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COURSE SYLLABUS

HIUS 380

MODERN AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An in-depth study of United States military history in the 20th century.

RATIONALE

The purpose of this course is to survey the various factors that contributed to the rise of American military power in the last century from that of a frontier force to a global power. The various perspectives and influences of leaders, the development of a uniquely American style of warfare, and the consequent impact on tactics, strategy, and operations will be traced from the Spanish-American War to the current War on Terror. This course will fulfill an exciting concentration requirement for the history major at Liberty University.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word

(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Identify major figures and events in American military history since 1900.
- B. Describe the development and changes in the American military since 1900.
- C. Explain how a variety of issues including political, economic, diplomatic, and cultural factors influenced American military development since 1900.
- D. Demonstrate advanced undergraduate competencies in reading comprehension, documentary analysis, research, and historical writing.
- E. Apply biblical principles in making interpretations of American military history.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (4)

There will be 4 Discussion Board Forums throughout this course. The student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided topic for each Discussion Board Forum. Each thread must be 250 words in length and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student must reply to 2 other classmates' threads. Each reply must 150 words in length.

D. Midterm Essay

The student will write a Midterm Essay in current Turabian format that focuses on World War II. The paper must include at least 3 scholarly sources in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible. The Midterm Essay must be a minimum of 3 pages in length.

E. Final Essay

The student will write a Final Essay in current Turabian format that focuses on American Military Experience. The paper must include at least 5 scholarly sources in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible. The Final Essay must be a minimum of 7 pages in length.

F. Quizzes (8)

Each quiz will cover the Reading & Study material for the module/week in which it is assigned. Each quiz will be open-book/open-notes, contain 15 multiple-choice questions, and have a 60-minute time limit.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (4 at 25 pts ea)	100
Midterm Essay	100
Final Essay	200
Quizzes (8 at 75 pts ea) Modules 1–8	600
Total	1010

B. Scale

A = 900–1010 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Ritchie & Pieper: Foundations of American Ways of Fighting & Ch. 1 1 presentation	Course Requirements Checklist Introduction Discussion Board Quiz 1	10 0 75
2	Ritchie & Pieper: Chs. 2-3 1 presentation	DB Forum 1 Quiz 2	25 75
3	Ritchie & Pieper: Chs. 4-5 1 presentation	Quiz 3 Midterm Essay	75 100
4	Ritchie & Pieper: Ch. 6 1 presentation	DB Forum 2 Quiz 4	25 75
5	Ritchie & Pieper: Ch. 7 1 presentation	DB Forum 3 Quiz 5	25 75
6	Ritchie & Pieper: Chs. 8-9 1 presentation	Quiz 6	75
7	Ritchie & Pieper: Chs. 10-11 1 presentation	Quiz 7 Final Essay	75 200
8	Ritchie & Pieper: Ch. 12-13 1 presentation	DB Forum 4 Quiz 8	25 75
TOTAL			1010

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.