**Antalya Bilim University**

**Department of Political Science and International Relations, POLS 425**

**War Studies**

**Fall 2019**

Class time& Place:

Office hours: I’m available on Wednesday and Thursday from 14.00 to 15.00.

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Welcome to the course. This course introduces students to the sub-discipline of war studies in a global context. Students will become familiar with theoretical perspectives, real-world examples, and analytical skills to better understand, critically evaluate, and respond to contemporary issues related to war. The course takes an interdisciplinary approach drawing principally from political science and international relations, but also from military history, military sociology, culture, and more. The course begins with a discussion of the causes and theories of war and its historical transformation. It then examines the evolution of military though, strategy, operational art and tactics. The types of warfare (conventional, unconventional and nuclear warfare), consequences of war (ethics, war crimes etc.) and efforts to build peace (conflict management and resolution) are some other important topics that are covered. The course is built upon a combination of lectures, in-class debates and active participation of students to these debates.

**Course book:**

Lawrence Freedman (ed), *War*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994).

Jeremy Black, *War and the World*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000)

Bruce D. Porter, *War and the Rise of the State*, (New York: The Free Press, 1994)

The lecturer will provide the necessary chapters.

**Recommended readings:**

Additional reading material will be provided by the lecturer.

**Developing Graduate Attributes**

Students will be encouraged to develop the following graduate attributes by undertaking the course activities and mastering the course contents. These attributes will be assessed within the assessment tasks:

* skills involved in scholarly enquiry;
* an in-depth engagement with the relevant disciplinary knowledge;
* the capacity for analytical and critical thinking;
* the ability to engage in independent and reflective learning.

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. Although plagiarism is well established in Turkish educational system, you will be punished heavily if you are caught do it.

**Assessment Criteria:**

1. **Attendance & Participation (15%)**: Attendance and participation make up 25 % of your overall course grade. Students are expected to read the assigned chapters and other readings before the class. They are expected to participate class discussions and present their views and answer questions. Students are required to exhibit proper discipline, behavior, and responsibility.
2. **Midterm (30%):** Students are responsible for all class material covered until the misterm exam.
3. **Research paper (15%):** From a list of topics students are responsible for selecting one and writing a paper based on research (library and e-sources) on time. They need to write according to academic rules, provide footnotes and sources. Late assignments will be accepted with penalty. Failure to complete research paper will be reflected in a student's overall grade. Students are expected to be academically honest and refrain from plagiarism. See above.
4. **Final exam (40%)**: This exam is cumulative and will focus on all units and topics studied throughout the course, but emphasis will be after midterm.

**Course Schedule**

**WEEK 1-2 (16-27 Sep) The Theories and Causes of War**

Freedman, Section B, pp. 65-107

**WEEK 3-4 (30 Sep-11 Oct) War and State**

Freedman, Section C, pp. 109-149

Porter, Chapter 1, pp. 1-22

**WEEK 5 (14-18 Oct) The 15th and 16th Century**

Black, Chapter 3, pp. 18-59

**WEEK 6 (22-26 Oct) The 17th Century**

Black, Chapter 4, pp. 60-95

**WEEK 7 (28 Oct-1 Nov) Pre-revolution 18th Century**

Black, Chapter 5, pp. 96-128

**WEEK 8 (4-8 Nov) Midterm Exam**

**WEEK 9 (11-15 Nov) Age of Revolution (1775-1815)**

Black, Chapter 6, pp. 129-163

**WEEK 10 (18-22 Nov) The 19th Century**

Black, Chapter 7, pp. 164-202

**WEEK 11 (25-29 Nov) Warfare and the State**

Black, Chapter 8, pp. 203-231

**WEEK 12-13 (2-13 Dec) The 20th Century**

Black, Chapter 9, pp. 232-291

**WEEK 14 (16-20 Dec) The Ethics of War**

Freedman, Section D, pp. 151-190