INTRODUCTION TO MILITARY HISTORY

Reading:
Carl Von Clausewitz, *On War* (Oxford World’s Classics)
Gary Gallagher, *Three Days At Gettysburg: Essays on Confederate and Union Leadership*
John Lukacs, *Five Days in London: May 1940*
James M. McPherson, *Hallowed Ground: A Walk at Gettysburg*
Gunther Rothenberg, *The Napoleonic Wars*
Ralph D. Sawyer, *Sun-Tzu, The Art of War*
Rupert Smith, *The Utility Of Force*

+ Electronic Reserve Readings on Course Website
+ Other Internet readings.
All print readings are on 2-hour reserve in Uris Undergraduate Library.

Course Website:
*http://blackboard.cornell.edu/.* Self sign-up: please sign up immediately. All course information, including this syllabus, will be posted on the course website. Many of the course readings are available *only* on the course website. Beginning next week, course information will be available *only* on the website.

Requirements:
This class is a sophomore seminar. Admission is by permission of the instructor only. The class meets each Tuesday and Thursday 11:40 a.m.-12:55 p.m. in 215 McGraw.

Each student will be expected to have read the materials carefully by the class and to participate thoughtfully in the discussions.

Course requirements: 3000-word term paper (printout due in my mailbox, at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 17), two five-minute in-class presentations, one five-minute in-class term-paper presentation, two short papers (@1200-1500 words), regular attendance and participation (each student is allowed two unexcused absences). You must write the first paper before fall break and the second after fall break. For the first paper: you’ll have the option to write the paper weeks III-VI. Details are available on the course website. The dates of the second paper will be announced later. The term paper should be a longer, in-depth examination of one of the subjects studied this semester. Your term paper topic must be approved by the instructor before Thanksgiving break.

Breakdown of final grades: term paper (30%), two short papers (30%), two 5-min. in-class presentations (15%), term paper presentation (5%), regular attendance and participation (20%).
Office Hours:
324 McGraw Hall, 255-6743
Tuesdays 1-3 pm; Thursdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.
*For students who can’t make any of those times, I will be available at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday mornings, by appointment only.

E-mails:
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I usually check once a day on weekdays, never on weekends. I’ll reply only if I think an answer is called for.

Tentative Schedule of Classes and Examinations – With Full Details Through Fall Break

I Thursday, August 28: Organizational Meeting; What is Military History?

II Tuesday, September 2: On Strategy: Sun Tzu and Clausewitz, I
Thursday, Sept. 4: On Strategy: Sun Tzu and Clausewitz, II

III Tuesday, Sept. 9, On Strategy: Sun Tzu and Clausewitz, III
Thursday, Sept. 11: Special Class, Peace Studies Program Symposium on 9/11 in Retrospect, 12:15 pm, G08 Uris Hall (Attendance Required. You may write a 500-word précis for extra credit; extra credit = 0.05 added to final GPA. The précis is due in class on Tuesday, Sept. 16.)

IV Tuesday, Sept. 16, Introduction to Thucydides
Readings: Strassler, *The Landmark Thucydides*, “Introduction,” pp. 9-23; Thuc. 1.1 (Proem), 1.20-23 (methodology), 2.34-46 (Pericles’ Funeral Oration), 2.47-48 (war and epidemic), 3.82-83 (“war...a rough master”), 4.104-108 (Thucydides fails as a general), 5.84-89 (might makes right), 6.30-32 (the Athenian Armada sails), 7.29-30 (massacre at Mycalessus), 7.84 (the water runs red), 8.2 (Sparta awakens).
Thursday, Sept. 18, Trireme Battle
V Tuesday, Sept. 23, Pericles’ Strategy
Readings: Thuc. 1.67-87, 88, 118, 139-146; 2.34-46, 59-65; Plutarch, *Life of Pericles*, paras. 29-39,
Thursday, September 25, (First) Battle of Mantinea, 418 B.C.
Readings: Strassler, *Landmark Thucydides* Appendix X, pp. 603-607; Thuc. 5.57-5.83; Various ancient texts on Sparta:
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/ancient/aristotle- spartanwomen.html; http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/ancient/ aristotle- sparta.html; Ancient texts on hoplites:

VI Tuesday, Sept. 30: NO CLASS, ROSH HASHANAH
Thursday, Oct. 2, Saladin and the Battle of Hattin
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1187hattin.html;

VII Tuesday, Oct. 7, Napoleon, Introduction
Thursday, Oct. 9 NO CLASS, YOM KIPPUR

VIII Tuesday, Oct. 14 NO CLASS, FALL BREAK
Thursday, Oct. 16 Napoleon, Battle of Austerlitz

IX Oct. 21, Napoleon and Clausewitz
Readings: Clausewitz, *On War* 44-60; others TBA.
Oct. 23, Gettysburg, 1

X Oct. 28, Gettysburg, 2
Oct. 30, Gettysburg, 3

XI
Nov. 4, World War I
Nov. 6, World War I

XII
Nov. 11, World War II
Nov. 13, World War II

XIII
Nov. 18, Vietnam
Nov. 20, Rupert Smith, *Utility of Force* I

XIV
Nov. 25, Rupert Smith, *Utility of Force* II
Nov. 27, NO CLASS: THANKSGIVING

XV
Tuesday, Dec. 2 Student Presentations
Thursday, Dec. 4 Student Presentations