

Course Synopsis

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Course Description: This is a survey of American attitudes and experiences concerning war, peace and the military from Reconstruction to the twenty-first century. The course explores changing modes of military organization through nationalization, professionalization, and technological developments. It also analyzes social and cultural attitudes towards war, peace, and the military, including anti-war, peace, and disarmament movements. Finally, the course examines civil-military relations and the influence of the military upon national policy.

Special Permission Numbers: If you have not taken a course previously with the instructor, your request for a special permission number will be denied, so DO NOT ASK. Students who have taken courses with him are welcome to ask, but should know they may be placed on a waiting list, and may not be enrolled in the course.

Required Course Texts: Print versions can be purchased from the campus bookstore, or special-ordered from your local bookstore or Internet bookseller. Electronic versions are acceptable, but know that the reading assignments will refer to pages in the printed media.

Linn, Brian M. *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2007. ISBN 9780674034792

(Available via Rutgers University Libraries, at <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/lib/rutgers-ebooks/detail.action?docID=3300250>)

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

Overy, Richard. *Why the Allies Won*. New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 1996. ISBN 9780393316193

Rutenberg, Amy J. *Rough Draft: Cold War Military Manpower Policy and the Origins of Vietnam-Era Draft Resistance*. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 2019. ISBN 9781501739583

Students will also read articles made available via the course Canvas site, or Rutgers University Libraries. These will require you to use your Rutgers NetID credentials.

Assignments: Students will be offered six opportunities to complete open-note, open book take-home examinations. Each examination will be worth 20 percent, and only the four highest scores will be used in calculating students' averages. A syllabus quiz (10 percent) and attendance (10 percent) will make up the balance of the course average.

Tentative Course Schedule:

Course Introduction	January 20
I. American Attitudes Towards War, Peace, and the Military	January 24 & 27 Optional Warm-Up Quiz due February 3
II. The Post-Civil War Armed Forces, 1865 – 1898	January 31; February 3 & 7 Examination #1 due February 14
III. Creating and Defending a Global Empire, 1898 – 1917	February 10, 14 & 17 Examination #2 due February 24
IV. The Great War and the Postwar World, 1917 – 1941	February 21, 24 & 28; March 3 Examination #3 due March 10
V. Twenty-Two Short Lectures on World War II	March 7, 10, 21 & 24 Examination #4 due March 31
NO CLASS	March 14 & 17 (Spring Recess)
VI. The Cold War, 1947 – 1989	March 28 & 31; April 4, 7, & 11 Examination #5 due April 18
VII. Since 1989	April 14, 18, 21 & 25 Examination #6 due May 2
Course Conclusion	April 28
Make-up Day	May 2

Questions? Students who are interested in, or have further questions about, the course are encouraged to e-mail the instructor.