The War, Policy, and Strategy (WPS) course provides a study of the nature, theory, and conduct of war at the strategic level. It emphasizes the relationship between moral and physical factors in war and between national military power and the other instruments of national power in contributing to national success or failure. The course begins with an in-depth look at the major theoreticians of western and eastern warfare and uses historical case studies to enhance understanding of the “Clausewitzian” concept of warfare as a continuation of politics. The course also investigates the development of strategy using various models to include the relationship between ends, ways and means.

War Policy and Strategy (WPS) Learning Outcomes:

• Apply traditional and non-traditional principles of war at the strategic and operational levels of war.
• Analyze national security policies, national military strategies, and associated theater campaigns and operations.
• Analyze the relationship between the components of national power (DIME) and the achievement of strategic end states.
• Analyze the impact of cultural, social, and political factors on the design, development and execution of military strategy.