

This is a one semester survey of American military history from the colonial period to the present. I plan to emphasize institutional developments such as the military educational system and the War Department, as well as the evolution of military policy. I hope to spend a great deal of time on the citizen soldier tradition. In addition to some discussions of campaigns, I also intend to examine the life of the soldier.

Two lectures per week

6-week exam; optional 12-week exam; final exam
4-6 page paper based on an interview with someone who had military experience

Grading system:

35%- 6week (if student elects to take 12 week, then I shall average the two scores for the 35%)
10%- discussion section
10%- term paper
45%- final examination

Required Readings:

W. Millis, ARMS AND MEN
T. Harry Williams, LINCOLN AND HIS GENERALS
D. Rickey, Jr., FORTY MILES A DAY ON BEANS AND HAY
E. Morison, MEN, MACHINES, AND MODERN TIMES
J. G. Gray, THE WARRIORS
A. Millett, SHORT HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR