

POLI: 3512 INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

Course Schedule

Assigned readings are subject to change at the instructor's discretion. Students will be notified of any changes made to this course schedule with as much advance notice as possible.

Bolded lines indicate an assignment due date. Please see the course syllabus for assignment details.

WEEK 1: Welcome to the Course and Introduction to International Conflict

Tuesday, August 23

- No Assigned Readings

Thursday, August 25

- *Causes of War* Ch. 1 – PDF on ICON
- *Gendering Global Conflict* Ch. 1 – PDF on ICON
- Hobbes Simulation

Module 1: International Conflict

WEEK 2: Causes of Interstate Wars – Territory and Contentious Issues

Tuesday, August 30

- *What Do We Know About War?* Ch. 1

Thursday, September 1

- *Conflict War, and Peace* Ch.2 – PDF on ICON
- Identity Simulation

WEEK 3: Causes of Interstate Wars – Alliances and Rivalries

Tuesday, September 6

- *What Do We Know About War?* Ch.2
- “Do Alliances Deter Aggression? The Influence of Military Alliances on the Initiation of Militarized Interstate Disputes” – PDF on ICON

Thursday, September 8

- *What Do We Know About War?* Ch. 5

WEEK 4: Causes of Interstate Wars - Arms Race, Nuclear Weapons, and Electronic Warfare

Tuesday, September 13

- *What Do We Know About War?* Ch. 4 and Ch. 6
- **Proposal Due Tuesday, September 13th by 11:59 PM on ICON**

Thursday, September 15

- *What Do We Know About War?* Ch. 7
- “The Costs and Consequences of Drone Warfare” – PDF on ICON

WEEK 5: Causes of Interstate Peace – Democratic and Territorial

Tuesday, September 20

- *What Do We Know About War?* Ch. 8 and Ch. 9

Thursday, September 22

- *What Do We Know About War?* Ch. 10
- “A Supply-Side Theory of Mediation”– PDF on ICON
- Simulation on UN Mediation in Wars
- **Extra Credit 1 Due Sunday, September 25th by 11:59 PM on ICON**

WEEK 6: Critiquing Mainstream Studies of Interstate War/Peace

Tuesday, September 27

- “Dead Wrong”– PDF on ICON
- “Winning the Battle but Losing the War on Violence”– PDF on ICON

Thursday, September 29

- “Queer Theory and the “Proper Objects” of International Relations”– PDF on ICON
- “Why Race Matters in International Relations” – PDF on ICON
- **Reading Response Due Sunday, October 2nd by 11:59 PM on ICON**

Module 2: Civil War

WEEK 7: Causes of Civil War – Greed, Grievance, and Repression

Tuesday, October 4

- *What Do We Know About Civil Wars?* Ch. 1
- “The Rebels’ Credibility Dilemma”– PDF on ICON
- **Bibliography Due Tuesday, October 4th by 11:59 PM on ICON**

Thursday, October 6

- *What Do We Know About Civil Wars?* Ch. 2
- “Contagious Rebellion and Preemptive Repression” – PDF on ICON

WEEK 8: Causes of Civil War – Identity Issues and State Capacity

Tuesday, October 11

- *What Do We Know About Civil Wars?* Ch. 3 and Ch. 4

Thursday, October 13

- “Ethnicity and Civil War” – PDF on ICON
- “Language, Religion, and Ethnic Civil War” – PDF on ICON

WEEK 9: Transnational Dimensions of Civil War – Clustering, Contagion, Intervention

Tuesday, October 18

- *What Do We Know About Civil Wars?* Ch. 5
- “Contagion or Confusion? Why Conflicts Cluster in Space” – PDF on ICON

Thursday, October 20

- *What Do We Know About Civil Wars?* Ch. 6
- “Rethinking Third-Party Interventions into Civil Wars: An Actor-Centric Approach” – PDF on ICON
- **Extra Credit 2 Due Sunday, October 23rd by 11:59 PM on ICON**

WEEK 10: Ending Civil Wars – Negotiated Peace and Aftermath

Tuesday, October 25

- *What Do We Know About Civil Wars* Ch. 7 and Ch. 8

Thursday, October 27

- *What Do We Know About Civil Wars* Ch. 9 and Ch. 10
- **Reading Response Due Sunday, October 30th by 11:59 PM on ICON**

Module 3: Beyond the Canon of Conflict

WEEK 11: Gender and Conflict

Tuesday, November 1

- *Gendering Global Conflict* Ch. 9 – PDF on ICON
- *Beyond Mothers Monsters and Whores* Introduction and Conclusion – PDF on ICON
- **Outline Due Tuesday, November 1st by 11:59 PM on ICON**

Thursday, November 3

- “Is Manhood a Casual Factor in the Shifting Nature of War?” – PDF on ICON
- “The Committed Female Fighter” – PDF on ICON
- “Why Women Rebel” – PDF on ICON

WEEK 12: Post-Conflict

Tuesday, November 8

- “Transnational Injustice: Subverting Justice in Transition and Post-conflict Societies” – PDF on ICON
- “Bullets for Ballots: Electoral Participation Provisions and Enduring Peace after Civil War” – PDF on ICON

Thursday, November 10

- “Trauma and Vengeance: Assessing the Psychological and Emotional Effects of Post-Conflict Justice” – PDF on ICON
- “The Economic Benefits of Justice: Post-conflict Justice and Foreign Direct Investment” – PDF on ICON

WEEK 13: Future of Conflict

Tuesday, November 15

- *What Do We Know About Civil Wars?* Ch. 13 and Ch. 14

Thursday, November 17

- *What Do We Know About War?* Ch. 12 and Ch. 13
- “‘What is in a Name?’: The Role of (Different) Identities in the Multiple Proxy Wars in Syria” – PDF on ICON
- **Discussion Post Due Thursday, November 17th by 11:59 PM on ICON**
- **Reading Response Due Sunday, November 20th by 11:59 PM on ICON**
- **Extra Credit 3 Due Sunday, November 20th by 11:59 PM on ICON**

WEEK 14

FALL BREAK – No Class on Tuesday, November 22nd, or Thursday, November 24th

- **Final Project Due Sunday, November 27th by 11:59 PM on ICON**

WEEK 15:

Tuesday, November 29

- War Game Simulation
- **Final Presentations are Due Wednesday, November 30th by 11:59 PM on ICON**

Thursday, December 1

- Students Will Present Their Final Presentations in Class

WEEK 16: Final Presentations

Tuesday, December 6

- Students Will Present Their Final Presentations in Class

Thursday, December 8

- Students Will Present Their Final Presentations in Class

WEEK 17: Finals Week

No Meetings 😊! Congratulations on a great semester!