

# POLI 142K: Politics and Warfare

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MWF | 10:00-11:50 | Price Theater

## Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide an analytical introduction to the application of contemporary analytic political science to the understanding of historical and contemporary political issues. The course will focus on the four origins of the modern state, the conditions of the democratic stability and instability, and the political economy of modern democracies. There are no prerequisites and all are welcome.

## Assignments and Grades

Course grades are based on one take home midterm exam (worth 40% of the final grade) and one take home final exam (worth 60%). ***Both exams must be submitted digitally via the Turnitin assignment link on TritonEd.*** No hard copy will be required.

*Plagiarism will not be tolerated.* If you have questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please visit the UCSD academic integrity office's website at <http://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu>.

If you need help writing these essays, you are encouraged to make an appointment with the UCSD writing center (<http://commons.ucsd.edu/students/writing/index.html>). Specific deadlines, instructions, and submission guidelines will be announced when the exam prompts are posted to TritonEd.

## Course Resources

Lectures will be available via podcast at <https://podcast.ucsd.edu>. Prof. Magagna's notes from each lecture will be posted to TritonEd as well.

## Readings

- Weeks 1-5:
  - Fromkin, David. *Europe's Last Summer: Who Started the Great War in 1914?* Vintage Books. 2005. (Entire book)
- Weeks 4-6:

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- Andrade, Tonio. *The Gunpowder Age: China, Military Innovation, and the Rise of the West in World History*. Princeton University Press. 2016. (Entire book)
- Week 6-10:
  - Kindsvatter, Peter S. *American Soldiers: ground combat in the World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam*. University Press of Kansas. 2003 (Entire book)
- **Do not use outside sources in your exams.**

## Teaching Assistants

The TAs for this course are Mariana Carvalho, Ben Brewer, Adam Fefer, Lauren Gilbert, Leo Yang, Shane Xuan, Yile Zhang. The TAs will not hold regular office hours. At least one TA will be present at every lecture; students are encouraged to approach the TA with questions either before or after the class session.

Please send all email communication to **poli142k.sp19@gmail.com**

## Midterm and Final Exams

The midterm exam will be available on Monday, 29 April and will be due on **Friday, 10 May at 12 pm.**

The final exam will be available on Monday, 20 May and will be due on **Friday, 14 June.**

## Midterm Instructions

You will be required to submit a digital copy of your paper to the **Turnitin link on TritonEd**. Please retain a copy of your submission confirmation, in case there are any technical issues with your submission.

Answer one question only, 6-7 pages. Please include the number of the prompt you are responding to.

Use standard formatting (points will be deducted otherwise):

- Double spacing,
- 11 or 12-point font (Times, Helvetica, Calibri, etc.),
- 1 inch margins,
- No more than 1 inch of space dedicated to title and header,
- No extraneous space between paragraphs or headers.

Cite lecture and class readings where appropriate:

- Include a bibliography and in-text citations,
- *You may use any standard citation style, (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.),*
- Please do not use outside sources,
- *Plagiarism will not be tolerated.*

Please do not include pictures, charts, or figures in your responses. Please do not copy / paste lecture notes into the text of your response.

Please stay on topic.

*You must turn your exam in by the deadline to receive full credit. Any late exams (even by 1 minute late) will incur a penalty.*

- Papers will be penalized by 1/3 of a letter grade for each day late (e.g., A-  $\rightarrow$  B+, etc.). The system will not accept late submissions.