naval Expeditionary Operations From the Sea

Lesson 4: Naval Expeditionary Operations To the Sea

8906 Course Close Out Due 2 February

MONTH SIX – March

Saturday Lesson 5: Case Study: Falkland Islands

Lesson 6: Introduction to Joint Planning and Mission Analysis

Sunday Lesson 7: Joint Planning: COA Development

Lesson 8: Joint Planning: COA Analysis and Wargaming

Lesson 9: Joint Planning: COA Comparison, Approval, and Order Development

8908 — OPERATION PLANNING

MONTH SEVEN – April

Saturday Lesson 1: Operation Planning

Lesson 2: Design and Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace

Sunday Lesson 3: Problem Framing

Lesson 4: Problem Framing Practical Exercise

Planning Products Assigned and Due

MONTH EIGHT - May

Saturday Lesson 5: Course of Action Development and War Game

Lesson 6: Course of Action Development Practical Exercise

Planning Products Assigned and Due

Sunday Lesson 7: Course of Action War Game Practical Exercise

Planning Products Assigned and Due

Lesson 8: Course of Action Comparison and Decision, Orders Development, and

Transition (and Practical Exercise)

Planning Products Assigned and Due

8908 Course Close Out Due 5 June