

CURRICULUM IN PEACE, WAR, AND DEFENSE

Introduction

Peace and war are among the oldest dreams and most difficult challenges of human experience. The curriculum brings together faculty and courses from many disciplines to provide undergraduates with a range of approaches to the fundamental issues of human conflict and national and global security and defense. The curriculum prepares majors for graduate work in several of the humanities and social sciences, for a variety of professional schools, and for a range of employment. Graduates have found employment with federal agencies, state and local governments, banks, and other businesses. Others have attended graduate and professional schools in government, history, international relations, and law. The strength of the curriculum is its broad interdisciplinary perspective combined with its depth of focus on topics that span the range of human experience across time and national boundaries, from science and technology to ethics and public policy. In addition to coursework, the curriculum sponsors guest speakers and field trips, and provides majors with help and advice on internships and career planning.

Advising

All majors have a primary academic advisor from the Academic Advising Program (<https://advising.unc.edu/>). Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly with their advisor and review their Tar Heel Tracker each semester. The curriculum's student services manager and the chair work with current and prospective majors by appointment (see contacts tab above). Further information on courses, internships, the honors program, careers, and graduate schools may be obtained from the curriculum's website (<https://pwad.unc.edu/>).

Graduate School and Career Opportunities

The curriculum prepares majors for graduate work in several of the humanities and social sciences, for a variety of professional schools, and for a range of employment. Graduates work for federal agencies, state and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, businesses, and other employers. Others have attended graduate and professional schools in government, history, international relations, and law.

Majors

- Peace, War, and Defense Major, B.A. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/peace-war-defense-major-ba/>)

Minors

- Conflict Management Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/conflict-management-minor/>)

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PWAD—Peace, War, and Defense

Undergraduate-level Courses

 **PWAD 69. First-Year Seminar: Wars and Veterans: Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan. 3 Credits.**

In this seminar, we will explore the various ways that Iran-Iraq, United States-Iraq, and United States-Afghanistan wars have been portrayed in literature, film, and photography. We will deepen and enrich our understanding of war experienced by both veterans and civilians. We will also read articles on war criticism and psychology.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR, FC-CREATE or FC-GLOBAL.
Making Connections Gen Ed: LA, CI, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ASIA 69.

 **PWAD 89. First-Year Seminar: Special Topics. 3 Credits.**

Special topics course. Content will vary each semester.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FY-SEMINAR.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **PWAD 101. Making Public Policy. 3 Credits.**

Overview of the policymaking process and of major public policy issues. Study of policy and political challenges in areas such as economic and tax policy, the social safety net, income support and the minimum wage, health care, education, environment and energy, foreign policy and national security, and homeland security. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-KNOWING.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PLCY 101.

PWAD 108. Our Energy and Climate Crises: Challenges and Opportunities. 4 Credits.

Students quantify global depletion of energy resources and accompanying environmental degradation, hence discovering the profound changes in attitudes and behavior required to adjust to diminished fossil fuels and modified climate.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: PL, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ENEC 108.

PWAD 110. Global Policy Issues. 3 Credits.

Global issues are challenges whose sources, impacts, and solutions extend beyond the borders of any one country. This course introduces students to some of the most pressing issues facing populations around the globe and to possible policy responses. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-KNOWING.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PLCY 110, GLBL 110.

PWAD 120. World Regional Geography. 3 Credits.

A survey of the geographic structure of human activity in major world regions and nations. Emphasizes current developments related to population, urbanization, and economic activity. (Core)

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: GEOG 120.

PWAD 132. Modern Southeast Asia. 3 Credits.

The history of Southeast Asia from the 19th century to the present. Long-term political, economic, social, and intellectual questions, including the impact of imperialism, the rise of nationalism, the transformation of the economy, the Cold War, and the coherence of Southeast Asia as a region.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 132, ASIA 132.

PWAD 134. Modern East Asia. 3 Credits.

Comparative and interdisciplinary introduction to China and Japan in the 19th and 20th centuries, focusing on impact of the West, nation building, industrialization, and evolution of mass society.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 134, ASIA 134.

