

ETHICS OF VIOLENCE, WAR AND TERRORISM

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Course Description

This course engages with contemporary approaches to and selected topics in the ethics of war and other forms of political violence. The material covered in this course includes case studies and survivors' descriptions of their experiences. For this reason you should be prepared to engage with difficult and disturbing materials.

Evaluation

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| Take-Home Quizzes (1@5%, 2@10%) | 25% |
| Quiz #1 handed out Jan 16 due Jan 20 | |
| Quiz #2 handed out Feb 13 due Feb 24 | |
| Quiz #3 handed out Mar 5 due Mar 9 | |
| 2 Short Writing Assignments (2@20%) | 40% |
| Assignment #1 Due Feb 10 | |
| Assignment #2 Due Mar 30 | |
| 7-10 page paper (1@35%) | 35% |
| Paper Due April 16 before 4 pm | |

Late assignments will be penalized in the amount of 5% per day they are late to a maximum of 30%.

100-90 = A+, 85-89 = A, 80-84 = A-, 77-79 = B, 73-76 = B, 70-72 = B-, 65-69 = C+, 60-64 = C, 50-59 = D, 0-49 = F

N Grades

Students who have completed the short writing assignments and 7-10 page paper will be considered to have completed the course. Failure to complete one or more of these elements will result in a grade of "N" regardless of the cumulative percentage on other elements of the course. N is a failing grade and factors into GPA as a value of 0.

CourseSpaces

A CourseSpaces page has been set up for this course. You may access it by signing in with your netlink id. This page will be used to post announcements, to give you online access to lecture notes, handouts and assignment sheets and to collect short answer assignments.

Please note that **all exams and assignments for this course and all materials posted to CourseSpaces are the intellectual property of myself and the University of Victoria.** Do not circulate this material or post it to note-sharing sites without my permission. **Posting course materials to note-sharing sites or otherwise circulating course materials without the permission of your instructor violates the *Policy on***

Academic Integrity (<http://web.uvic.ca/calendar/FACS/UnIn/UARe/PoAcl.html>). Any evidence you are circulating materials without permission will be referred to the Chair of the Philosophy Department for investigation.

Please note that I will not be monitoring any online chats or billboards that CourseSpaces enables. This means that **you cannot rely on me to catch and correct mistakes in postings** to these fora, nor can you rely on me to ensure a civil tone.

Learning Supports

I encourage all students to take advantage of the extensive range of learning supports available on campus (<https://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/academics/strategies-support/>). Many of these, such as the Research Help Desk (<http://www.uvic.ca/library/research/refdesk/>) and the Centre for Academic Communication (<http://www.uvic.ca/learningandteaching/students/home/centre/>) may be found in the Learning Commons, located on the main floor of the McPherson Library, (<http://www.uvic.ca/library/locations/home/learning/>).

Academic Integrity

Any and all sources used in preparing work that is submitted for evaluation must be acknowledged. This includes websites and other students' work. **Plagiarism and other forms of cheating will not be tolerated.** Such conduct is contrary to the University's academic regulations, and shows a profound lack of respect for instructors such as myself, for fellow students and for the University as an institution of higher learning.

The University's expectations, procedures and the penalties for academic dishonesty are set out in the *Policy on Academic Integrity*, which you can find in the Undergraduate Calendar (<http://web.uvic.ca/calendar/FACS/UnIn/UARe/PoAcl.html>). **It is each student's responsibility to know the University's regulations and expectations in this regard.**

The University Library has information designed to assist students in understanding and adhering to the University's standards regarding citation (<http://www.uvic.ca/library/research/citation/plagiarism/>). If you are unsure about good practice ask me – I am happy to help.

Texts

- Larry May (editor), Cambridge Handbook of Just War (Cambridge University Press: 2018)
- Evelyn Amony (author) I Am Evelyn Amony: Reclaiming My Life from the Lord's Resistance Army. edited by Erin Baines (University of Wisconsin Press: 2015)
- Coursepack

The books and Coursepack for this course are available at the university bookstore. Supplementary material will be made available online through CourseSpaces.

