Course Description:
Peace has been sought after and debated since earliest times. Intellectual traditions in the study of peace are diverse, but few theories offer claims that are readily verifiable or that are solid enough in terms of their logic to persuade large numbers of people over the long term. Modern world history is punctuated by repeated claims that war has become obsolete. Yet, war recurs. The recurrence of war (if not its regularity) has lead some to argue that warfare is endemic to human nature (or the nature of all living things?), and thus that the search for peace is foolish or worse. How is one to know whether (and when) peace can be achieved? What theories are credible when arguments are imperfect and evidence is incomplete? How can one improve the study of peace in an era of contrasting cues and rising global consequences? This course examines these questions.

Course Requirements:
- **Class Participation (15% of course grade):** Come to class prepared to assert your ideas. There is a much larger premium on being willing to voice opinions than on being ‘right.’
- **Short Essay (35% of course grade):** The short essay is your chance to express a creative solution to a timely world crisis. The topic will be given in class. The essay should be argumentative (take a position and make your best case). Length is a maximum of 5 pages. You will need to read up on the subject (check major newspapers and current periodicals like the Economist or Newsweek). The essay must be hard copy, typed, double spaced, 1 inch margins, 12 point font, on standard paper. Spelling and grammar will impact your grade. Put page numbers on each consecutive page. Papers MUST BE TURNED IN ON TIME. Late papers are subject to a significant reduction in grade.
- **Final Exam (50% of course grade):** The final will be conducted in class, in an essay and short answer format (11:30 AM – 2:29 PM, Friday July 29th, Room: TBA).

Note #1: Students are encouraged to study and learn together. However, all written assignments must be the sole product of the person submitting the work. Don’t cheat and don’t plagiarize. If you have questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please consult with the instructor.

Note #2: It is your responsibility to apprise me of any factor that may interfere with your ability to perform in this class well in advance of scheduled assignments. Appropriate measures for disabilities and other concerns will be taken in accordance with University of California policy.

Note #3: In order to document requests, students seeking a review of any grade must prepare a written memo detailing his or her request and citing reasons for requesting the proposed change.
Required Texts:


Additional readings are assigned. These will be made available on reserve in Geisel Library. Required readings are required. Optional readings are included for your personal enrichment.

**DATE**

**TOPIC/ASSIGNMENT**

**SESSION 1:** Monday, June 27

*Foundations “How Pragmatic is Peace”*

Required: Cortright: Chapter 1; Barash: Introduction


**SESSION 2:** Wednesday, June 29


Required: Barash: Chapter 1


Optional:


**SESSION 3:** Monday, July 4  [NO CLASS -- Holiday] Happy July 4th!


  [http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0036-8075%2819681213%293%A162%3C1243%3ATTOTC%3E2.0.CO%3B2-B](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0036-8075%2819681213%293%A162%3C1243%3ATTOTC%3E2.0.CO%3B2-B)
SESSION 4: Wednesday, July 6  
God and the Liberal Tradition “Liberal Dialectic”
Required: Cortright: Chap. 3, 10; Barash: Chap. 2, Kant “Perpetual Peace.”
• Wilson, Woodrow. 1918. “Speech on the Fourteen Points.”
  (http://www.historyplace.com/speeches/wilson-points.htm).

Optional:
  http://www.econlib.org/library/YPDBooks/Cobden/cbdPWtoc.html

SESSION 5: Monday, July 11  
Democratic Peace “Democratic Peace Theory”
Required: Cortright: Chap. 4, 11; Barash: Chap. 3.

Optional:


SESSION 6: Wednesday, July 13

International Organizations and International Law
Required: Cortright: Chap. 5, 12; Barash: Chap. 3. Barash “International Law,”


Optional:


SESSION 7: Monday, July 18

Interdependence/Globalization “Chaotic Peace”
Required: Cortright: Chap. 6, 13; Barash: Chap. 6.


Optional:

SESSION 8: Wednesday, July 20
Being Civil (N. Ireland, Israel/Palestine)
Required: Cortright: Chap. 8, 14; Barash: Chap. 5.

Optional:
• Take a look at: http://www.csmonitor.com/specials/sept11/flash_civClash.html

SESSION 9: Monday, July 25
Terror “Making Peace with the War on Terror”
Required: Cortright: Chap. 7, 15; Barash: Chap. 4.
• Neumann, Peter R. 2007. Negotiating with Terrorists. Foreign Affairs 86(1)
Optional:


SESSION 10: Wednesday, July 27
Imposing Peace (Bosnia/Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan)
Required: Cortright: Chap. 16; Barash: Chap 2, Marrack “Evolution of UN Peacekeeping,”

Optional:


FINAL EXAM: 11:30 AM – 2:29 PM, Friday July 29th, Room: TBA