PWAD 150. International Relations and Global Politics. 3 Credits.

An introduction to the study of political and economic relations in the international system. Topics covered include international conflict, trade, global finance, international institutions, civil war, and human rights. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FY-LAUNCH (only designated sections), FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 150.

PWAD 161. Literature of War from World War I to the 21st Century. 3 Credits.

This is a class about literature and war and what each might teach us about the other. We will consider a range of texts and center our work around this question: what, if anything, can a work of art help us see or understand about war that might not be shown by other means? Students may not receive credit for both ENGL 73 and ENGL 161.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-AESTH or FC-KNOWING.

Making Connections Gen Ed: LA, CI.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ENGL 161.

PWAD 205. War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1618-1815. 3 Credits.

The history of European international politics from the outbreak of the Thirty Years War to the Congress of Vienna. Considers the sources of national power, the reasons for war, and the changing nature of diplomacy.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: GL, WB.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 205.

PWAD 206. War, Diplomacy, and Statecraft, 1815-1945. 3 Credits.

The history of international politics from the fall of Napoleon to the end of the Second World War, with special attention to European nationalism, imperialism, the emergence of non-European great powers, the reasons for war, and the search for peace.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 206.

PWAD 207. The Global Cold War. 3 Credits.

A survey of the Cold War from its origins in the aftermath of the Second World War to its conclusion in the late 1980s. Focuses on the geopolitical, military, ideological, and economic aspects of the global superpower conflict.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 207.

PWAD 212. History of Sea Power. 3 Credits.

The influence of sea power on international affairs will be surveyed from ancient times to the present. Emphasis on United States naval history and its interaction with diplomacy, economics, and technology.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 212.

PWAD 213. Air Power and Modern Warfare. 3 Credits.

Examines air power theory and practice from 1914 to the present. Focuses on the application of air power as an instrument of war and the effectiveness of that application.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 213, AERO 213.

PWAD 220. The Politics of Public Policy. 3 Credits.

Examines approaches to American politics and public policy and analyzes why government responds to problems in predictable ways. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PLCY 220.

PWAD 235. Israeli Cinema: Gender, Nation, and Ethnicity. 3 Credits.

The course explores major periods and trends in Israeli cinema. Focus is given to issues pertaining to gender, ethnicity, and the construction of national identity. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-AESTH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: VP, BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ASIA 235, JWST 235.

PWAD 238. The American Revolution, 1763-1815. 3 Credits.

Major topics: constitutional conflict in the British empire; independence and war; Confederation and Constitution; growth of political parties and nationality in a period of domestic change and international conflict. Previously offered as HIST/PWAD 564.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 238.

PWAD 245. The United States and the Cold War: Origins, Development, Legacy. 3 Credits.

This is both a wide-ranging and detailed course that looks at the origins, the evolution, and the termination of the Cold War from 1945 to 1989/90. It also considers the "New Cold War" with Russia that developed in 2014. The course is based on an international and multinational perspective.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 245.

PWAD 248. Guerrillas and Counterinsurgencies in Latin America. 3 Credits.

This course examines the leftist guerrilla movements that swept Latin America and the Caribbean during the latter half of the 20th century. Students will analyze the origins, trajectories, and legacies of these insurgencies, paying particular attention to the roles of race, class, and gender. Previously offered as HIST/PWAD 528.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 248.

PWAD 250. Introduction to Peace and Security Studies. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the problem of war and violent conflict in human experience and the contemporary world, and efforts to prevent, avoid, or ameliorate war and its effects. Content will vary by instructor and disciplinary perspective but will include causes of war, deterrence, irregular war, and the future of war. Previously offered as PWAD 350.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-POWER.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 251. The Thirty Years War (1618-1648): Europe in an Age of Crisis. 3 Credits.

A critical examination of the significance of the Thirty Years' War for 17th-century Europe's social, religious, military, and geopolitical history. The representation of the conflict in art and literature also receives attention.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, WB.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 251.

PWAD 252. International Organizations and Global Issues. 3 Credits.

Examines international organizations and their relationships with and impact upon international politics, international law, and selected global issues. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 252.

