

PSC/IR 279

War and the Nation State

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday
1:00-3:00pm
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The first exam must be turned in before 5:00 pm on Friday, March 6. The second exam must be turned in before 5:00 pm on Friday, May 8.

Letter grades are determined as follows:

<i>A</i> 92:50+	<i>B</i> 82:50 87:49	<i>C</i> 70:00 77:49
<i>A</i> 90:00 92:49	<i>B</i> 80:00 82:49	<i>D</i> 60:00 69:99
<i>B+</i> 87:50 89:99	<i>C+</i> 77:50 79:99	<i>F</i> 0:00 59:00

Course Policies

Lecture slides, exams, homework assignments, answer keys, and tips sheets will be distributed online. I will generally notify you when new material is posted, but it is nonetheless your responsibility to check regularly for updates.

Though I do not take attendance, note that the exams will be drawn entirely from lecture material, and you will often be unable to infer the answer from the slides alone.

Late exams and assignments will be penalized by 10 points for every day that they are late.

There will be no extra credit offered in this course.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of [academic integrity](#).

Accessibility Resources

Appropriate accommodations will be made for students with physical or learning disabilities.

You may find more information about resources made available by the university [here](#).

Class sequence

War Between States

- 1: The Puzzle of War
 - 2: Models and Explanation
 - 3: Commitment Problems
 - 4: Information Problems
- Student presentations

Violence Within States

- 5: Military Coups
 - 6: Insurgency and Terrorism
- Student presentations