

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 Campus

University of Manchester

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Politics and International Relations

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