History 232: History of American Sea Power
Fall 2010
T&R, 9:10-10:20AM, 008 Glasscock

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Course Description:
This course focuses on the roles of the U.S. Navy in American foreign and defense policy. Coverage for each period of peace begins with an analysis of American interests as understood at the time, perceived challenges to those interests, defense policy developed to protect those interests, and the role of the Navy within that policy. Similarly, the study of each war begins with an analysis of war aims and an assessment of the strategy developed to pursue those aims. Emphasis is then placed on the Navy's role in that strategy and an evaluation of its success or failures to reach its objectives.

Core Objectives for American History Foundational Component Area:

Critical Thinking (to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information)

Communication (to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication)

Social Responsibility (to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities)

Personal Responsibility (to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making)

Prerequisites:
None

Student Learning Outcomes:
Through this course, students will be able to:

1) evaluate and synthesize primary and secondary historical writings related to the history
of Western Civilization since 1660.

2) express their own ideas effectively in written and oral form.

3) identify historical and social contexts that created diversity in the past history of Western Civilization and in present-day human cultures.

4) apply knowledge about the human condition - in the past and present - to their personal lives and studies.

**Attendance Policy:**
I expect you to come to class prepared and ready to actively engage. Students will be penalized after more than three absences, except in the case of university-excused absences. For each unexcused absence after that, your final grade will be dropped by one percentage point. Assignments that are submitted late will receive a grade of zero except in the case of university-excused absences or by prior arrangement with the instructor.

I will handle all absences and work related to them in accordance with TAMU Student Rules: Attendance [http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07].

**ADA- Students with Disabilities:**
The Americans with Disabilities Act is a federal anti-discrimination law that provides civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this law requires that students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If a student believes that they have a disability requiring accommodation, they should contact the Department of Student Life, Services for Students with Disabilities, in Cain Hall (campus phone 845-1637). For additional information visit [http://disability.tamu.edu](http://disability.tamu.edu)

**Academic Integrity:**
"An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do." Students are expected to be aware of and adhere to the Aggie Honor Council Rules and Procedures, available at: [http://aggiehonortamu.edu](http://aggiehonortamu.edu)

**Required Textbooks:**
Kenneth J. Hagan and Michael T. McMaster, eds., In Peace and War (Greenwood Press) Abbreviated P&W Ch # Essays on Vietnam and Post Cold War Navy (posted on line)
Craig L. Symonds, Historical Atlas of the U.S. Navy (Naval Institute Press) Abbreviated HA (pp#)
(Not Required BUT highly useful: Limited number available at local bookstores; others available on line)

**Course Requirements:**

Six quizzes (40 pts each),
two hour examinations (250 pts. each)
a final examination (300 pts.).

Total points: 790 points

Each quiz will be multiple choice and cover material since the last quiz or exam. You will need a Scantron form 882 and #2 pencil for each quiz. Each examination will be essay in format. None will be cumulative. You will need a small (8 x 7) bluebook and pen for each examination.

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**Grading:**

Individual grades are assigned on a percentage basis with 90-100% an "A", 80-89% a "B," etc. Thus at any time during the semester students can calculate their grades by dividing the number of points earned by the total number of points possible and applying the result to the scale.

**Course Schedule:**

**Week 1**
Week of 31 August
Tu: Course Intro; The European Balance of Power System
Th: The War for Independence: U.S. Alone, 1775-77
P&W 1; Q&B: Hopkins; HA 3-20

**Week 2**
Week of 6 September
Tu: The War for Independence: Britain Alone, 1778-83
Th: Genesis of the Navy: Federalists, Barbary, & Quasi War
**Quiz 1**
Q&B: Jones
HA 23-30; P&W 2
Week 3  
Week of 13 September  
Tu: A Neutral's Plight: Jefferson's Foreign & Naval Policy  
HA 34-36; Q&B: Decatur  
Th: The War of 1812  
HA 39-54, P&W 3; Q&B: OH Perry

Week 4  
Week of 20 September  
P&W 4-5; Q&B Stockton & MC Perry;  
Tu: The Squadron Navy: Defending Continental Am. & Commercial Expansion  
HA 57-74  
Th: Civil War: Strategy & Blockade Quiz  
P&W 6-7; HA 77-86

Week 5  
Week of 27 September  
Tu: Civil War Riverine Ops. & Capturing Ports  
Th: Examination I

Week 6  
Week of 4 October  
HA 86-102; Q&B: Farragut, Semmes & Porter  
Tu: Naval Decline/Rebirth & Revolution in Foreign Affairs  
HA 105-108; P&W; Q&B: Luce  
Th: Spanish American War  
HA 110-114, P&W 9; Q&B: Mahan & Dewey

Week 7  
Week of 11 October  
Tu: Theodore Roosevelt, The Big Stick & the New Navy  
Th: World War I at Sea  
HA 116-124; P&W 10  
HA 126-130, P&W 11; Q&B: Sims  
Quiz 2

Week 8  
Week of 18 October  
HA 132; P&W 12  
Th: Technological Revolution at Sea and The Road to War  
HA 134-140, Q&B: Moffett
Quiz 3

Week 9
Week of 25 October
Tu: Battle of the Atlantic
P&W 13*, HA156-160, Q&B: King
Th: Examination II

Week 10
Week of 1 November
Tu: Japanese Offensive & Turning the Tide
Th: Dual Advance Across the Pacific

Week 11
Week of 8 November
Tu: Victory in the Pacific
Th: The Navy & Defense Unification
HA164-188; Q&B: Halsey
P&W14
Quiz 4

Week 12
Week of 15 November
HA142-150, P&W 13*, Q&B: Nimitz
HA 152-154, 162
Tu: The Cold War: Korea, & Eisenhower, & Massive Retaliation
Th: The Cold War: Kennedy & Flexible Response
Quiz 5

Week 13
Week of 22 November
HA 191-202, P&W 15
HA204, Q&B: Burke
Tu: Vietnam & Its Legacy
Th: No Class--Thanksgiving

Week 14
Week of 29 November
Tu: Countering Rising Soviet Naval Power
Th: The Maritime Strategy & End of the Cold War
HA 206-214; P&W 16; Essay 1&2
Quiz 6
Reassigned Day:
Q&B: Rickover, Zurnwalt
HA217-224; P&W :7
Tu: Gulf Wars & Navy Roles New and Old
HA226-230

Fr: Final Examination 10 December 3:00-5:00 p.m.