

In addition to the [readings listed by week](#) below, see the bibliography of [required](#) and [recommended](#) readings used in the course.

SES #	TOPICS	READINGS
I. Grand Strategies: Their Origins and Their Effects		
1	Course Overview and Introduction to Grand Strategy	<p>Clausewitz, Carl von. "The Influence of Clausewitz." <i>On War</i>. Edited and translated by Michael Howard and Peter Paret. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1976, pp. 27-44. Note: All scholars of security affairs should own this book. If you do not wish to own this book, you must copy these pages and read them.</p> <p>———. "War Plans." <i>On War</i>. Edited and translated by Michael Howard and Peter Paret. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1976, Book 8, pp. 577-637. Note: All scholars of security affairs should own this book. If you do not wish to own this book, you must copy these pages and read them.</p> <p>Bassford, Christopher. "Clausewitz and His Works." Chapter 2 in <i>Clausewitz in English</i>. New York: Oxford U. Press, 1994, pp. 9-33.</p> <p>Liddell-Hart. <i>Strategy</i>. Chapter XIX, pp. 319-323.</p> <p>Posen. <i>Sources of Military Doctrine</i>. Chapter 1, pp. 13-33.</p>
2	Material Influences on Strategy: Geographical Position, National Power and Military Technology	<p><i>Geographical Position and National Power</i></p> <p>Kennedy. <i>Rise and Fall....</i> Chapter 7, pp. 177-202.</p> <p>Kennedy. "The First World War and The International Power System." pp. 7-40.</p> <p>Posen. <i>Sources of Military Doctrine</i>. Chapter 2, pp. 34-41, 59-80.</p> <p><i>Recommended</i></p>

		<p>Weigley. "A Strategy of Sea Power and Empire." Chapter 9 in <i>The American Way of War</i>. pp. 167-191. Supplements the preceding.</p> <p><i>Military Technology</i></p> <p>Howard. "Men Against Fire." In <i>Military Strategy and the Origins of the First World War</i>. pp. 41-57.</p>
3	Military Organizations	<p>Howard. <i>War in European History</i>. Chapter 4, pp. 54-74.</p> <p>Irvine, Dallas. "The Origin of Capital Staffs." pp. 161-179.</p> <p>Posen. <i>Sources of Military Doctrine</i>. pp. 41-59.</p> <p>Vagts. <i>History of Militarism</i>. pp. 323-359.</p> <p>Travers, T. H. E. "Technology, Tactics, and Morale: Jean de Bloch, the Boer War and British Military Theory, 1900-1914." pp. 264-286.</p>
4	Nationalism	<p>Carr. "The Third Period." In <i>Nationalism and After</i>. pp. 17-26.</p> <p>Stern. "Why do People Sacrifice for Their Nations?" In <i>Perspectives on Nationalism and War</i>. pp. 99-121.</p> <p>Hayes. "Nationalism and International War," and "Nationalism and Militarism." In <i>Essays on Nationalism</i>. pp. 126-155, 187- 195.</p> <p>Paret, Peter. "Nationalism and the Sense of Military Obligation."</p> <p>Posen, Barry R. "Nationalism, the Mass Army, and Military Power."</p> <p>Evera, S. Van. "Hypotheses on Nationalism and War." pp. 5-39.</p>

		<p>Farrar, L. L., Jr. "Villain or Scapegoat? Nationalism and the Outbreak of World War I."</p> <p>Williamson, Samuel R. "The Domestic Context of Habsburg Foreign Policy." Chapter 2 in <i>Austria-Hungary and the Origins of the First World War</i>. New York: St. Martin's, 1991, pp. 13-33.</p>
5	The International Political System: Constraints, Incentives and Interactions	<p>Jervis. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma." pp. 167-214.</p> <p>Waltz. "Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power," and "Structural Causes & Military Effects." In <i>Theory of International Politics</i>. pp. 102-128, 161-193.</p> <p>Christensen, T., and J. Snyder. "Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks." <i>International Organization</i> 44, no. 2 (Spring 1990): 137-168.</p> <p>Lynn-Jones. "Offense-Defense Theory and its Critics." <i>Security Studies</i> 4, no. 4 (Summer 1995): 660-691.</p>
6	Historical Case Studies	<p>George, Alex. <i>Case Studies and Theory Development</i>. pp. 43-68.</p> <p>Lijphart, Arend. "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method." pp. 682-693.</p> <p>———. "The Comparable Cases Strategy in Comparative Research."</p> <p>Levy, Jack. "Too Important To Leave to the Other." <i>International Security</i> 22, no. 1 (Summer 1997): 22-33.</p> <p>Haber, S., D. Kennedy, and S. Krasner. "Brothers Under the Skin..." <i>International Security</i> 22, no. 1 (Summer 1997): 34-43.</p> <p>Gaddis, John Lewis. "History, Theory and Common Ground..." <i>International Security</i> (Summer 1997): 75-85.</p>

