

**CSCDEP 8901, 8902, 8903, 8904  
WEEKLY SEMINAR SCHEDULE AY 2026**

**8901 — THEORY AND NATURE OF WAR**

**WEEK ONE – 2 September**

Lesson 1: Fundamentals of Military Theory

**WEEK TWO – 8 September**

Lesson 2: Napoleonic Warfare, Clausewitz, and Jomini

**WEEK THREE – 15 September**

Lesson 3: The Modernization of War in America

**WEEK FOUR – 22 September**

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

**WEEK FIVE – 29 September**

Lesson 5: Military Change in the Interwar Period

**WEEK SIX – 6 October**

Lesson 6: World War II

**WEEK SEVEN – 13 October**

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

**WEEK EIGHT – 20 October**

Lesson 8: Contemporary and Future War

**8901 Course Assessment Due**

**WEEK NINE – 27 October**

Faculty grading of 8901 course examination

**8902 — NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES**

**WEEK TEN – 3 November**

Lesson 1: Foundations of National and International Security

**8902 Course Research Assessment Discussed**

**WEEK ELEVEN – 10 November**

Lesson 2: Strategy \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK TWELVE – 17 November**

Lesson 3: Instruments of National Power

**8901 Course Close Out Due**

**WEEK THIRTEEN – 24 November**

Lesson 4: National Security Decisionmaking

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**WEEK FOURTEEN – 1 December**

Lesson 5: National Strategic Framework

**WEEK FIFTEEN – 8 December**

Lesson 6: Alliances and Coalitions

**WEEK SIXTEEN – 15 December**

Lesson 7: Strategic Case Study: Suez Crisis (1956)

**WINTER BREAK**

**WEEK SEVENTEEN – 5 January**

Lesson 8: Joint Strategic Planning System and the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution System

***8902 Course Oral Presentation Final Exam***

***WEEK EIGHTEEN – 12 January***

***Faculty observing and grading of 8902 oral exams***

***8903 — JOINT OPERATIONS***

**WEEK NINETEEN – 19 January**

Lesson 1: Evolution of Jointness

**WEEK TWENTY – 26 January**

Lesson 2: Service Warfare

**WEEK TWENTY-ONE – 2 February**

Lesson 3: Combatant Commands

***8902 Course Close Out Due***

**WEEK TWENTY-TWO – 9 February**

Lesson 4: Joint Force Organization

**WEEK TWENTY-THREE – 16 February**

Lesson 5: Higher-Level Staff Work

**WEEK TWENTY-FOUR – 23 February**

Lesson 6: Interorganizational Cooperation

**WEEK TWENTY-FIVE – 2 March**

Lesson 7: The Joint Operating Environment

**WEEK TWENTY-SIX – 9 March**

Lesson 8: Joint Functions Case Studies

**WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN – 16 March**

***8903 Faculty Course Assessment Grading***

***8904 — OPERATIONAL ART***

**WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT – 23 March**

Lesson 1: Operational Art

**WEEK TWENTY-NINE – 30 March**

Lesson 2: Operational Leadership

***8903 Course Close Out Due***

**WEEK THIRTY – 6 April**

Lesson 3: Joint Operational Planning

**WEEK THIRTY-ONE – 13 April**

Lesson 4: Operational Design

**WEEK THIRTY-TWO – 20 April**

Lesson 5: Campaigning and Competition

**WEEK THIRTY-THREE – 27 April**

Lesson 6: Information Operations and Operational Design Practical Exercise

**WEEK THIRTY-FOUR – 4 May**

Lesson 7: Operational Design Practical Exercise

**WEEK THIRTY-FIVE – 11 May**

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

***8904 Course Close Out Due 5 June***