

IR6660: Military Strategy & International Relations (W-E)

Term 2, 2012-2013: Oct. 15 – Dec. 16, 2012 3 Credit Hours

Location: Kadena AFB

Meeting Times and Dates: 0900-1800, Oct. 27-28; Dec. 1-2

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Course Description

An assessment of military leaders and armed forces in the development of national security and foreign policies; classical methods of maintaining peace; civil-military relations in the developed and the less developed states; the impact of rapid technological change and weaponry in international politics; the role of the military in the shaping of war and peace since 1947.

Course Objectives

After taking this course, the student should be able to demonstrate an understanding of grand strategy, defense strategy, and military strategy; the importance of military doctrine; the development of instruments of military power; the impact of technology on military power; the role of military force within states and within the modern international system; and the likely future challenges facing the strategic application of military force.

Required Texts

- Paret, Peter, ed. Makers of Modern Strategy: From Machiavelli to the Nuclear Age, 1986 ed. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1986). ISBN: 9780691027647
- Liddell Hart, Basil Henry. Strategy, 2d. rev. ed. (New York, NY: Penguin 1991 (Reprint)). ISBN 9780452010710.
- Boot, Max. War Made New: Weapons, Warriors, and the Making of the Modern World. (New York, NY: Gotham, 2007). ISBN: 978-1616802936

Additional assigned readings will be available electronically through TROY library databases or online with websites provided herein.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to keep up with the readings and to participate in class and web discussion. Students should obtain a TROY e-mail account and check it regularly, as this, along with postings on the course website, will be the means of providing notice of assignment changes, class cancellations, or other matters outside of class.

A. Exams

There will be a single comprehensive take-home final exam. The final will count for 40% of the course grade. The exam will include material covered in the readings and material from the course website. The exam will consist of short answer and essay questions. **The exam will be provided to students on December 13, 2012 and will be due no later than 2100 on December 16, 2012.** No exams will be accepted after 2100, December 16, 2012 other than documented emergencies.

B. Essays

Each essay will account for 15% of the course grade, for a total of 30% of the course grade.

a) Students will draft an original essay of no more than 5 pages analyzing the impact of a specific technological advance on the development of military strategy. This can include weapons, communications, or logistics and can range from major new systems to simple evolutionary upgrades. Instructor approval of a topic is not required for this essay.

Due: Nov. 4, 2012

b) Students will draft an original essay of no more than 5 pages discussing how the arguments provided in Liddell Hart's classic work Strategy apply to 21st century warfare.

Due: Nov. 25, 2012

C. Paper

There will be a single paper that will account for 30% of the semester grade. Detailed paper instructions will be provided on the course website. Final copies of the paper will be due **December 9, 2012**. Late papers will result in lowering the paper grade by one full letter grade for each day it is late.

Grading Policy

90 - 100	A	70 - 79	C	0 - 59	F
80 - 89	B	60 - 69	D		

Americans with Disabilities Act

Troy University supports Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which insure that post-secondary students with disabilities have equal access to all academic programs, physical access to all buildings, facilities and events, and are not discriminated against on the basis of disability. Eligible students, with appropriate documentation, will be provided equal opportunity to demonstrate their academic skills and potential through the provision of academic adaptations and reasonable accommodations. Further information, including appropriate contact information, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/ADAPolicy2003.htm>

Academic Honesty

By their enrollment, students are responsible for following the "Standards of Conduct" as they apply in the Troy University Pacific Region. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with these guidelines and to comply therewith. Troy University's definition and policy relating to plagiarism will be posted on the Blackboard course website. In this course, plagiarism or other forms of cheating, will result in an F for the course, will be reported to appropriate officials, and may subject the student to further discipline from the University. The instructor uses on-line software to help detect plagiarism. Please note that no assignment prepared for or submitted in a different course may be used in this course without prior approval of the instructor.

Library Resources

Students can access online information resources through Troy Library Services home page at <https://www.library.troy.edu> These resources include a variety of full text databases that provide complete article texts from thousands of journals, magazines and newspapers. Among the most helpful databases are JSTOR, Academic Search Complete, and Lexis-Nexis. Remote access is

available via the student's Troy User ID and Password. Specific help for Global Campus students, including a dedicated librarian, is available at <https://www.uclibrary.troy.edu/>

Course Schedule

(Note: The schedule, readings and procedures in this course are subject to change. Changes or additions will be posted on the course website.)

Week 1 (Oct. 15 – 21): Introduction to Strategy and Strategic Culture

- Paret, 91-213
- Boot, 1-105
- Colin S. Gray, "National Style in Strategy: The American Example," International Security 6, no. 2 (Autumn 1981): 21-47. Available in JSTOR
- Alistair Iain Johnston, "Thinking About Strategic Culture," International Security 19, no. 4 (Spring 1995) 32-64. Available in JSTOR

Week 2 (Oct. 22 – 28): The Industrial Revolution and War

- Paret, 217-261; 281-325
- Boot, 109-169

Saturday Oct. 27

Grand Strategy, Defense Strategy, and Military Strategy
Strategy, Operations, and Tactics
Principles of War
Strategic Culture
Frederick, Napoleon, and Clausewitz
Economic Foundations of Power

Sunday Oct. 28

Professionalism of the Military
Industrialization and Technological Advances
American Strategic Thought
World War I Developments
Armor, Air, and World War II

Week 3 (Oct. 29 – Nov. 4): American Strategy

- Paret, 408-477
- Boot, 170-201
- Brian M. Linn and Russell F. Weigley, "The American Way of War Revisited," The Journal of Military History 66, no. 2 (April 2002): 501-533. Available in JSTOR.

Week 4 (Nov. 5 – Nov. 11): Early 20th Century War; Armor & Air Power

- Paret, 481-526; 598-647
- Ralph Peters “The Future of Armored Warfare,” Parameters 27 (Autumn 1997): 50-59. Available on-line at <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/parameters/>

Week 5 (Nov. 12 – 18): World War II & the Cold War

- Paret, 648-734
- Boot, 205-304

Week 6 (Nov. 19 – 25): Nuclear Strategy

- Paret, 735-814
- Colin S. Gray, “The Case for a Theory for Victory,” International Security 4, no. 1 (Summer 1979): 54-87. Available in JSTOR
- Charles L. Glaser and Steve Fetter, “Counterforce Revisited: Assessing the Nuclear Posture Review’s New Missions,” International Security 30, no. 2 (Fall 2005): 84-126. JSTOR.

Week 7 (Nov. 26 – Dec. 2): Information Warfare

- Boot 307-351; 419-473
- Robert M. Cassidy, “War in the Information Age,” Parameters 39 (Winter 2009-10): 117-122. Available on-line at <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/parameters/>

Saturday Dec. 1

Cold War
Limited War
Nuclear Strategy

Sunday Dec. 2

Student Presentations
Information Warfare
Insurgency and Counterinsurgency

Week 8 (Dec. 3 – 9): Revolutionary War and Counterinsurgency

- Paret, 376-407; 815-862
- Boot, 352-418
- Field Manual 3-24: Counterinsurgency (Joint Publication of HQ, Department of the Army and HQ, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, 2006). Read Ch. 1 and Ch. 5 in detail. Available at http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/coin/repository/FM_3-24.pdf

Week 9 (Dec. 10 – 16): Take Home Final Exam

Final Exam provided December 13; due by 2100 December 16, 2012