

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 1979-1980

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
396	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 and the life of the soldier. I spend a great deal of time on the citizen soldier tradition.

LECTURES

3 a week

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

6 Week exam optional 12 week and required Final
5 page paper based on an interview with someone who had military experience.

GRADING SYSTEM

35% - 6 wk exam (If student chooses to take optional 12 wk exam then I split the difference between the grades on both 6 wk and 12 wk for 35%)
10% term paper
10% - discussion section participation
45% Final exam

REQUIRED READINGS

Russell Weigley, The American Way of War; Marcus Cunliffe, Soldiers and Civilians; Bruce Catton, The American Heritage Short History of the Civil War; Robert M. Utley, The Last Days of the Sioux Nation; Elting E. Morison, Men, Machines, and Modern Times; Townsend Hoopes, The Limits of Intervention.