PWAD 253. Problems in World Order. 3 Credits.

An examination of selected topics in international relations, such as security and defense, international integration, and north-south relations.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 253.

PWAD 254. War and Society in Early Modern Europe. 3 Credits.

A critical examination, from the Renaissance to the Napoleonic period, of the changes in European land and naval warfare and their impact on society and government.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA, WB.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 254.

PWAD 260. Crisis and Change in Russia and Eastern Europe. 3 Credits.

Draws on historical, political, economic, and sociological perspectives to analyze social, cultural, and institutional change.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 260, SOCI 260.

PWAD 262. History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews. 3 Credits.

Anti-Semitism; the Jews of Europe; the Hitler dictatorship; evolution of Nazi Jewish policy from persecution to the Final Solution; Jewish response; collaborators, bystanders, and rescuers; aftermath.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 262, JWST 262.

PWAD 266. Global History of Warfare. 3 Credits.

The history of warfare from its prehistoric origins to the present. The focus is on interactions between peoples around the world and particularly on the problems of innovation and adaptation. Previously offered as HIST/PWAD 351.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 266.

PWAD 268. War, Revolution, and Culture: Trans-Atlantic Perspectives, 1750-1850. 3 Credits.

The course explores the dramatic historical changes from 1750 to 1850 and their intersection with and reflection in arts, literature, and music in a trans-Atlantic perspective.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 272. The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense. 3 Credits.

An analysis of ethical issues that arise in peace, war, and defense, e.g., the legitimacy of states, just war theory, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-POWER or FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, GL, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PHIL 272, POLI 272.

PWAD 273. Water, Conflict, and Connection in the Middle East. 3 Credits.

Water has played many pivotal roles in the societies and politics of Middle Eastern peoples. This course will survey the history of water in the region, including its uses in agriculture and ritual, transport, and technology. We will explore water's impact on public health and the effects of water pollution on local societies. Finally, we will focus on the effects of the region's water scarcity in cross-border political conflicts.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 273.

PWAD 277. The Conflict over Israel/Palestine. 3 Credits.

Explores the conflict over Palestine during the last 100 years. Surveys the development of competing nationalisms, the contest for resources and political control that led to the partition of the region, the war that established a Jewish state, and the subsequent struggles between conflicting groups for land and independence.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 277, ASIA 277.

PWAD 280. Anthropology of War and Peace. 3 Credits.

Cross-cultural perspectives on war in its relation to society, including Western and non-Western examples. Surveys political, economic, and cultural approaches to warfare and peacemaking.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-KNOWING or FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ANTH 280.

PWAD 281. The Pacific War, 1937-1945: Its Causes and Legacy. 3 Credits.

An examination of the origins of the Pacific War, the course of this bitter and momentous conflict, and its complex legacy for both Asia and the United States.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 281, ASIA 281.

PWAD 283. Freedom, Terror, and Identity: Modern Philosophy from Kant to Arendt. 3 Credits.

This course investigates how philosophical thought motivates, inspires, and generates forms of agency and identity against cultural tendencies that limit or erode freedom. Readings, lecture, and discussion in English.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: PH, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: GERM 283.

PWAD 287. Strategy and International Relations. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the study of strategic decision making in international relations, with an emphasis on the application of basic game theoretic models. Incorporates in-class simulations of international relations scenarios.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-KNOWING or FC-QUANT.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL, QI.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 287.

PWAD 289. Sounds of War and Revolution. 3 Credits.

Music's roles in war and revolution within various political, social, and cultural contexts. Part of the cluster "War, Revolution and Culture-Transatlantic Perspectives, 1750-1850."

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: VP, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: MUSC 289.

PWAD 300. Apology, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation - The Case of Northern Ireland. 3 Credits.

The course, which will take place in Belfast, Northern Ireland, aims to answer the following question: What does it take for an individual and a group to heal? And what does reconciliation mean and look like? The platform of Northern Ireland's conflict (aka "The Trouble") will be used to understand the challenges and successes of healing on an individual and group level. The course will provide a nuanced understanding of apology and forgiveness.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL, HI-ABROAD.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: GLBL 300.

