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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
12 September NPS Finals Week  No Seminar

8901 Course Assessment Due

8902 — NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES
19 September
Lesson 1: Foundations of National and International Security
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 Discussed

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 6: 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 Released
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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