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**General Syllabus**

**MILS 4173 Survey of American Military History**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory: 0

Prerequisite: HIST 2753 United States History I

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

A survey of American military history from the Revolution to the present concentrating on training, weapons, and tactics.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

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

1. Identify and analyze the development and implementation of the primary methods of training US armed forces.
2. Discuss the development of weapons and their influence on tactics and strategies adopted by the US military throughout the nation's history.
3. Analyze and discuss the application of tactics by United States armed forces throughout the course of the nation's history.
4. Identify and discuss various political and social issues related to the US military

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Analytical Skills**

**Critical Thinking**

Students will think critically about and analyze major issues related to the evolution of American military systems.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will research historical topics using primary sources. Students will write military history in publishable form.

### **Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will explore and discuss a broad range of American military activities at home and abroad.

### **III. Major Course Topics**

- A. The development of the American military system from the end of the Revolution
- B. Early 19<sup>th</sup> century armaments and training
- C. Lesson from the War of 1812 and Napoleonic tactics
- D. Weapons evolution to the eve of the Civil War
- E. Civil War armaments and tactics
- F. American military in the imperialistic age
- G. The United States in World War I
- H. Armaments and tactical evolution resulting from World War II
- I. The Cold War and insurgency warfare
- J. The modern battlefield from Desert Storm to the present