PWAD 312. History of France and Algeria. 3 Credits.

This course covers France's conquest, rule, and loss of Algeria, and the relationship between French and Algerian people in Algeria and France from 1830 to the present. Topics such as modern French and North African history, colonialism, Islam, immigration, terror/torture, and cross-cultural exchange are all featured in this transnational course.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-PAST or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 312.

PWAD 331. Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia. 3 Credits.

What happened when the British carved Pakistan out of the predominately Muslim corners of India? Readings and films focus on the causes and consequences of this event, the Partition of India. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-PAST, RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ASIA 331, HIST 335.

PWAD 352. The History of Intelligence Operations. 3 Credits.

This course reviews the historic development of intelligence organizations and operations. Primary focus is on the modern world and the correlation between intelligence and national security concerns.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 353. Intelligence Analysis: Research Methods and Writing. 3 Credits.

Examines intelligence analysis methodology and products from a variety of settings and customer-types. An overview of the intelligence process and of collection strategies will also be conducted. The primary emphasis will be on conducting actual analysis of raw information to produce an intelligence estimate as a capstone to the course.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 354. War and Gender in Movies. 3 Credits.

The course examines and compares the images of war and gender that movies from different time periods and countries propagate and explores the different factors that influence these images and thereby the perception and recollection of war. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 354, WGST 353.

PWAD 355. Terrorism and Political Violence. 3 Credits.

This course is a multi-disciplinary analysis of the phenomena of terrorism and political violence, their history, causes, the threat they pose, and what steps the United States can take in response.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: COMM 355.

PWAD 356. Strategic Intelligence and International Security. 3 Credits.
Course investigates policies, issues, key problems, and potential solutions in strategic intelligence and international security. In addition to readings and class simulations, the students will write an issue paper similar to those prepared within the national security community assessing the future environment and suggesting policies and strategies.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 357. International Intelligence Services. 3 Credits.

This course examines international intelligence services within the context of national and homeland security. Prominent subjects include human intelligence (HUMINT), covert action, and counterintelligence, as well as the organizations, missions, and functions of international intelligence and security services.

Rules & Requirements


Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 358. Cyber Security: Advanced and Persistent Threats to National Security. 3 Credits.

Course investigates the concept, framework, and applications of cyber security; analyzes the relevant contextual background and current cyber security issues. Addresses cyber security from the perspective of the relevance of cyber security within national and international security policy formulation and implementation. Not a computer science nor information technology course.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **PWAD 359. Comparative History of National Intelligence Regimes. 3 Credits.**

Explores the origins and evolution of national intelligence regimes in various countries throughout the latter half of the 20th century. Includes comparative examples from intelligence services in the United States, the Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia, Israel, Great Britain, China, and Iraq. Applies historical knowledge to understanding current intelligence issues, such as telecommunications monitoring, drone warfare, and counterterrorism.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-GLOBAL or FC-PAST.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 360. The History of Warning Intelligence. 3 Credits.

Course studies the evolution of the warning mission and its role in modern intelligence organizations. Primarily but not entirely focused on the American experience. Ancient through modern case studies are used with a particular emphasis on the methodologies developed to improve warning and the problems inherent to the warning mission.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS.

Grading Status: Letter grade.


PWAD 361. The History of Deception. 3 Credits.

Course examines strategic, operational, and tactical deception in warfare through history. This process entails describing and assessing the objectives, methodologies, and results of specific deception operations. There is a particular emphasis on the role of deception regarding intelligence collection and analysis, as well as the methods utilized to detect deception.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **PWAD 363. Ethical Issues in Intelligence and National Security. 3 Credits.**

An exploration of the unique ethical and moral challenges that intelligence and national security present for policymakers, intelligence professionals, and citizens. Examples are drawn from a variety of places and times throughout history, with an emphasis on U.S. examples.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-VALUES.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 364. Post-Conflict and Peacebuilding. 3 Credits.