		<p>Posen, Barry R. <i>The Sources of Military Doctrine</i>. Read the Preface, and Chapters 2 and 7, but read them after you read the methodology articles, and with an eye to how methodological problems were solved, or not. You can skim as much of the rest of the book as you wish.</p> <p>Paret, Peter. "The History of War and the New Military History." In <i>Understanding War</i>. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1992, pp. 209-226.</p>
II. Origins of World War I		
7	The Anglo-German Rivalry (Naval and Otherwise)	<p>Crowe, Eyre. "Memorandum of Eyre Crowe." Kennedy. "Tirpitz, England and the Second Navy Law of 1900: A Strategical Critique." pp. 33-57. ———. <i>Rise and Fall</i>. Chapter 8, pp. 205-237.</p> <p>Turner, L. C. F. <i>Origins of the First World War</i>. pp. 1-60.</p> <p>Lynn-Jones, Sean. "Détente and Deterrence: Anglo-German Relations, 1911-1914." In <i>Military Strategy and the Origins of the First World War</i>. pp. 165-194.</p> <p>Geiss. <i>German Foreign Policy 1871-1914</i>. pp. 75-83, 106-118, 121-127, 139-145.</p> <p>Williamson, S. R. "Joffre Reshapes French Strategy." pp. 133-154.</p> <p>Copeland, Dale C. "German Security and the Preparation for World War I." Chapter 3 in <i>The Origins of Major War</i>. Ithaca: Cornell, 2000, pp. 56-78.</p> <p><i>Recommended</i></p> <p>Rich, Norman. <i>Hitler's War Aims</i>. pp. XIX-</p>

		XXX. (useful historical background)
8	Grand Strategy and Military Doctrine Among the Pre-WWI Land Powers	<p>Stevenson, David. "Militarization and Diplomacy in Europe before 1914." <i>International Security</i> 22, no. 1 (Summer 1997): 125-161.</p> <p>Sagan, Scott. "1914 Revisited: Allies, Offense, and Instability." In <i>Military Strategy and the Origins of the First World War</i>. pp. 109-133.</p> <p>Ritter. "The Breach of Neutrality." In <i>The Schlieffen Plan</i>. pp. 3-10, 78-96.</p> <p>Snyder, Jack. <i>The Ideology of the Offensive</i>. (entire)</p>
9	The July Crisis, Military Strategy and the Outbreak of the War	<p>Trachtenberg, M. "The Meaning of Mobilization in 1914." In <i>Military Strategy and the Origins of the First World War</i>. pp. 195-226.</p> <p>Evera, Van. "The Cult of the Offensive." In <i>Military Strategy and the Origins of the First World War</i>. pp. 59-109.</p> <p>Turner. <i>Origins</i>. pp. 60-115.</p> <p>Turner, L. C. F. "The Russian Mobilization in 1914." pp. 252-268.</p> <p>Herrmann, David. <i>The Arming of Europe and the Making of the First World War</i>. Chapter 7, pp. 199-224.</p> <p>Fuller, J. F. C. "The Battles of the Marne and Tannenberg, 1914." In <i>A Military History of the Western World</i>. New York: Da Capo Press, 1956, pp. 182-228.</p> <p>The maps at this site will make the initial plans and the first battles much easier to understand.</p> <p><i>Recommended</i></p> <p>Levy, J. "Preferences, Constraints, and Choices in July 1914." In <i>Military Strategy and the</i></p>

		<p><i>Origins of the First World War.</i> pp. 226-262.</p>
10	The Course and Conduct of WWI	<p>Lupfer, Timothy. "The Dynamics of Doctrine: The Changes in German Tactical Doctrine During the First World War." <i>Leavenworth Paper</i>, no. 4 (July 1981): 69. (entire). Those who have not read it before should read</p> <p>Keegan, John. "The Somme." <i>The Face of Battle</i>. pp. 204-284. Note: This book is a Minor Classic; Security Studies Scholars should own a copy. If you do not wish to own the book or cannot find a library copy you will need to make yourself a copy.</p> <p>Kennedy. <i>Rise and Fall</i>. Chapter 9, pp. 239-265.</p> <p><i>Recommended</i></p> <p>May, Ernest R. "The U-Boat Campaign." In <i>Use of Force</i> by Art and Waltz. 1971, pp. 298-315. The original source is:</p> <p>May. <i>The World War and American Isolation</i>. Cambridge: Harvard U. Press, 1966, pp. 114-136. (Students will also find pp. 200-252, and 387-415 instructive.)</p> <p><i>Bibliographical Note On the Pre-World War I Period</i></p> <p>Students interested in more comprehensive discussions will wish to examine</p> <p>Steiner, Zara. <i>Britain and the Origins of the First World War</i>.</p> <p>Berghahn, V. R. <i>Germany and the Approach of War in 1914</i>.</p> <p>Keiger. <i>France and the Origins of the First World War</i>.</p> <p>Lieven, D. C. B. <i>Russia and the Origins of the First World War</i>.</p>

