

**COURSE READING & ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:** This provides a good course overview, but it doesn't list quiz dates or include every minor homework assignment. This schedule may be subject to revision if, in my judgment, such adjustment helps to better serve the educational needs of the class.

**\* The pages below correspond with each day's agenda, and those pages are to be read *prior* to class.**

Note: CR = Course Reader

**Week 1**

**--Why War?--**

Tues, Jan. 14

- Introduction to Class, Syllabus, and Writing Samples

Thurs, Jan. 16

- The Einstein-Freud Correspondence (*Course Reader*—CR 1-12)

**Week 2**

Tues, Jan. 21

- *Why We Fight* documentary film (online)

Thurs, Jan. 23

- Margaret Mead's "Warfare Is Only an Invention—Not a Biological Necessity" (CR 13-16), Thomas Hayden's "The Roots of War" (CR 17-19), and Junger's book *War* (pgs. 25-35, 143-68)

**Week 3**

Tues, Jan. 28

- Pres. George W. Bush's Speech to the US Naval Academy (CR 20-27), Junger's *War* (pgs. 169-80, 232-46)

Thurs, Jan. 30

- Junger's *War*, class discussion

**Week 4**

Tues, Feb. 4

- Costs of War (see Unit Two online)
- The United Nations and NATO (online)

Thurs, Feb. 6

- **\* Draft of Essay #1 Due for in-class Peer Review**

**Week 5**

**--Just War?--**

Tues, Feb. 11

- **\* ESSAY ONE DUE \***
- *The Case for War: In Defense of Freedom*, a PBS documentary (online); RP #5 will be due Feb 25
- Brian Orend's "War" & "Just War Theory," **Reading Response Papers (RPs) #1 & # 2 Due.** Note: RP #1 = CR 28-36, up to 2.2; RP #2 = CR 36-41, up to "realism."

Thurs, Feb. 13

**Week 6**

Tues, Feb. 18

- Howard Zinn's "A Just Cause, Not a Just War" (CR 42-47) **and** "A Just Cause ≠ A Just War" (CR 48-52), **RP #3 Due.** Note: for RP #3, choose to write on one of these texts by Zinn, but read both.

Thurs, Feb. 20

- President Obama's Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech (CR 53-58), Catholic Bishops' "Letter to President Bush on Iraq" (CR 59-60), Conscientious Objection Fact Sheet (online under Unit Two). **RP #4 Due (on Obama's speech).**

**Week 7**

**--Wars Within--**

Tues, Feb. 25

- **RP #5 due in class. Upload all five RPs together as one document to turnitin.com.**
- Eckhart Tolle's *A New Earth* (pgs. 10-13, 25-58)

Thurs, Feb. 27

- Tolle's *A New Earth* (pgs. 59-84)

**Week 8**

Tues, Mar. 4

- Tolle's *A New Earth* (pgs. 85-128)

Thurs, Mar. 6

- Chuck Palahniuk's *Fight Club* (pgs. 11-62)

### **Week 9**

Tues, Mar. 11

- **In-Class Essay on Tolle (Midterm)**

Thurs, Mar. 13

- Palahniuk's *Fight Club* (pgs. 63-111)

### **Week 10**

Tues, Mar. 18

- Palahniuk's *Fight Club* (pgs. 112-161)

Thurs, Mar. 20

- Palahniuk's *Fight Club* (pgs. 162-208)

### **Week 11**

#### **--Just Help?--**

Tues, Mar. 25

- **Draft of Essay #2 Due for in-class Peer Review**

Thurs, Mar. 27

- **\* ESSAY TWO DUE\***
- Handouts on Rhetoric (Aristotelian Appeals) and on Logical Fallacies
- Garrett Hardin's "Lifeboat Ethics: The Case Against Helping the Poor"

### **Week 12**

Tues, Apr. 1

- Peter Singer's "The Singer Solution to World Poverty"

Thurs, Apr. 3

- Rhetoric, Logic, Hardin, & Singer (continued)

### **Week 13**

Tues, Apr. 8

- Rhetoric, Logic, Hardin, & Singer (continued)

Thurs, Apr. 10

- Rhetoric, Logic, Hardin, & Singer (continued)

### **Week 14**

Tues, Apr. 15

- **Draft of Essay #3 Due for in-class Peer Review**

Thurs, Apr. 17

- **\* ESSAY THREE DUE \***
- Handout on the Spanish-American War
- Albert Beveridge's "The March of the Flag"

### **Week 15**

Tues, Apr. 22

- Moorfield Storey's "Nothing to Excuse Our Intervention"

Thurs, Apr. 24

- Beveridge, Storey, and the Spanish-American War debate (continued)

### **Week 16**

- **8am class: your final is scheduled for 7:00-9:50 am on Tuesday, April 29**
- **11:10 class: your final is scheduled for 10am-12:50 pm on Thursday, May 1**