This course considers theories of peacebuilding and state-building, investigates the various challenges facing post-conflict states, and assesses the role that international actors play in this process. Case study based.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 368. War and American Society to 1903. 3 Credits.

The American military experience from colonial times to the early 20th century. Major themes include the problem of security, the development of military policies and institutions, and the way in which the country waged and experienced war.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 368.

PWAD 369. War and American Society. 3 Credits.

Survey of America's military experience in the 20th century, focusing on national security policy, military institutions, World Wars I and II, the Cold War, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and recent interventions.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 369.

PWAD 373. The United States in World War II. 3 Credits.

A history of the United States in World War II (1941-1945): home front and military front.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 373.

PWAD 388. Chinese Strategic Thought: Antiquity to the Present. 3 Credits.

This course will introduce undergraduates to Chinese strategic and military thought through the translated writings of some of China's most significant philosophers, intellectuals, and political leaders, from antiquity to the present. Students will explore historical characteristics of Chinese strategy and consider the influence of these ideas in current international relations.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, BN.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 388.

 PWAD 393. Internship in Peace, War, and Defense. 3 Credits.

Students are encouraged to undertake unpaid internships with branches of the federal government, international organizations, and selected nongovernment organizations. Pass/Fail only, with the written approval of the department chair. Does not count as a course in the major, but can be combined with an independent study such as PWAD 396.

Rules & Requirements

 IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: HI-INTERN.

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Academic Internship.

Grading Status: Pass/Fail.

PWAD 396. Independent Study in Peace, War, and Defense. 1-6 Credits.

Permission of the instructor. Independent study and reading. Special reading and research activities in a selected field under the supervision of a faculty member.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate-level Courses**PWAD 411. Social Movements. 3 Credits.**

Examines the origins, dynamics, and consequences of protest and social movements including historical and contemporary movements from the United States and around the globe. Students may not receive credit for both SOCI 413 and 411.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: SOCI 411.

PWAD 416. Constitutional Policies and the Judicial Process. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the structure and functions of judicial systems emphasizing the organization, administration, and politics of judicial bureaucracies and roles of judges, juries, counsel, litigants, and interested groups in adjudication processes.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 416.

PWAD 421. Alexander. 3 Credits.

The rise of Macedonia; the careers of Philip II and Alexander (with emphasis on the latter's campaigns); the emerging Hellenistic Age. The course integrates computer (including Web site) and audiovisual materials throughout.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA, WB.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 421.

PWAD 422. Ancient Greek Warfare. 3 Credits.


War and the warrior in the archaic and classical Greek world, seventh to the fourth centuries BCE. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA, WB.


Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 422.

 PWAD 425. Beyond Hostilities: Israeli-Palestinian Exchanges and Partnerships in Film, Literature, and Music. 3 Credits.

Focuses on the various collaborations, exchanges, and mutual enrichment between Israelis and Palestinians in the realm of culture, particularly literature and cinema. These connections include language (Israeli Jewish authors writing in Arabic and Palestinian writers who choose Hebrew as their language of expression), collaborating in filmmaking, and joint educational initiatives.

Rules & Requirements

 IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: BN, GL.


Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ASIA 425, JWST 425.

 PWAD 427. Cold War Culture in East Asia: Transnational and Intermedial Connections. 3 Credits.

This course introduces students to the specific contours that the Cold War accrued in East Asia. Focusing on literature and film, it explores what the fall of the Japanese Empire and the emergence of the post-1945 world meant across the region.

Rules & Requirements

 IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-GLOBAL or FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: LA, BN, CI.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ASIA 427, CMPL 527.

PWAD 430. Analysis of National Security Policy. 3 Credits.

Course explores contemporary threats to national security, approaches to national security strategy, policy instruments, the role of military force, and the policy-making process.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PLCY 430, POLI 430.

PWAD 432. The Crusades. 3 Credits.

Students in this course will examine Christian attitudes toward holy war, crusading, and other forms of coercive violence from the 11th until the 15th centuries, with a focus on the major crusades of the Holy Land.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA, WB.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 435. The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa. 3 Credits.

