

**USMC Command and Staff College / Joint PME Phase 1  
NPS Section 7/22  
July 2022 – December 2023**

**8901 — THEORY AND NATURE OF WAR**

18 July 2022  
Lesson 1: Fundamentals of Military Theory  
25 July  
Lesson 2: Napoleonic Warfare, Clausewitz, and Jomini  
1 August  
Lesson 3: The Modernization of War in America  
8 August  
Lesson 4: The Early Twentieth Century: Modern War Comes of Age in Europe  
15 August  
Lesson 5: Military Change in the Interwar Period  
22 August  
Lesson 6: World War II  
29 August  
Lesson 7: The Cold War, Sun Tzu, and John Boyd  
5 September  
Lesson 8: Contemporary and Future War  
**8901 Course Assessment Due**

**12 September NPS Finals Week No Seminar**

**8902 — NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES**

19 September  
Lesson 1: Foundations of National and International Security  
**8902 Course Assessment Research Essay Discussed**  
26 September  
Lesson 2: Strategy  
3 October  
Lesson 3: Instruments of National Power  
10 October  
Lesson 4: National Security Decisionmaking  
17 October  
Lesson 5: National Strategic Guidance  
24 October  
Lesson 6: Alliances and Coalitions  
31 October  
Lesson 7: Joint Strategic Planning System and the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution System  
7 November  
Lesson 8: Strategic Case Study: Suez Crisis (1956)  
**8902 Course Assessment Research Essay Due**

**8904 — JOINT OPERATIONS**

14 November  
Lesson 1: Evolution of Jointness  
21 November  
Lesson 2: Service Warfare  
28 November  
Lesson 3: Combatant Commands  
5 December  
Lesson 4: Joint Force Organization  
**12 December NPS Finals Week No Seminar**  
**19 December—2 January 2023 Holiday Break No Seminar**  
2 January 2023  
Lesson 5: Interorganizational Cooperation  
9 January  
Lesson 6: The Joint Operating Environment  
16 January  
Lesson 7: Joint Functions Case Studies  
23 January  
Lesson 8: Higher-Level Staff Work  
**8904 Course Assessment Due**

**8903 — OPERATIONAL ART**

30 January  
Lesson 1: Operational Art  
6 February  
**13 March NPS Finals Week No Seminar**  
Lesson 2: Operational Design  
13 February  
Lesson 3: Operational Leadership  
20 February  
Lesson 4: Joint Operation Planning  
27 February  
Lesson 5: Campaigning  
6 March  
**13 March NPS Finals Week No Seminar**  
Lesson 6: Information Operations  
20 March  
Lesson 7: Operational Design PE – Development  
27 March  
Lesson 8: Course Assessment PE – Refinement and Presentation

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**8905 — SMALL WARS**

3 April 2023  
Lesson 1: Introduction to Small Wars  
10 April  
Lesson 2: Culture in Small Wars  
17 April  
Lesson 3: The Law of War and Ethical Leadership in Small Wars  
24 April  
Lesson 4: Foreign Humanitarian Assistance and Peace Operations  
1 May  
Lesson 5: Insurgency  
**8905 Course Assessment Released**  
8 May  
Lesson 6: Counterinsurgency  
15 May  
Lesson 7: Transnational Threats and Terrorism

**8906 — MAGTF EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS**

22 May  
Lesson 1: Leadership and Ethics  
**Command Philosophy Paper Assigned**  
29 May  
Lesson 2: Organizational Leadership  
5 June  
Lesson 3: Expeditionary Operations and Concepts  
**12 June NPS Finals Week No Seminar**  
**19 June—5 July 2023 Holiday Break No Seminar**  
3 July  
Lesson 4: Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations  
10 July  
Lesson 5: Rear Area Operations and Force Protection  
**Command Philosophy Paper Due**  
**8906 Course Assessment Release**  
17 July  
Lesson 6: Force Deployment Planning and Execution and the Maritime Prepos  
Force  
31 July  
Lesson 7: Logistic Support for Expeditionary Operations  
7 August  
Lesson 8: Command and Control and Intelligence  
14 August  
Lesson 9: Fires and the Information Environment  
**8906 Course Assessment Due**

**8907 — NAVAL EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS**

21 August  
Lesson 1: Naval Warfare  
28 August  
Lesson 2: Amphibious Warfare  
4 September  
Lesson 3: Amphibious Warfare Planning and Execution  
**11 September NPS Finals Week No Seminar**  
18 September  
Lesson 4: Naval Expeditionary Fires and Logistics  
25 September  
Lesson 5: Naval Expeditionary Operations in the Evolving Environment  
2 October  
Lesson 6: Naval Expeditionary Planning PE

**11 September NPS Finals Week No Seminar**

**8908 — OPERATION PLANNING FINAL EXERCISE**

9 October  
Lesson 1: Operation Planning  
16 October  
Lesson 2: Design and Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace (IPB)  
23 October  
Lesson 3: Problem Framing  
30 October  
Lesson 4: Problem Framing Practical Exercise  
6 November  
Lesson 5: COA Development and War Game  
13 November  
Lesson 6: COA Development Practical Exercise  
20 November  
Lesson 7: COA War Game Practical Exercise  
27 November  
Lesson 8: COA Comparison and Decision, Orders Dev, and Transition PE  
4 December  
Lesson F1: Mission Analysis for Stabilization PE  
Lesson F2: COA Development for Stabilization PE  
Lesson F3: COA Analysis and Wargaming for Stabilization PE

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