# COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE | INSTRUCTOR
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396 (formerly 398) | American Military History | Coffman

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

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

## LECTURES

Three lectures a week.

## WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

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

## GRADING SYSTEM

- 35% - 6 week (if student chooses to take the optional 12 week, then I split the difference between his grade on the 6 wk and the 12 wk grade for 35%)
- 10% - discussion section
- 10% - term paper
- 45% - final examination

## REQUIRED READINGS

- Walter Millis, *Arms and Men*
- Marcus Cunliffe, *Soldiers and Civilians*
- Bruce Catton, *The American Heritage History of the Civil War*
- J. Glenn Gray, *The Warriors*
- Robert M. Utley, *Last Days of the Sioux Nation*
- Townsend Hoopes, *The Limits of Intervention*
- E. Morison, *Men, Machines and Modern Times*