Schedule

The following is the anticipated schedule. Dates and reading assignments may change over the course of the term. Any changes will be announced ahead of time.

Jan 6 Introductions

Jan 9, 13

Cambridge Handbook of Just War, chapters 1 (Mattox) and 2 (Olsthoorn)

Take-Home Quiz #1 handed out Jan 13, due Jan 16 before 11 a.m.

Jan 16, 20

Michael Walzer "Law and Order in International Society" in Just and Unjust Wars, Fifth edition (Basic Books: 1977/2015)

Cambridge Handbook of Just War chapter 12 (May)

Short Writing Assignment #1 Handed Out Jan 20

Jan 23, 27

Linda Sjoberg "The Inseparability of Gender Hierarchy, the Just War Tradition, and Authorizing War" in Just War: Authority, Tradition and Practice, Anthony Lang *et al*, eds. (Georgetown University Press: 2013)

Jan 30, Feb 1

Cambridge Handbook of Just War chapters 3 (Benbaji), 4 (Steinhoff), 5 (Uniacke)

Feb 3, 6

Cambridge Handbook of Just War chapter 6 (Lee)

Frederick Schneider and Tilman Brück, "The Economics of Counterterrorism: A Survey" Journal of Economic Surveys 29:1 (2015)

Craig Forcese and Leah West Sherriff, "Killing Citizens: Core Legal Dilemmas in the Targeted Killing Abroad of Canadian Foreign Fighters" Canadian Yearbook of International Law 54 (2016)

Short Writing Assignment #1 Due Feb 10 before 11 a.m.

Feb 10, 13

Cambridge Handbook of Just War chapters 8 (French) and 9 (Davidovic)

Jeff McMahan, "The Morality of War and the Law of War" in Just and Unjust Warriors: The Moral and Legal Status of Soldiers, David Rodin and Henry Shue, eds. (Oxford University Press: 2008)

Take-Home Quiz #2 handed out Feb 13, due Feb 24 before 11 a.m.

FEB 17, 21 READING BREAK (NO CLASS)

Feb 24, 27

Cambridge Handbook of Just War chapter 11 (Ritter)

Michael Robillard, "The 'Killer Robots' Are Us", The New York Times January 29, 2018, Opinion Section, The Stone

Christiane Wilke, "High Altitude Legality: Visuality and Jurisdiction in the Adjudication of NATO Air Strikes", Canadian Journal of Law and Society 34:2 (2019)

Mar 2, 5

Cambridge Handbook of Just War chapters 13 (Ohlin) and 14 (Haque)

J. Peter Bradley, "Psychological Foundations of Unethical Actions in Military Operations", in New Wars and New Soldiers: Military Ethics in the Contemporary World, Jessica Wolfendal and Paolo Tripodi, eds. (Ashgate Publishing: 2011)

Take-Home Quiz #3 handed out Mar 5, due Mar 9 before 11 a.m.

Mar 9, 12

Mark Drumbl, "Children, Armed Violence and Transition: Challenges for International Law and Policy" Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law 43 (2014-2015)

Harry G. West, "Girls with Guns: Narrating the Experience of War of Frelimo's 'Female Detachment'" Anthropological Quarterly 73:4 (2000)

Lars Waldorf, "Getting the Gunpowder Out of Their Heads: The Limits of Rights-based DDR", Human Rights Quarterly 35:3 (August 2013)

I Am Evelyn Amony, "Histories"

Christopher Blattman, "From Violence to Voting: War and Political Participation in Uganda" American Political Science Review 103:2 (May 2009)

Short Writing Assignment #2 Handed Out Mar 9

March 16, 19

I Am Evelyn Amony, chapters 1 and 2

March 23, 26

I Am Evelyn Amony, chapters 3 and 4

Short Writing Assignment #2 Due Mar 30 before 11 a.m.

March 30, Apr 2

I Am Evelyn Amony, chapters 5, 6 and 7