

COURSE TITLE AND NUMBER: VIETNAM THEN AND NOW PLS 270

North Central Michigan College

NCMC MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

Last Date Revised 2002

DIVISION/AREA: Liberal Arts DEPARTMENT:

DIVISION DIRECTOR: Mark Gaylord, Ph.D. ORIGINATOR: Dennis Duggan

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION: Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D.

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

COURSE NUMBER: PLS 270 CREDIT HOURS: 3

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TRANSFERABLE YES: NO: TO:

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE(S)/ADVISORY:

None

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

An examination of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War and the war's implications for government policies today. The various aspects of the execution of the war effort and the impact of the peace movement in this country are studied. Particular attention is given to the implications of the war in relationship to the political decisions involving foreign relations and military operations in the 1960's through 90's. Comparisons are made of the leadership styles of those who served in the armed forces with those who did not.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

Think critically and analytically, write and speak effectively, and independently acquire knowledge

COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course, it is hoped that the students will:

1. be able to list and describe the major political decisions made by the American government during the Vietnam war.
2. be able to identify and discuss the government policies that were changed as a result of the Vietnam War and directly effects today's policies
3. be able to track particular groups (Political leaders, combatants, peace activities and others) from the 1960's to today.
4. be able to analyze current government policies in light of Vietnam War policies and decisions.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

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Lecture, discussion, and small group collaboration.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Classroom participation	150 points
Term Paper	100 points
Oral presentation	100 points

REQUIRED TEXTS: (Representative List)

Karnow, Stanley,	<i>VIETNAM: A history</i>	A Penguin Book, 1997
Isaacs, Arnold R.,	<i>Vietnam Shadows,</i>	The John Hopkins University Press, 1997

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS:

**PBS Video “VIETNAM A History”
“Dear America” the book and video
Video “Beyond Vietnam”**

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.

TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:

Week 1	Course Overview
Week 2	Vietnam as a Nation and Place
Week 3	Post World War II
Week 4	American Involvement (Kennedy)
Week 5	American Involvement (Johnson)
Week 6	American Involvement (Nixon & Ford)
Week 7	The Combatants
Week 8	Peace Movements
Week 9	American's faith in Technology
Week 10	The Wall / The Veterans
Week 11	The Generation / Syndrome / Myth
Week 12	Ghost
Week 13	Vietnam and Desert Storm

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- Week 14 Other recent U.S. military actions
- Week 15 Student Presentations
- Week 16 Student Presentations

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