

**Political Studies Program, Summer 2010**  
**THINKING STRATEGICALLY**  
**Instructors: Thomas Donnelly and Gary Schmitt**  
**Washington, D.C.**

This seminar offers students an introduction to and interpretation of American “strategic culture,” that is, the habitual ways and purposes that influence when and how the United States uses its military power. Beginning with pre-Revolutionary British roots and charting the effects of the wars from independence in 1776 and 1812, the fulcrum of the course will be a day-long “staff ride” to Gettysburg, taking a role-play approach to understanding the causes, the conduct, and the consequences of the war that ensured America would be “whole and free.” Following an assessment of the post-World War II “world America made,” the course will conclude with a student-led exercise to formulate a strategy for the 21st century.

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**Monday, June 28, 2010, 9:00 AM – Noon**

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***High Politics and Strategy***

Reading:

- Pericles’ Funeral Oration
- Selections from the New Testament, Augustine, and Aquinas (“Just War”)
- Selections from Hobbes (I, II, III) and Machiavelli
- Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy*, Chapter 4, “The Concert of Europe”
- The Declaration of Independence

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**Tuesday, June 29, 2010, 9:00 AM – Noon**

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***Early American Politics and Strategy***

Reading:

- Benjamin Franklin’s Albany Plan
- Selections from the Federalist Papers (No. 4, 10, 24, 70)
- Washington’s Farewell Address
- The Northwest Ordinance
- Peter Maslowski, “To the Edge of Greatness: The U.S., 1783-1865,” in *The Making of Grand Strategy*, Murray, Knox and Bernstein (eds.)

## ***War and Strategy***

### Reading:

- Selections from Sun Tzu, *Art of War*, and Carl von Clausewitz, *On War*

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**Wednesday, June 30, 2010, 7:30 AM – Noon**

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## **Tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield**

### Reading:

- Michael Shaara, *Killer Angels*

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**Thursday, July 1, 2010, 9:00 AM – Noon**

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## ***Modern American Strategy***

### Reading:

- NSC 68
- Hans Morgenthau, “Six Principles of Political Realism,” in *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*
- Michael Doyle, “Kant, Liberal Legacies and Foreign Affairs,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Summer 1983)
- President Bush, *National Security Strategy 2002*
- Robert Kagan, *Return of History and the End of Dreams* (selection)
- President Obama, *National Security Strategy 2010*

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**Friday, July 2, 2010, 9:00 AM – Noon**

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## ***Exercise: Developing a U.S. Strategy for 2010-2020***

### Reading:

- Williamson Murray and Mark Grimsley, “Introduction: On Strategy,” in *The Making of Strategy*
- Thomas Donnelly and Gary Schmitt, “Introduction,” *Of Men and Materiel: The Crisis in Military Resources*
- National Intelligence Council, *Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World*