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8901 — THEORY AND NATURE OF WAR

WEEK ONE – 7 September 2020
  Lesson 1: Fundamentals of Military Theory

WEEK TWO – 14 September
  Lesson 2: Napoleonic Warfare, Clausewitz, and Jomini

WEEK THREE – 21 September
  Lesson 3: The Modernization of War in America

WEEK FOUR – 28 September
  Lesson 4: The Early Twentieth Century: Modern War Comes of Age in Europe

WEEK FIVE – 5 October
  Lesson 5: Military Change in the Interwar Period

WEEK SIX – 12 October
  Lesson 6: World War II

WEEK SEVEN – 19 October
  Lesson 7: The Cold War, Sun Tzu, and John Boyd

WEEK EIGHT – 26 October
  Lesson 8: Contemporary and Future War

8901 Course Assessment Due

WEEK NINE – 2 November
  Faculty grading of 8901 course examination

8902 — NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

WEEK TEN – 9 November
  Lesson 1: Foundations of National and International Security

8902 Course Assessment Research Essay Discussed

WEEK ELEVEN – 16 November
  Lesson 2: Strategy

WEEK TWELVE – 23 November
  Lesson 3: Instruments of National Power

8901 Course Close Out Due

WEEK THIRTEEN – 30 November
  Lesson 4: National Security Decisionmaking
WEEK FOURTEEN – 7 December
  Lesson 5: National Strategic Guidance

WEEK FIFTEEN – 14 December
  Lesson 6: Alliances and Coalitions

DECEMBER HOLIDAY BREAK (NO SEMINAR) 21 Dec – 3 Jan

WEEK SIXTEEN – 4 January 2021
  Lesson 7: Joint Strategic Planning System and the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution System

WEEK SEVENTEEN – 11 January
  Lesson 8: Strategic Case Study: Suez Crisis (1956)
  **8902 Course Assessment Research Essay Due**

WEEK EIGHTEEN – 18 January
  Faculty grading of 8902 course examination

  **8904 — JOINT OPERATIONS**

WEEK NINETEEN – 25 January
  Lesson 1: Evolution of Jointness

WEEK TWENTY – 1 February
  Lesson 2: Service Warfare

WEEK TWENTY-ONE – 8 February
  Lesson 3: Combatant Commands
  **8902 Course Close Out Due**

WEEK TWENTY-TWO – 15 February
  Lesson 4: Joint Force Organization

WEEK TWENTY-THREE – 22 February
  Lesson 5: Interorganizational Cooperation

WEEK TWENTY-FOUR – 1 March
  Lesson 6: The Joint Operating Environment

WEEK TWENTY-FIVE – 8 March
  Lesson 7: Joint Functions Case Studies

WEEK TWENTY-SIX – 15 March
  Lesson 8: Higher-Level Staff Work
**WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN – 22 March**

*8904 Course Assessment Due*

**8903 — OPERATIONAL ART**

**WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT – 29 March**

Lesson 1: Operational Art

**WEEK TWENTY-NINE – 5 April**

Lesson 2: Operational Design

*8904 Course Close Out Due*

**WEEK THIRTY – 12 April**

Lesson 3: Operational Leadership

**WEEK THIRTY-ONE – 19 April**

Lesson 4: Joint Operation Planning

**WEEK THIRTY-TWO – 26 April**

Lesson 5: Campaigning

**WEEK THIRTY-THREE – 3 May**

Lesson 6: Information Operations

**WEEK THIRTY-FOUR – 10 May**

Lesson 7: Operational Design Practical Exercise – Development

**WEEK THIRTY-FIVE – 17 May**

Lesson 8: *8903 Course Assessment Practical Exercise – Refinement and Presentation*

*8903 Course Close Out Due 11 June*
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8905 — SMALL WARS

WEEK ONE – 7 September 2020
Lesson 1: Introduction to Small Wars

WEEK TWO – 14 September
Lesson 2: Culture in Small Wars

WEEK THREE – 21 September
Lesson 3: The Law of War and Ethical Leadership in Small Wars