This course explores the social, cultural, political, and economic contexts in which films are made and exhibited and focuses on shared intra-regional cinematic trends pertaining to discourse, aesthetics, and production.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-AESTH or FC-GLOBAL.

Making Connections Gen Ed: VP, BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ASIA 435, CMPL 535.

PWAD 443. American Foreign Policy: Formulation and Conduct. 3 Credits.

The role of Congress, the press, public opinion, the president, the secretary and the Department of State, the military, and the intelligence community in making American foreign policy. Emphasizes the impact of the bureaucratic process on the content of foreign policy.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 150; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 443.

PWAD 444. Terrorism and International Peace. 3 Credits.

The U.S. 9/11 attack represents the defining terrorist attack to Americans, but in most of the world, terrorism has long been part of politics. We will examine what motivates individuals to consider violence, how individuals organize to protect their political interests, the types of tactics used by violent groups and the state's response, before concluding with a study of collapsed states, the international implications of political violence, and possibilities for conflict resolution.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 444.

PWAD 450. Internal and Interpersonal Conflict Management. 3 Credits.

This course aims to provide students with the tools necessary to most effectively engage in interpersonal conflicts. Students engage with diverse conflict management practitioners—from formally incarcerated individuals to public policy negotiation to international conflict mediators and role-play cross-cultural communication, inter-governmental negotiations, human rights, and workplace negotiations. Students will learn new negotiation and mediation skills, build upon existing ones, and learn to cope with stress, discomfort, and emotions when in conflict. Previously offered as PLCY/PWAD 330.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: COMMBEYOND.

Making Connections Gen Ed: CI.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PLCY 450.

PWAD 452. Africa and International Conflict. 3 Credits.

The purpose of this course is to examine Africa's conflicts using an historical examination and advances in international relations theory. We will examine European colonial intervention, the wars of independence, the Cold War, and the use of proxies, insurgencies, the African World War, the Sudanese War, and the "war of terrorism."

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 452.

PWAD 453. Political Geography. 3 Credits.

The geography of politics is explored at the global, the nation-state, and the local scale in separate course units, but the interconnections between these geographical scales are emphasized throughout. (GHA)

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-KNOWING or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: GEOG 453.

PWAD 457. International Conflict Processes. 3 Credits.

Analysis of international conflict and the causal mechanisms that drive or prevent conflict. Emphasis is on the conditions and processes of conflict and cooperation between nations.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 457.

 **PWAD 458. International Conflict Management and Resolution. 3 Credits.**

Examines the management and resolution of international and civil wars. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS.

Requisites: Prerequisite, POLI 150.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 458.

PWAD 459. Trans-Atlantic Security. 3 Credits.

The course explores the development of Euro-Atlantic security institutions (NATO, EU) and compares security policy in the United States and Europe. Cases include policy toward the Balkans, Afghanistan, Russia, and Ukraine. Includes review of concepts of security and selected international relations approaches to international organizations. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 459.

 **PWAD 460. International Economics. 3 Credits.**

An introduction to international trade, the balance of payments, and related issues of foreign economic policy.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-GLOBAL.

Requisites: Prerequisites, ECON 400 and 410; a grade of C or better in ECON 400 and 410 is required.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ECON 460, EURO 460.

 **PWAD 462. The Arab-Jews: Culture, Community, and Coexistence. 3 Credits.**

This course is designed to examine Jewish life in Arab lands in the last century by examining culture, language, and the communal life that the Arab-Jews shared with their neighbors.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-GLOBAL or FC-POWER.

Making Connections Gen Ed: BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ASIA 462, JWST 462.

PWAD 465. Literature of Atrocity: The Gulag and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. 3 Credits.

Historical contexts and connections through artistic representation of the Holocaust and Soviet terror in Eastern Europe and the USSR. Taught in English; some foreign language readings for qualified students.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: LA, BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: GSLL 465, JWST 465.

PWAD 469. Conflict and Intervention in the Former Yugoslavia. 3 Credits.

Focuses on ethnic and political conflicts in the former Yugoslavia and efforts by the international community to end conflict and promote peace and reconstruction. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, GL.


Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: POLI 469.

