

### Course Description

We will explore contemporary thought on the morality of war. We will focus on the conceptual foundations of the morality of war, rather than on the morality of particular wars (though we will invoke particular wars in applying candidate theories). Each week we will cover a different topic in the morality. Some topic we will cover include:

- *The Conditions for a Morally Permissible Resort to War*  
What are the conditions for a morally permissible resort to war, besides that of having a just cause?  
Can preemptive or preventive wars be morally permissible?  
Are the only morally justified causes for a resort to war self-defensive in nature?
- *The Liability of Civilians and Combatants*  
To what degree, if any, are civilians to blame for unjust wars fought by their government?  
Are combatants fighting on the unjust side in a war morally responsible for doing so?  
Is it morally permissible to attack combatants on the just side in a war?
- *Morally Permissible Conduct in a War*  
Can terrorism be morally permissible?  
Is there a moral difference between terrorism and strategic bombing?  
Should the conditions determining permissible conduct in a war depend on the whether the war is just?
- *Post-War Obligations and Permissions*  
What are the conditions under which a country can be permissibly occupied?  
What sorts of obligations, if any, does a victorious country have to a defeated one?  
Who ought to be legally liable for the commission of war-crimes?

### Grading

Your final grade will be determined by three factors:

1. *Attendance* – attendance and at discussion this is worth 10% of your total grade.
2. *Tests* – there will be three in-class short-answer tests, each worth 10% of your total grade. Each will be on the lectures and readings covered since the previous test.
3. *Research Paper* – Since this is a writing class, you will have to produce a research papers. This is due on the day of the final, and is worth 60% of your grade.

Grading Scale:

<u>points</u>	<u>grade</u>
12	A+
11	A
10	A-
9	B+
8	B
7	B-
6	C+
5	C
4	C-
3	D+
2	D
1	D-
0	F

A missed test can be rescheduled for *later* dates only in cases of very serious emergencies (hospitalization, bereavement, etc.). If you have a schedule conflict, and know that you will be unable to take an up-coming test, you may be eligible to take the test earlier.

*Warren College students must take course for a letter grade in order to satisfy the Warren College general education requirement.*

### Readings

There are two types of reading for this course. The first is Helen Frowe’s book “The Ethics of War and Peace” (EWP). The second comes from articles that can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/site/bazarganthings/>

### Academic Integrity

Any violations of academic integrity will be turned over to the Dean of Judicial Affairs. Details regarding what counts as cheating can be found here: [academicintegrity.ucsd.edu](http://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu). Consult the site or an instructor if you have any doubts or questions regarding what counts as cheating. All research papers will be run through the Turnitin service, which will determine whether the author has plagiarized from other papers or from Internet sources. If you have any doubts whatsoever, cite your sources.

### Contact & Misc.

I am available at my office hours (HSS 8061) every Wednesday from 1 to 3. If you cannot attend at that time, you should feel free to make an appointment by talking to me right after class, or by contacting me by email.

Unless you have language or hearing difficulties, I prefer that you refrain from recording lecture.

**Week 1 – History of Just War Theory**

*Readings:*

- Part 2 of the Stanford Encyclopedia Entry on War
- Reichberg, "Just War and Regular War: Competing Paradigms"

**Week 2 – Self-Defense**

*Readings:*

- EWP Ch. 1
- Thomson, "Self-Defense"
- Otsuka, "Killing the Innocent in Self-Defense"

**Week 3 – War and Self-Defense**

*Readings:*

- EWP Ch. 2
- McMahan - "The Morality of War and the Law of War"

Test 1 - April 20

**Week 4 – Jus ad Bellum**

*Readings:*

- EWP Ch. 3
- Hurka - "Proportionality and the Morality of War"
- McMahan - "Just Cause for War"

**Week 5 – Preventive, Retributive, and Humanitarian Wars**

*Readings:*

- EWP Ch. 4
- (TBD)

**Week 6 – Jus in Bello**

*Readings:*

- EWP Ch. 5
- McMahan - "The Just Distribution of Harm Between Combatants and Non-Combatants"

**Week 7 – The Moral Status of Combatants**

*Readings:*

- EWP - Ch. 6
- McMahan - "On the Moral Equality of Combatants"
- Kutz - "The Difference Uniforms Make"
- McMahan - "Collectivist Defenses of the Moral Equality of Combatants"

**Week 8 – The Moral Status of Non-Combatants**

*Readings:*

- EWP - Ch. 7
- Fabre - "Guns, Food, and Liability to Attack in War"
- (TBD)

Test 2 - May 11

**Week 9 - Terrorism**

*Readings:*

- EWP Ch. 8
- (TBD)

**Week 10 – Jus Post Bellum**

*Readings:*

- EWP Ch. 10
- Orend - "Jus Post Bellum - The Perspectives of a Just War Theorist"

Test 3 - June 8

**FINAL EXAM DUE: Friday, June 15th, 11 AM**