

Department of History

Semester I Year 1980-81

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
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

Elting E. Morison, Men, Machines and Modern Times