

History 01:512:347

War, Peace, and the Military in the
U.S., 1607 - 1865

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Course Synopsis

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Course Description: This is a survey of American attitudes toward, and developments in regard to, war, peace, and the military, from colonial times through the Civil War. Course themes include the military obligations of citizenship; the roots and persistence of American anti-militarism, including pacifism; the attempted nationalization of defense missions and institutions by the federal government; the beginnings of an American profession of arms; and the impact of technology.

Special Permission Numbers: If you have not previously taken a course with the instructor, your request for a special permission number will be denied, so DO NOT ASK. If you have taken a course with him, know that you may be placed on a waiting list for a number, and that you might not be enrolled in the course.

Course Readings: The following books are required. These can be purchased from the campus bookstore, or special-ordered from your local bookstore or Internet bookseller.

Anderson, Fred, and Andrew Cayton. *The Dominion of War: Empire and Liberty in North America, 1500 – 2000*. New York: Penguin, 2005. ISBN 9780143036517

Manning, Chandra. *What This Cruel War Was Over: Soldiers, Slavery, and the Civil War*. New York: Knopf, 2008. ISBN 9780307277329

Martin, James Kirby, and Mark Edward Lender. *"A Respectable Army": The Military Origins of the Republic, 1763 – 1789*, 3d. ed. Chichester, Sussex, United Kingdom: John Wiley & Sons, 2005. ISBN 9781118923887

Millett, Allan R., with Peter Maslowski and William B. Feis. *For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States from 1607 to 2012*, 3d. ed. New York: The Free Press, 2012. ISBN 9781451623536

Assignments: Students will complete a midterm examination, worth 22 percent of their course grade; a final examination (28 percent); two short papers (10 percent each); and a course theme paper (20 percent). Class attendance (8 percent) and participation (2 percent) will also count towards the course grade.

Key Dates

September 24	Short Paper #1 due
October 18	Midterm Examination
November 1	Course Theme Paper topic due
November 12	Short Paper #2 due
December 10	Course Theme Paper due
Final Exam Period, date & time to be determined	Final Examination

Questions? Students with interest in, or questions about, the course are encouraged to contact the instructor.