

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Department of History

# War, Peace, and the Military in the U.S. to 1877

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## SYLLABUS

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a survey of American attitudes towards and experiences with war, peace, and the military from colonial settlement in 1607 through the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Plains Indian Wars.

The course examines the development of military institutions (militia, National Guard, Army, Navy, and Marines) in peace and war. It also examines aspects of the nation's wartime experiences. The course covers technological and organizational developments, changing strategic doctrines, and the nationalization and professionalization of the armed forces.

It also explores civilian attitudes towards war, peace, and the military, contours in civil–military relations, development of antiwar, peace, and disarmament movements, and the relationship of war, peace, and the military to U.S. foreign and national security policy and to American society and culture.

### I. Books

The following books are required readings of the students enrolled in this course. They are available at the Rutgers University Bookstore, Albany Street, New Brunswick.

Allan R. Millett and Peter Maslowski, *For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America* Revised and Expanded Edition (N.Y.: The Free Press of Macmillan, 1994). Paperback. The basic textbook; for use in both semesters of this course.

John W. Chambers II and G. Kurt Piehler, eds., *Major Problems in American Military History: Documents and Essays* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1999). Paperback. The basic anthology for use in both semesters of this course.

Arthur E. Ekirch, Jr., *The Civilian and the Military: A History of the American Anti-Militarist Tradition* (Colorado Springs, Colo.: Ralph Myles Publisher, 1972, c. 1956). Paperback. History of an alternative tradition. For use in both semesters of the course.

INTERNET NOTE: For those interested in using the web, two useful relevant websites are the American Memory archive of words, sounds, and pictures at the library of Congress at the following: <http://www.loc.gov/> (<http://www.loc.gov/>) and the archives of the History Net at <http://www.thehistorynet.com/> (<http://www.thehistorynet.com/>)

## II. Course requirements:

All readings on the list below are required. Each group of readings should be completed by the time of the lectures which it parallels.

There will be a midterm examination and a final examination. Both examinations will cover the readings, lectures, and discussion material. With the permission of the instructor, an optional term paper may be substituted for the midterm examination.

### Student Options

## Option A

Class Discussion 10%

Midterm Exam 40%

Final Exam 50%

Totals: 100%

## Option B

Class Discussion 10%

Term Paper 40%

Final Exam 50%

100%

## Option C

Class Discussion 10%

Midterm Exam 30%

Term Paper 30%

Final Exam 30%

100%