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War and Peace—Political Science 150

This course examines the causes of war and the means of achieving peaceful solution to conflict. We examine the differences between negative and positive peace as well as the role of human rights poverty, and nonviolence. The issues we will be examining include: Does human nature make war inevitable? Are wars more likely to result from ethnic or religious differences, territorial disputes, psychological factors or something else? How can nations and communities co-exist peacefully? Are males more prone to violence and aggression than females? Are there “Just Wars”? What lessons can we learn as from the New Millennium?

This course will study the theoretical writings in International relations, Military Strategy, and peace studies; we will search for answers from the writings of major philosophers, political leaders, and religious figures. We will also look at several case studies of war and peace.

General Education Guidelines:

A. In accordance with university upper division GE specifications, this course incorporates material from several disciplines and perspectives.

B, Satisfies V Culture, Civilization and Global Understanding of **sjsu**

C: Courses Meet Areas R, S, and V Studies from three different departments or distinct.

D: Civilization Courses and Global Understanding.

Reading Requirements:

Kenneth Waltz, Man and the State of War

Sana A. Anderlini, Women Building Peace

Michael T. Klare Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet

John Mearsheimer, The Israel Lobby

Loch k J Seven Sins of American Foreign Policy

Edited by David J Francis, Peace and Conflict in Africa

Noam C, Imperial Ambition Conversation on The Post -9/11 World

plagiarizing automatically fail the course. If you are unsure of the policy on Academic Integrity, please see the information on the university website:
http://sa.sjsu/student_conduct

Special Needs

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me or visit me during my office hours as soon as possible. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must be registered with DRC to establish a record of their disability.

DISCLAIMER

All above information may be subject to change with fair notice from the university, the Department of Political Science and/or the professor. The professor reserves the right to administer quizzes should a severe lack of attendance, especially at the beginning of the class each day, become an evident trend.