		<p>Williamson, Samuel. <i>Austria Hungary and the Origins of the First World War</i>.</p> <p>Shanafelt, Gary. <i>The Secret Enemy</i>. (About German-Austria relations.)</p>
III. Origins of World War II		
11	British and German Grand Strategy in the 1930s	<p>Weinberg, Gerhard. "From One War to Another." In <i>A World At Arms</i>. pp. 6-47.</p> <p>May, Ernest. <i>Strange Victory</i>. Chapter 7, pp. 94-110.</p> <p>Kennedy. <i>Rise and Fall</i>. Chapter 10, pp. 267-298.</p> <p>Posen. <i>Sources of Military Doctrine</i>. Chapters 5, and 6.</p> <p>Schweller, Randall. "An Assessment of the International Distribution of Power (circa 1938-1940)." <i>Deadly Imbalances</i>. pp. 203-208. (Appendix)</p> <p><i>Recommended</i></p> <p>Howard. <i>War in European History</i>. Chapter 7, pp. 116-135.</p>
12	French Grand Strategy	<p>May, Ernest. <i>Strange Victory</i>. Chapters 8, 9, 10 (pp. 113-153), Chapters 19-21 (pp. 271-322).</p> <p>Posen. "Still Strange Defeat." Draft</p> <p>Young, Robert. <i>In Command of France</i>. pp. 1-33.</p> <p>Posen. <i>Sources of Military Doctrine</i>. Chapter 4.</p>
13	Military Doctrine, Land Warfare, and the Crises of the Late 1930s	<p>Mearsheimer, John. <i>Conventional Deterrence</i>. (All but the Chapter on the Nato-Pact competition.)</p> <p>Herwig, Holger. "Clio Deceived." In <i>Military</i></p>

		<p><i>Strategy and the Origins of the First World War</i>. pp. 262-301.</p> <p>May. <i>Strange Victory</i>. Chapters 11, 12, pp. 153-212.</p> <p>Posen. "Competing Images of the Soviet Union."</p> <p>Overy, R. J., and Andrew Wheatcroft. "The Soviet Union." Chapter 5 in <i>The Road To War</i>. London: Penguin, 1999, pp. 210-257. Revised and updated edition.</p>
14	The Opening Battles of the War	<p><i>Review</i></p> <p>Posen. <i>Sources of Military Doctrine</i>. pp. 81-104.</p> <p><i>Read</i></p> <p>May, Ernest. <i>Strange Victory</i>. Chapters 15, 16, 17, 18 (pp. 215-268), Chapters 24 through to the conclusion (pp. 347-464).</p>

Required Readings

Howard, Michael. *War in European History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Incorporated 2001. ISBN: 0-19-280208-9.

Kennedy, Paul. *The Rise and Fall of British Naval Mastery*. Amherst, New York: Prometheus Books, Publishers, 1986. ISBN: 1-57392-278-1.

Mearsheimer, John J. *Conventional Deterrence*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1983. ISBN: 0-8014-1569-1.

Turner, L. C. F. *Origins of the First World War*. New York: W. W. Norton and Company, Incorporated, 1970. ISBN: 0-393-09947-4.

Miller, Steven, S., Lynn-Jones, and S. Van Evera. *Military Strategy and the Origins of the First World War*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1991. ISBN: 0-691-02349-2.

Posen, Barry R. *The Sources of Military Doctrine*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1986. ISBN: 0-8014-9427-3.

Snyder, Jack. *The Ideology of the Offensive*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1989. ISBN: 0-8014-8244-5.

May, Ernest R. *Strange Victory: Hitler's Conquest of France*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000. ISBN: 0-8090-8906-8.

Recommended Readings

The following books are recommended as sources for substantive or theoretical enrichment; I do not ask you to buy them but you should know of their existence.

Kennedy, Paul. *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*. New York: Vintage Press, 1989. ISBN: 0-679-72019-7.

Mearsheimer, John J. *Liddell Hart and the Weight of History*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1988. ISBN: 0-8014-2089-X.

McNeill, William H. *The Pursuit of Power*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1984. ISBN: 0-226-56158-5.

Ropp, Theodore. *War in the Modern World*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000. ISBN: 0-8018-6445-3.

Snyder, Jack. *Myths of Empire*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1993. ISBN: 0-8014-9764-7.

Weigley, Russell. *The American Way of War*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1960. ISBN: 0-253-28029-X.