Nebraska Wesleyan University

POLSC 3720 War and Peace

Catalog

2026-2027

Course Description

Why do people use violence to pursue political goals? Additionally, once conflict has ended, what keeps actors from simply taking up arms again should they feel dissatisfied with the new status quo? This course will explore these broad questions by investigating the determinants and dynamics of conflict and post-conflict peace. The first part of the course will explore the theoretical explanations for why people and states resort to violence. This will be followed by an investigation into non-state actors and fighting within the state. The course will then end with a section on how violence ends and what influences post-conflict peace.

Archway Curriculum: Integrative Core: Going Global Thread

Course Hours

4 hours

Departments

1. Political Science