

# HUMN 3093 WAR

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102423

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**Description** People have been waging war and killing each other since time immemorial. Indeed, the warrior could challenge for the title of "world's oldest profession." This subject will take you on an intellectual journey, around the globe and across time, as we seek answers to the following questions. Why do humans fight? Is it in our genes? How do we account for the rise of the warrior? How should you start a war? How should you fight a war? How do you win a war? Can war be just? What can be done to prevent war? How does technology impact war? Should we fret about nuclear war and global annihilation? Should women fight on the front lines?

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** History

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Incompatible Subjects** HUMN 2059 - War

**Restrictions**

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Communicate theoretical perspectives on warfare to a wider audience.
2. Collaborate with peers in critically assessing the development of strategies and technologies of warfare.
3. Evaluate various popular and scholarly explanations of wars' causes and respond to plausible counterarguments and counterproposals.
4. Discuss the connections between war and politics.
5. Critically analyse the causes and nature of the key wars in history covered in the subject.
6. Compare and contrast the varying perspectives on war in Western and Non-Western societies.

## Subject Content

1. The history of warfare: from ancient times to the present
2. The development of practices in warfare: technology, armed services, strategy, war economies
3. The development of thought as it relates to war
4. Global perspectives on war
5. Protesting against war/depicting war
6. Starting wars/ending wars

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group	Mandatory Task
Case Study	2,000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Critical Review	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Debate	20 minutes; approx 1,000 words	30	N	Group	N
Participation	1 hour each week	10	N	Group/ Individual	N

## Summer Online

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

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Log/ workbook	2,000 words	40	N	Individual	
Audio- visual presentatio	3 minutes per person	30	N	Individual	
Quiz	1,000 words (equivalent)	30	N	Individual	

## Block A

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Presentatio	3 minutes per person	30	N	Individual	N
Quiz	1,000 words (equivalent)	30	N	Individual	N

## Prescribed Texts

- Geoffrey Parker, ed., Cambridge Illustrated History of Warfare, (Cambridge UP 2008)

## Teaching Periods

## **Spring (2025)**

### **Bankstown City**

#### **On-site**

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### **Parramatta - Victoria Rd**

#### **On-site**

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