

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 276 **Course Title** History of War
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Elective course for International Studies concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Not yet specified

7. Course Description

The history of warfare since Antiquity, but with particular reference to the modern period. The development of armed forces. Innovations in weaponry, tactics and strategy. Social and economic costs of warfare. Combat and combatants. Provisioning and planning. The use of reporting and propaganda in support of warfare. The industrialization of war and the rise of the military - industrial complex. Types of warfare in the contemporary world.

8. Course Objective (s)

- (i) To give students an overview of the main developments in military history since Antiquity to the modern period.
- (ii) To increase students' awareness of the nature of historical thinking and methodology.

9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction and general overview of the topic. General themes : innovations in weaponry, tactics and strategy; social and economic costs of warfare; combat and combatants; provisioning and planning. Armies and navies	4	TBA
2	Ancient warfare	4	
3	Medieval and feudalistic warfare	4	
4	The Gunpowder Revolution and its impact	4	
5	Warfare in the Early Modern era	4	
6	Review. Mid-term examination	4	
7	The impact of the French revolution	4	
8	The impact of technology and industrialism	4	
9	Warfare and 19 th century colonialism	4	
10	The world wars of the 20 th century	4	
11	Warfare since 1945	4	
	Total	44	

NB. The lecturer has the right to vary the topics as he/she see fit.

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lectures; questions and answers; classroom discussions.

11. Teaching Media

Not yet specified.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

(i.e. Grading scheme) : Grades given according to a fixed scale (Students receiving marks of 90% and above will receive letter grade A; those receiving less than 50% will fail, etc. Borderline cases (45 - 50%) may be passed if the student's attendance record, punctuality, and classroom demeanor have been exemplary.

13. Course evaluation

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluation will be based on a long essay and two examinations (Mid-term / Final), each carrying 1/3 of the marks.

14. Reference (s)

Christon I. Archer, John R. Ferris, Holger H. Herwig, and Timothy H. E. Travers. *World History of Warfare*. London : Cassell, 2003.

15. Instructor (s)

To be announced.

16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Peter Smith