WEEK FOUR – 28 September
Lesson 4: Foreign Humanitarian Assistance and Peace Operations

WEEK FIVE – 5 October
Lesson 5: Insurgency

8905 Course Assessment Released after completion of Lesson 5 quiz

WEEK SIX – 12 October
Lesson 6: Counterinsurgency

WEEK SEVEN – 19 October
Lesson 7: Transnational Threats and Terrorism

WEEK EIGHT – 26 October
Faculty grading of 8905 course examination

8906 — MAGTF EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

WEEK NINE – 2 November
Lesson 1: Leadership and Ethics

Command Philosophy Paper Assigned

WEEK TEN – 9 November
Lesson 2: Organizational Leadership

WEEK ELEVEN – 16 November
Lesson 3: Expeditionary Operations and Concepts

8905 Course Close Out Due

WEEK TWELVE – 23 November
Lesson 4: Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations

WEEK THIRTEEN – 30 November
Lesson 5: Rear Area Operations and Force Protection

Command Philosophy Paper Due
8906 Course Assessment Released after completion of Lesson 5 quiz

WEEK FOURTEEN – 7 December
Lesson 6: Force Deployment Planning and Execution and the Maritime Prepositioning Force

WEEK FIFTEEN – 14 December
Lesson 7: Logistic Support for Expeditionary Operations

DECEMBER HOLIDAY BREAK (NO SEMINAR) 21 Dec – 3 Jan

WEEK SIXTEEN – 4 January 2021
Lesson 8: Command and Control and Intelligence

WEEK SEVENTEEN – 11 January
Lesson 9: Fires and the Information Environment

8906 Course Assessment Due

WEEK EIGHTEEN – 18 January
Faculty grading of 8906 course examination

8907 — THE FMF and NAVAL EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

WEEK NINETEEN – 25 January
Lesson 1: Naval Warfare

WEEK TWENTY – 1 February 2020
Lesson 2: The Interwar Period and Modern Amphibious Warfare

WEEK TWENTY-ONE – 8 February 2020
Lesson 3: Amphibious Warfare Planning and Execution

8906 Course Close Out Due

WEEK TWENTY-TWO – 15 February 2020
Lesson 4: Naval Expeditionary Fires and Logistics

WEEK TWENTY-THREE – 22 February 2020
Lesson 5: LOCE, EABO and the Evolving Environment

WEEK TWENTY-FOUR – 1 March 2020
Lesson 6: Naval Expeditionary Planning Practical Exercise
8908 — OPERATION PLANNING (AND FINAL EXERCISE)

WEEK TWENTY-FIVE – 8 March 2020
   Lesson 1: Operation Planning

WEEK TWENTY-SIX – 15 March 2020
   Lesson 2: Design and Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace (IPB)

WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN – 22 March 2020
   Lesson 3: Problem Framing
   8907 Course Close Out Due

WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT – 29 March 2020
   Lesson 4: Problem Framing Practical Exercise

WEEK TWENTY-NINE – 5 April 2020
   Lesson 5: Course of Action Development and War Game

WEEK THIRTY – 12 April 2020
   Lesson 6: Course of Action Development Practical Exercise

WEEK THIRTY-ONE – 19 April 2020
   Lesson 7: Course of Action War Game Practical Exercise

WEEK THIRTY-TWO – 26 April 2020
   Lesson 8: Course of Action Comparison and Decision, Orders Development, and Transition (and Practical Exercise)

WEEK THIRTY-THREE – 3 May 2020
   Lesson F1: Mission Analysis for Stabilization (and Practical Exercise)

WEEK THIRTY-FOUR – 10 May 2020
   Lesson F2: COA Development for Stabilization (and Practical Exercise)

WEEK THIRTY-FIVE – 17 May 2020
   Lesson F3: COA Analysis and Wargaming for Stabilization (and Practical Exercise)

8908 Course Close Out Due 11 June