

## COURSE DETAIL

### WAR AND THE POLITICS OF ETHICS

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Manchester

**Program(s)**

University of Manchester

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

128

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

WAR AND THE POLITICS OF ETHICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

WAR & POL OF ETHICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

**Course Description**

This course explores the problem of ethics and its political implications in the context of war. It raises the question of what "ethics" might mean in the context of war by bringing together theoretical arguments and case studies. This involves examining traditional notions of ethics such as just war thinking, more recent critiques of the notion of "ethics" and indeed versions of ethics that are evident in soldiers' views of their role. Throughout the course, students compare these arguments to ethical questions that have arisen in relation to selected wars. Topics include the challenges of researching war and ethics; the idea of "just war"; ethics and responsibility; the "Good War" and the barbarity of warfare; the politics of targeting; "collateral damage" and the politics of counting; and refusing to fight.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

POLI30822

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**Host Institution Course Details**

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/2019/00675/bsocsc-poli...>

**Host Institution Campus**

University of Manchester

**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Politics and International Relations

**Course Last Reviewed**

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