Required Texts:  
5. Either one of the following:  
OR  

This course is offered as a capstone course in the Economics in Action series. It is approved for the Critical Thinking segment of the Core Curriculum required by the College of Arts and Sciences. As such it is designed to force the student to subject the myths, emotion and special pleading which dominate defense debates to economic analysis, critical scrutiny and empirical testing. An important goal will be to demonstrate how economic analysis can be applied to aid the understanding of defense issues faced by any nation with a defense budget. Major focus will be on the United States and the industrialized countries of Western Europe but, on occasion, the case of the former Soviet Union and the more advanced countries of Central and Eastern Europe will be examined for comparative purposes.

Students majoring in Economics, Political Science, and/or International Affairs should find the course particularly useful but any students who have taken introductory economics (micro and macro) should be able to handle the material, whatever their major department.

The course will be run as a seminar with extensive student participation and substantial reading required. Grades will be based on class participation, two short essays (3-5 pages) on a common topic, and a major term paper (of at least 15 pages). The subject area is important, interesting, and highly policy-relevant and a serious commitment of effort should yield a very rewarding learning experience.

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1In addition to the material in the required texts, additional items will be distributed to students and assignments made in material on reserve at Norlin Library. Free riders will be neither welcome nor happy in this class.
COURSE OUTLINE

Wednesday 8/26/92 Organization and Introduction.

Friday 8/28/92 Hartley Ch 1 - Economics and Defence Policy: An Overview
Gansler Ch 1 - The Dilemma

Monday 8/31/92 Gansler Ch 1 - The Dilemma

Wednesday 9/2/92 Hartley Ch 2 - How Do Economists Analyze Defence?

Friday 9/4/92 Hartley Ch 2 -

Monday 9/7/92 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Wednesday 9/9/92 Gansler Ch 2 - Potential Conflicts

Friday 9/11/92 Gansler Ch 2 -

Monday 9/14/92 Hartley Ch 3 - Defence Budgets

Wednesday 9/16/92 Hartley Ch 3 -
Gansler Ch 3 - Selecting Weapons

Friday 9/18/92 Gansler Ch 5 - Budgeting and Congress
AND
A. Wildavsky, Ch 9 "Budgeting For Defense." RESERVE

Monday 9/21/92 Hartley Ch 4 - The Determinants of Defence Expenditures

Wednesday 9/23/92 Hartley Ch 4 -
Gansler Ch 9 - Personnel

Friday 9/25/92 Gansler Ch 9 -

Monday 9/28/92 Hartley Ch 5 - Economics, Politics and Public Choice

Wednesday 9/30/92 Hartley Ch 5 -

Friday 10/2/92 Hartley Ch 5 -

Monday 10/5/92 Hartley Ch 6 - Equipment Procurement Policy

Wednesday 10/7/92 Hartley Ch 6 -
Gansler Ch 6 - Buying Military Equipment


Monday 10/12/92 A Review of Defense Acquisition...

Wednesday 10/14/92 McNaugher Ch 1 - The Unhappy Accommodation & Ch 2 - The Era of Construction

Friday 10/16/92 McNaugher Ch 3 - The Era of Reform & Ch 4 - Mismanaging Modernization

Monday 10/19/92 McNaugher Ch 5 - Perverse Priorities & Ch 6 - The Accidental Industrial Policy

Wednesday 10/21/92 Hartley Ch 7 - NATO and Equipment Standardization
Monday 10/26/92  Hartley Ch 8 - The U.K. Defence Industrial Base  
Gansler Ch 8 - The Industrial Base  

Wednesday 10/28/92  Gansler Ch 7 - Research and Development  
AND  

Friday 10/30/92  OTA, Redesigning Defense: Planning the Transition to the Future U.S. Industrial Base.

Monday 11/2/92  OTA, Redesigning Defense...  
Gansler Ch 11 - Changes that are Needed

Wednesday 11/4/92  OTA, Redesigning Defense...  
McNaugher Ch 7 - Toward Meaningful Reform

Friday 11/6/92  Integrating Commercial and Military Technologies for National Strength: An Agenda for Change (Washington: Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1991) RESERVE

Monday 11/9/92  Hartley Ch 9 - Evaluating International Programs

Wednesday 11/11/92  Hartley Ch 9 -  

Friday 11/13/92  Hartley Ch 9 -

Monday 11/16/92  Hartley Ch 10 - The Political Economy of Arms Control

Wednesday 11/18/92  Hartley Ch 10 -


Friday 11/27/92  THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Monday 11/30/92  Gansler, Ch 4 - Defense Spending and the Economy  
AND  

Wednesday 12/2/92  CBO, The Economic Effects of Reduced Defense Spending...


Monday 12/7/92  OTA, After the Cold War...

Wednesday 12/9/92  Catch Up  LAST CLASS DAY

Thursday 12/17/92  FINAL EXAM - REGULAR CLASSROOM 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.