

HIS 314 THE HISTORY OF VIETNAM AND THE 1960S Thursdays at 6pm

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Course Description: This course provides an overview of the history of Vietnam, of the Vietnam War, and of 1960s America. Students will be introduced to the various movements for cultural, political and social change in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s, will examine the history of Vietnam, and will approach the years of U.S. engagement and conflict in Southeast Asia from multiple and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Course Objectives: Students will gain an understanding of the history of the Vietnam War in both its Vietnamese and American contexts, focusing on changes both at home and abroad. Examination of topics such as imperialism, anti-war protests, and political developments in Vietnam and the United States before and during the war will allow students to demonstrate an understanding of a complex period in U.S. and world history, and how the Vietnam War and the events of the 1960s continue to influence contemporary events.

Required Texts: There are two required texts for this course. It is your responsibility to complete all assigned readings. The books below are available for purchase at the Doane College Bookstore.

Herring, George C. *America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975*. 5th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Higher Education, 2002. ISBN 0073513253
Isserman, Maurice and Michael Kazin. *America Divided: The Civil War of the 1960s*. 3^{4th} ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008 ISBN 0199765065

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS, POLICIES, AND GRADING

Course Format and Assignments: The format of this class will be a combination of lectures, film and discussions

- Grading Breakdown:

	Participation	
25%		
	Exam One	
35 %		
	Final Exam	
40%		
Total		100%

The course schedule is subject to change. I will make sure to provide you with as much notice as possible should any changes occur, but it is your responsibility to keep up to date with the course schedule as well.

CLASS SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: Introduction

1. A Brief History of Vietnam 2. French Imperialism in Vietnam 3. The First Vietnam War 4. The Geneva Peace

Vietnam a Television History Part 2

Week 2

Assignment: *America's Longest War* Chapters 1- 3 1. America and Diem

Vietnam a Television History Part 4

WEEK 3

Assignment: *America Divided:* Chapter 1-5. 1. America in the 1960s

Vietnam a Television History Part 7

WEEK 4

1. Escalation and Reactions 2. Exam One Review

Assignment *America Divided:* Chapters 6-8

Assignment: *America's Longest War:* Chapters 4 and 5

WEEK 5

Exam One and Tet

Assignment: *America's Longest War:* Chapter 6

Vietnam a Television History Part 8

WEEK 6

1.1968-1973: Talk and Fight 2. Exam One Returned

Assignment: *America's Longest War* , CH 7

Assignment: *America Divided* CHs 9-12

Vietnam a Television History Part 10

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WEEK 7

1.The South Vietnamese Collapse 2.FINAL EXAM REVIEW!

Assignment: *America's Longest War* CH 8

Vietnam a Television History Part 12

WEEK 8

The War at Home

Assignment: *America Divided:* Chs 13-finish

FINAL EXAM

GRADING STANDARDS

Grading:	A+: 98-100	B+: 88-89	C+: 78-79	D: 60-69	F: 0-59
	A: 92-97	B: 83-87	C: 72-77		
	A- :90-92	B-: 80-82	C-: 70-77		