COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This is a survey of American attitudes and experiences concerning war, peace, and the military from after the Civil War to the near present.

The course examines the development of military institutions (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and National Guard). It also explores aspects of the nation's wartime experiences. The course covers technological and organizational developments, changing strategic doctrines, and the nationalization and professionalization of the armed forces.

It also analyzes civilian attitudes towards war, peace, and the military, contours in civil-military relations, development of ant-war, peace, and disarmament movements, and the relationship of war, peace, and the military to U.S. foreign and national security policy and to American society and culture.

In the process, the course also teaches historical analysis and uses written and visual documents to do so.

I. Books

The following books are required reading for the students enrolled in this course. They are available at the Student Bookstore and may be purchased in new or used editions there or at many other localities or on-line.


Recommended reading:

II. Course requirements:

Regular attendance is required. More than two absences must be explained and justified to the instructor.

All readings on the list below are required. Each group of readings should be completed by the time of the lectures that it parallels.

There will be a midterm examination and a final examination. Both examinations will cover the readings, lectures, and discussion material. With the instructor's written approval of the topic, an optional 20-page term paper may be substituted for the midterm examination. That option requires a prospectus and a term paper. Both will be graded.

Student Options
(with approximate weight of each component)

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**Option B:** Cannot pass course w/o passing final exam w/ an A, B, or C