 **PWAD 481. Religion, Fundamentalism, and Nationalism. 3 Credits.**

An exploration of explosive combinations of religion and politics in the Iranian revolution, the Palestinian movement, Hindu nationalism in India, and Christian fundamentalism in America.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-GLOBAL or FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: SS, BN, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: RELI 481.

 **PWAD 483. Conflict, Development, and U.S. Foreign Policy. 3 Credits.**

The course will examine the drivers and consequences of violent intrastate conflict, including civil war, communal conflict, terrorism and cartel/gang violence. It will consider COVID-19 and climate change as threat multipliers. And the course will explore U.S. interests and strategies for preventing or reducing conflicts and promoting development. It will use case studies to illustrate the effectiveness of various policy instruments and the role of local and international actors, structural factors and institutions.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-GLOBAL or FC-POWER.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **PWAD 484. Critical Security Studies. 3 Credits.**

Introduces major topics in the interdisciplinary field of critical security studies. Critically analyzing the public construction of risk and security in military, technological, informational, and environmental domains, the course explores major theories that attempt to make sense of the transnational proliferation of violence and risk in historical and contemporary contexts.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed:** FC-KNOWING or FC-VALUES.

Making Connections Gen Ed: CI, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ENGL 488.

PWAD 485. Extremism, Terrorism, and Security in Postwar Europe. 3 Credits.

In the debate on how to efficiently combat terrorism without abandoning the rule-of-law, it is often neglected that this is not a new problem. This course will examine European states' reactions to national and international terrorism since the 1960s. Case studies will include Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 486.

PWAD 486. National Security Decision Making. 1-3 Credits.

Permission of the instructor. Explores national security policy formation through analyzing the United States national security apparatus, the elements of national power, and historical examples of their application. Also examines the merits of various approaches to national security decision making. A course for senior majors in PWAD.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 488. Nuclear Security in the 21st Century. 3 Credits.

Examines the history of and contemporary problems associated with nuclear security and counter-proliferation.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 489. Empire and Diplomacy. 3 Credits.

Examines the history of the British Empire and the role of peace, war, defense, diplomacy, and letters in shaping Britain's presence on the world stage. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: LA, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: CMPL 489.

PWAD 490. Special Topics in Peace, War, and Defense. 3 Credits.

Subject matter will vary with instructor, but will focus on some particular topic or historical approach. Course description available from departmental office.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 4 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 517. Gender, Military, and War. 3 Credits.

This course introduces students to new research on the history of gender, the military, and war in a comparative perspective. It explores the interrelations between changing military systems, types of warfare, the gender order, as well as political, social, and cultural currents in modern history.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 517, WGST 517.

PWAD 565. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1900. 3 Credits.

Focus is on causes, nature, and consequences of the Civil War.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 565.

PWAD 570. The Vietnam War. 3 Credits.

A wide-ranging exploration of America's longest war, from 19th-century origins to 1990s legacies, from village battlegrounds to the Cold War context, from national leadership to popular participation and impact.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 570, ASIA 570.

PWAD 574. War and Culture. 3 Credits.

Examines American cultural myths about war generally and specifically about the causes of war, enemies, weapons, and warriors, and the way these myths constrain foreign and defense policy, military strategy, and procurement.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: COMM 574.

PWAD 575. Presidential Rhetoric. 3 Credits.

The power of the presidency depends in part upon the president's ability to rally public opinion, which depends upon the president's ability to use the "bully pulpit." This course examines the hurdles presidents face and the steps presidents take to shape opinion.

Rules & Requirements

Requisites: Prerequisite, COMM 170.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: COMM 575.

PWAD 577. United States Foreign Relations in the 20th Century. 3 Credits.

How the United States came to occupy a leading role in world affairs as a diplomatic, military, economic, and cultural power and what that role has meant to Americans and to other peoples, especially during the Cold War.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL, NA.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 577.

PWAD 578. Transatlantic Relations and Contemporary Geo-Politics from the Cold War to the Present. 3 Credits.

