

**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