

**CSCDEP 8901, 8902, 8903, 8904**  
**SEMINAR SCHEDULE ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) 2018**  
**(Sep '17 – May '18)**

**8901 — THEORY AND NATURE OF WAR**

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**WEEK ONE – 11 September**

Lesson 1: Fundamentals of Military Theory

**WEEK TWO – 18 September**

Lesson 2: Napoleonic Warfare, Clausewitz and Jomini

**WEEK THREE – 25 September**

Lesson 3: The Modernization of War in America

**WEEK FOUR – 2 October**

Lesson 4: The Early Twentieth Century: Modern War comes of age in Europe

**WEEK FIVE – 9 October**

Lesson 5: Military Change in the Interwar Period

**WEEK SIX – 16 October**


Lesson 6: World War II

**WEEK SEVEN – 23 October**

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

**WEEK EIGHT – 30 October**

Lesson 8: Contemporary and Future war  
**8901 Course Examination**

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**WEEK NINE – 6 November**

Faculty grading of 8901 course examination

**BREAK FOR LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHIFT**

**8902 — NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES**

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**WEEK TEN – 27 November**

Lesson 1: Foundations of National and International Security  
**8902 Research Essay Assessment Prompt Discussed**

**WEEK ELEVEN – 4 December**

Lesson 2: Strategy

**WEEK TWELVE – 11 December**

Lesson 3: Instruments of National Power

**DECEMBER HOLIDAY BREAK (NO SEMINAR)**

**WEEK THIRTEEN – 1 January**

Lesson 4: National Security Decisionmaking

**8901 Course Close Out Due**

**WEEK FOURTEEN – 8 January**

Lesson 5: National Strategic Guidance

**WEEK FIFTEEN – 15 January**

Lesson 6: Joint Strategic Planning System and the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution System

**WEEK SIXTEEN – 22 January**

Lesson 7: Alliances and Coalitions

**WEEK SEVENTEEN – 29 January**

Lesson 8: Strategic Case Study: Suez Crisis (1956)  
**8902 Course Research Essay Due**

**WEEK EIGHTEEN – 5 February**

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***8903 — OPERATIONAL ART***

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**WEEK NINETEEN – 12 February**

Lesson 1: Operational Art

**WEEK TWENTY – 19 February**

Lesson 2: Operational Design

**WEEK TWENTY-ONE – 26 February**

Lesson 3: Operational Leadership

**WEEK TWENTY-TWO – 5 March**

Lesson 4: Joint Operation Planning

**WEEK TWENTY-THREE – 12 March**

Lesson 5: Campaigning

**8902 Course Close Out Due**

**WEEK TWENTY-FOUR – 19 March**

Lesson 6: Information Operations

**WEEK TWENTY-FIVE – 26 March**

Lesson 7: Operational Design Practical Exercise – Development

**WEEK TWENTY-SIX – 2 April**

Assessment: Operational Design Practical Exercise – Refinement and Presentation

## **8904 — JOINT OPERATIONS**

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### **WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN – 9 April**

Lesson 1: Evolution of Jointness

### **WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT – 16 April**

Lesson 2: Service Warfare

### **WEEK TWENTY-NINE – 23 April**

Lesson 3: Combatant Commands

### **WEEK THIRTY – 30 April**

Lesson 4: Joint Force Organization

### **WEEK THIRTY-ONE – 7 May**

Lesson 5: Interorganizational Cooperation

**8903 Course Close Out Due**

### **WEEK THIRTY-TWO – 14 April**

Lesson 6: The Joint Operating Environment

### **WEEK THIRTY-THREE – 21 May**

Lesson 7: Joint Functions Case Studies

### **WEEK THIRTY-FOUR – 28 May**

Lesson 8: Higher-Level Staff Work  
**8904 Course Examination**

### **WEEK THIRTY-FIVE – 4 June**

Faculty grading of 8904 course examination

**8904 Course Close Out Due 16 Jul**