Course Description: The aim of this course is to examine the phenomenon of war in its broader socio-economic context during the years between the emergence of the modern nation-state at the end of the eighteenth century and the conclusion of World War II in 1945.

Course Requirements: This course is oriented around the readings and the lectures. Every student is expected to do all the reading and attend every lecture. Each student will also be expected to attend a discussion section once a week. The grade will be based on a comprehensive final examination (75%) and classroom participation in the discussion section (25%).

Readings and Books: The following books, all of which are in paper, have been ordered through the Seminary Co-op Bookstore:

- Michael Howard, *War in European History*
- Richard J. Overy, *Russia’s War*

All articles and book chapters with ** next to them are on Canvas.

Course Outline:

1. January 3, 2018 (Wednesday): Organizational Meeting and Overview

   PART I: GENERAL THEMES

2. January 8 (Monday): The Napoleonic Wars and the Great Transformation

   -- Howard, *War in European History*, chapters 4-5.

   -- David A. Bell, *The First Total War*, chapters 6-7. **

3. January 10 (Wednesday): Nationalism and War - I

   -- Clausewitz, *On War*, Books 1, 2 and 8.

** January 15 (Monday): No Class – Martin Luther King Day
4. January 17 (Wednesday): Nationalism and War - II


5. January 22 (Monday): Democratization and War


6. January 24 (Wednesday): Industrialization and War


7. January 29 (Monday): The Military Profession and Militarism

-- Samuel P. Huntington, *The Soldier and the State*, chapters 1-3. **

PART II: CAUSES OF WORLD WAR I

8. January 31 (Wednesday): The War Was an Accident


9. February 5 (Monday): Wacky Domestic Politics Caused It

-- Immanuel Geiss, "The Outbreak of the First World War and German War Aims," *Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol. 1, No. 3 (July 1966), pp. 75-91. **

-- Eckart Kehr, "Anglophobia and Weltpolitik," in *Economic Interest, Militarism and Foreign Policy*, pp. 22-49. **


10. February 7 (Wednesday): The System Caused It
PART III: CONDUCT OF WORLD WAR I

11. February 12 (Monday): The Battlefield - I

12. February 14 (Wednesday): The Battlefield - II
-- David Stevenson, *Cataclysm: The First World War as Tragedy*, chapter 10. **
-- Spencer Tucker, *The Great War*, chapter 7. **

13. February 19 (Monday): The Home Front
-- Roger Chickering, *Imperial Germany*, chapters 4-5. **
-- David M. Kennedy, *Over Here*, chapter 1. **

PART IV: CAUSES OF WORLD WAR II

14. February 21 (Wednesday): Causes of the War in Europe
-- Mearsheimer, *Conventional Deterrence*, chapters 3-4. **

15. February 26 (Monday): Causes of the War in Asia
-- Marc Trachtenberg, *The Craft of International History*, chapter 4. **

PART V: CONDUCT OF WORLD WAR II
16. February 28 (Wednesday): The Ground War on the Eastern Front

-- Overy, Russia’s War, entire book.

-- “The Fallen of World War II” – a video categorizing deaths in WWII: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/06/06/world-war-two-fatalities-visualized_n_7526390.html

17. March 5 (Monday): The German Killing Machine


-- Christopher Browning, “The Decision Concerning the Final Solution,” in Francois Furet, ed., Unanswered Questions, pp. 96-118. **


-- Adam Tooze, Wages of Destruction, chapter 14. **

18. March 7 (Wednesday): Conduct of World War II - The Bombing of Japan

-- Kent Roberts Greenfield, American Strategy in World War II, chapter IV. **


-- David Smurthwaite, The Pacific War Atlas, 1941-1945, chapter 2. **

** March 8-9: Reading Period

** March 12-16: Exam Week