

Future War

COURSE LEADER

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AIMS OF THE MODULE

ON FINISHING THE COURSE YOU WILL:

- have a good understanding of the factors which may lead to a future war
- be able to give competent formal military briefings in English on military matters in general and Future War in particular
- be able to write a report in standard NATO format
- be familiar with a wide variety of English accents, not just American and British, but South African, Australian, Nigerian, Indian, etc.
- be able to communicate competently on the subject of Future War

METHODOLOGY

TO ACHIEVE THESE AIMS YOU WILL:

- read, make notes, and brief on, a variety of authentic texts relating to future War
- listen to, take notes, and critically analyse authentic audio and video material
- write an ongoing portfolio, in which you will see your written English improve from week to week
- take part every week in focussed discussions
- regularly prepare and deliver briefings or presentations

COURSE CONTENT

- Causes of war, the resurgence of conventional war, technology and future war, civil-military relations
- Just war theory and the laws of armed conflict (LOAC)
- Great power competition and geopolitics
- Cognitive warfare: active measures, information warfare and influence operations, sub-threshold warfare, maskirovka, intelligence, etc.
- Culture and conflict: national 'ways of war' and national narratives
- History and fiction as tools to predict the character of future war
- Privatisation of future war
- Future war and the environment
- Weaponisation of resources, refugees, social media, etc.
- Political warfare

... and much more

Case studies: Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, etc.

STUDENT DRIVEN CONTENT

The aim of the course is to improve all your language skills, and the subject matter should, to a large extent, be driven by the students themselves.

Military English is a branch of Language Teaching called 'English for Specific Purposes' (ESP) which is based on the principle of 'student ownership' of the course. The more ideas and inputs that come from you the better, and the more interesting the course for all/

PRACTICAL DETAILS

COURSE LEADER:

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Major Cant-Salkowsky is a retired British Army officer (Intelligence Corps) who served in Germany, Belize, Cyprus, Norway (NATO) and Northern Ireland.

- Future War is a module aimed at students from all faculties
- Successfully completing this course will get you 4 credit points for your Bachelor. You can also refresh your SLP or just improve your English
- You need to have at least an SLP (HMLS) of 3332 already

LENGTH OF COURSE AND HOURS PER WEEK

- The course runs for 3 terms: Autumn 2023, Winter and Spring 2024
- There is one class per week of 90 minutes and there are 2 times to choose from. Details are on the next slide
- There will be homework assignments each week, typically reading, writing, or a piece of research. This assignment is integral to the course and counts towards your Bachelor points
- We will be working on campus (Room 1158) but occasionally we may have to work online (MS Teams). The first class will be on campus, in Room 1158 on Wednesday 4 October (Future War Group 2) and on Tuesday 10 October for Future War Group 1.
- Maximum number of students per class: 14

CLASS TIMES AND ROOMS

The timing of the classes and the rooms in which they will take place will be as follows, starting on Wednesday 4 October (for Future War Group 2) and on Tuesday 10 October for Future War Group 1:

- Tuesday 0945-1115 1158
- Wednesday 1130-1300 1158

CREDIT POINTS

HOW DO YOU GET YOUR CREDIT POINTS?

- A 20 minute oral exam including a presentation and discussion
- A continually assessed writing portfolio compiled during the course
- You will have 3 attempts in total to successfully complete the oral and writing requirements of M₃ and S₃. In the case of writing, these 2nd and 3rd attempts would be a 60 minute written exam.

REGISTERING FOR CLASS

- Register for the module on Campus Management
- Registration: 27 September to 30 September 2023
- Questions concerning the deadline or CMS: contact either Dr. Novo in room 1124 or via e.mail at novo@hsu-hh.de or Frau Henning in room 1122 or via e-mail at melanie.henning@hsu-hh.de

A FINAL THOUGHT

“For every state, war is always incessant and lifelong against every other state... in truth, all states by their very nature are always engaged in an informal war against all other states.”

Plato, *Laws*