

# North Central **Michigan College**

NCMC MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

Last Date Revised 09/18/2002

DIVISION/AREA: Liberal Arts

DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences

DIVISION DIRECTOR: Mark Gaylord, Ph. D.

ORIGINATOR: Bill Mayer

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION: Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D.

TOTAL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: 48 LECTURE: 3 LAB: 0 TOTAL CONTACT HOURS: 52.8

COURSE NUMBER: 205

CREDIT HOURS: 3

COURSE TITLE: The Civil War, 1861-1865

TRANSFERABLE YES: Yes NO: TO: Central Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Northern Michigan University (Per MACRAO agreement)

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE(S)/ADVISORY: None

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: : This course discusses the Civil War and the events leading to it. Beginning with the Mexican War, it traces the growing tension the North and South. It discusses the political views of the leaders of both sides as well as the issue of slavery. Specific attention will be given to the 1860 election and the events that led to the secession of the Southern States. The course will examine the military campaigns of the war including the leadership, strategy and tactics of both sides. The crucial factors affecting the outcome of the war will be discussed. The course will also consider how the outcome of the war affected the subsequent development of American society.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES: Refer to College catalog or specific occupational program outcomes and describe how this course meets those outcomes.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES: The purpose of this course is present the student with a solid framework and understanding of the War Between the States, also known as the Recent Unpleasantness. This will be accomplished by promoting an understanding of the causes of the conflict, the manner in which the war was fought, its advancements in strategy, logistics and tactics, the political, social and economic issues of the Northern and Southern governments, and the effects of the four years of war and Reconstruction on America today.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: The course material will be presented in both topical and chronological fashion. Reading assignments will follow the order in which the text presents them and will announced in class. Lecture and discussions will be based on the text and additional readings.

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METHODS OF EVALUATION: Tests will be composed of essay and objective questions. The occasional quiz may be given without notification. Arrangements must be made with the instructor to make up any missed exam or quiz.

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REQUIRED TEXTS: Shades of Blue and Gray – Herman Hattaway

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS: None

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Reasonable accommodations may be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, cognitive, systemic, and/or psychiatric disabilities. Please contact the Education Opportunity Program (EOP) at (231) 348-6687 to arrange services for this course.

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#### TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:

Week 1 - Introduction/Prologue

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Week 2 - Chapter 1 - Transition to Civil War

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Week 3 - Chapter 2 - The Fighting Begins

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Week 4 - Chapter 3 - The War in the West: Henry W. Halleck and Ulysses S. Grant

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Week 5 - Chapter 4 - The Peninsula Campaign

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Week 6 - Chapter 5 - A Rival Displaces McClellan; and a Second Chance

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Week 7 - Chapter 6 - The Abortive 1862 Confederate Invasion: Kentucky and Middle Tennessee

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Week 8 - Chapter 7 - The Fredericksburg Campaign: A Study in Generalship

Week 8 - Chapter 7 - The Fredericksburg Campaign: A Study in Generalship (Mid-term Exam)

Week 9 - Chapter 8 - The Chancellorsville Campaign

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Week 10 - Chapter 9 - The Confederate "Jewels" on the Mississippi: Vicksburg and Port Hudson

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Week 11 - Chapter 10 - The Gettysburg Campaign

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Week 12 - Chapter 11 - The "Long Pull" of the War

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Week 13 - Chapter 12 - Continuing Confederate Viability  
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Week 14 - Chapter 13 - No End in Sight: Late 1863 - Early 1864  
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Week 15 - Chapter 14 - Grant and Sherman in Grand Simultaneous Advance  
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Week 16 - Chapter 15 - The War Draws to a Conclusion  
Week 16 - Chapter 15 - The War Draws to a Conclusion (Final Exam)

APPROVED FOR ADOPTION BY THE CRD/AP COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_