

Course Description

AMH2047 | U.S. Military History | 3.00 credits

This course surveys the culture and history of U.S. military affairs from the colonial origins of the American nation to the present. The course also emphasizes how warfare, military strategy, and technological development on the battlefield has continued to evolve throughout the 20th Century and beyond.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the origins of the American military culture from its European beginnings by:

1. reviewing the impact of European military traditions and practices from ancient Greece through the 18th century.
2. identifying and analyzing the major developments in military affairs that affected American colonial societies.
3. synthesizing a general knowledge of the course and scope of colonial-era military conflicts.

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the impact of each military conflict on the development of domestic, political, and foreign policy by:

1. examining the military experience between soldiers and civilians and how it shaped military culture.
2. identifying and analyzing the changes over time that military experiences have had on the older, civilian, society, and the nation.
3. synthesizing an understanding of the interconnectedness of the military, social, and cultural spheres.
4. comprehending how some veterans have experienced physical and mental damage in the aftermath of military service.

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the influences that war has had on technology, medicine, and science in the U.S. by:

1. explaining how innovation in science and medicine directly affects military affairs.
2. synthesizing an understanding of how innovation significantly affects outcomes in military history.
3. examining how civilian innovations have impacted American military practice and strategic implementation.

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate a general knowledge and understanding of the development of modern warfare (conventional, nuclear, biological, chemical, and cyber), the role of terrorism, and the position of the United States as a military superpower in a post-cold war world by:

1. displaying an understanding of the context of current conflicts where the U.S. is a direct actor.
2. categorizing the critical moments in the evolution of modern American military strategy.
3. synthesizing a personal understanding of the inter-relationship between the U.S. military establishment and civilian affairs in light of political and economic developments in the United States.

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society