

COURSE DETAIL

WAR AND SOCIETY

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

104

UCEAP Course Suffix

Y

UCEAP Official Title

WAR AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title

WAR & SOCIETY

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

The course provides students with an understanding of the key issues in the historical, philosophical, ethical, and sociological approaches to the study of war and the military. It develops students' understanding of the relationship between armed forces and the societies they protect, and it engages with war as a moral problem and the tools that philosophers have created to limit its brutality and guide belligerents. It explores why, in spite of these tools, wars can descend into barbarity, crime, and genocide, making a special case study of the Holocaust in the Second World War. It looks at dynamics of protest against war and then goes on to interrogate the intellectual, economic, and financial factors that drive outcomes and shape war as a social dynamic. The term concludes with explorations of what war teaches us about human nature and the social contract, humans' relationship with their environment and national identity.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5SSW2002

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

War Studies

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