This course considers transatlantic relations in its security, political, and economic dimensions. The course also analyzes U.S. attempts to construct a more united European continent. It is the main aim of this course to give students a structured overview of transatlantic relations and geo-political developments from 1945 to the present.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: HIST 578.

PWAD 635. Military Leadership and Public Service. 3 Credits.

Leadership as taught and demonstrated in the military and how it translates to leadership in public service, including the interrelationship of the military and other public service and the transition of veterans to civilian leadership roles.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: PUBA 635.

PWAD 652. International Law. 3 Credits.

Permission of curriculum chair and instructor required. Practical problems of international law, including its nature; treaty making, interpretation, enforcement, and termination; recognition; territory; nationality; jurisdiction and immunities; state responsibility and international claims; and the law of war and neutrality.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 659. War in 20th-Century Literature. 3 Credits.

A study of literary works written in English concerning World War I, or the Spanish Civil War and World War II, or the Vietnam War. Honors version available.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: FC-AESTH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: LA, GL.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ENGL 659.

PWAD 660. War in Shakespeare's Plays. 3 Credits.

The focus is on Shakespeare's various treatments of war in his plays: all his Roman histories, most of his English histories, all his tragedies, even some of his comedies.

Rules & Requirements

Grading Status: Letter grade.

Same as: ENGL 660.

PWAD 670. Peace Making in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. 3 Credits.

Research-intensive seminar focusing on the barriers preventing peace making from occurring. The course will make a distinction between making peace among individuals and achieving a political solution between governments and organizations.

Rules & Requirements

Making Connections Gen Ed: CI, EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 673. Post-Conflict Security Challenges. 3 Credits.

A research seminar exploring the post-conflict challenges associated with force demobilization, state building, and military and security sector reforms. This course considers theories of post-conflict security and investigates the assorted challenges faced by post-conflict states. Students will conduct a significant independent research project.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 674. Research Seminar on the History of Covert Action. 3 Credits.

Examines historical dimensions of the phenomenon known as covert action, in which states are motivated to conceal their responsibility for foreign intervention. This behavior has important and far-reaching implications for international security, diplomacy, and law that are explored through class discussions and in-depth original research projects.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: CI, EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 675. War, Crimes against Humanity, and Justice. 3 Credits.

This course examines the devastation of war and conflict throughout the 19th and 20th centuries; war crimes, genocide, and other atrocities; the creation of the term "Crimes against Humanity" in international law; and the various attempts to use legal trials to bring about peace and justice in a chaotic world. We will explore the challenges of international institutions and international laws in maintaining peace in a world of nation-states and national sovereignty.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: CI, EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 676. Law and National Security from the U.S. Civil War to the Global War on Terror. 3 Credits.

This seminar examines themes of good governance and the rule of law in United States history from 1860 to the present. It is targeted at students seeking to acquire graduate level knowledge of national and international security legal and policy issues, and to apply that knowledge to an independent research effort.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: HS, EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 680. Research Seminar in Peace, War, and Defense. 3 Credits.

Undergraduate research seminar intended to provide an intensive research and writing experience for juniors and seniors in the major. Topic will vary by instructor. This course will emphasize developing research, writing, and presentation skills in topics relevant to the study of the problems of peace and security.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: CI, EE- Mentored Research.

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 9 total credits. 3 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 690. Seminars in Peace, War, and Defense. 3 Credits.

Seminars on aspects of peace, war, and defense that lead to the production of a significant research product. Past topics have included arms control, public opinion and national security, and the Cold War.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat Rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 9 total credits. 3 total completions.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

PWAD 691H. Honors in Peace, War, and Defense. 3 Credits.

Permission of the instructor. Directed research on an independent basis for majors who are preparing an honors thesis and for the oral examination on the thesis.

Rules & Requirements

IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

 **PWAD 692H. Honors in Peace, War, and Defense. 3 Credits.**

Directed research on an independent basis for majors who are preparing an honors thesis and for the oral examination on the thesis.

Rules & Requirements

 **IDEAs in Action Gen Ed: RESEARCH.**

Making Connections Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.

Requisites: Prerequisite, PWAD 691H.

Grading Status: Letter grade.

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