

HTS 3015-QUP: History of the Vietnam War [Distance Learning section]

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THERE ARE NO PREREQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE.

THERE IS ONE TEXTBOOK (SEE BELOW), WHICH YOU SHOULD GET BEFORE YOU LEAVE TECH.

YOUR GRADE WILL BE THE AVERAGE OF THREE MULTIPLE-CHOICE EXAMS, ONE OF WHICH WILL BE YOUR FINAL EXAM (See Below).

ALL EXAMS WILL BE THE SAME LENGTH (50 QUESTIONS EACH).

When sending emails to me, please type HTS-3015 QUP in the subject line!

This course uses T-square. Most classroom materials, including syllabus, Powerpoint slides, course schedule (with reading assignments), and textbook study guide will be located under the "Resources" tab.

My aim in this course is to provide students with a multifaceted understanding of America's war in Vietnam. We will explore the roots of the conflict, the war itself, and the legacies of the war. The Vietnam War had a profound impact on virtually all aspects of American politics and culture; controversy over the war nearly ripped the nation in two and provided the essential backdrop to the evolution of "The Sixties" in America. The American war also wrought unparalleled devastation in Vietnam itself. In addition, the war became a major event in the Cold War between the United States and the communist superpowers -- China and the Soviet Union.

Truth in advertising: We will discuss some military matters and explore the experiences of U.S. soldiers in Vietnam (and after), but the course should not be seen as a military history course. Also, while we will touch on Vietnam's long history and its many wars, this course does not claim to be a history of Vietnam itself. Finally, I am not a Vietnam veteran.

LECTURES ONLINE:

Lectures – including Powerpoint slides and documentary films -- will be recorded by the Office of Professional Education. You may live stream these lectures, but most of you will have job conflicts. Not to worry. The videos will be made available for downloading and viewing; these will be available with a one-day delay (i.e., you should have them by following morning, US-EST). You will find the lectures on T-square – as downloadable zip files.

Should you have trouble with your files, please email me and copy cdlops@pe.gatech.edu.

EXAMS:

You must designate a Proctor for your exams. This process is handled by the GTPE (Distance Learning) office. I will send the exams to the Distance Learning Office; they will upload the exam to their Proctor Administration Tool (PAT). Your Proctor will need to print out a paper copy of the exam and verify that you, and you alone, take the exam as instructed. When you finish the exam, your Proctor will upload your exam to PAT – and it finds its way to me.

You DO NOT have to take the exam at a specific time on a specific day. I will give you a window of

opportunity – three business days from the scheduled exam date -- during which you make complete the exam and your Proctor may send it back. Let me know ASAP if this will NOT work in your situation.

All three exams will be objective exams; they will cover both lectures and textbook material. Each exam will consist of 50 questions, most of them multiple choice. The final will be comprehensive.

Exam #1 = 30 % of your course grade. DATE: TBA

Exam #2 = 30 % of your course grade. DATE: TBA

Exam #3 (Final Exam -- Comprehensive) = 40% of course grade. DATE: TBA

COURSE GRADES will be determined by the following scale:

A = 89 and above

B = 79 to 88.99

C = 69 to 78.99

D = 59 to 68.99

F = 0 to 58.99

Reading:

To cut costs and to keep things simple during this brief summer session, I have assigned only one book: George D. Moss, *Vietnam: An American Ordeal*, 6th Edition (available at Engineer's Bookstore, B&N, and online). See the course schedule on T-square for your assigned readings.

T-square

I will use T-square for this course. I will place the syllabus, daily schedule, study guide, and Powerpoint slides under the "Resources" tab.

Honor Code I expect every student to abide by the spirit and letter of the GT Honor Code.

To be clear about Honor Code specifics for this online course:

1. All exams are closed-book, closed-note.
2. You may not use electronic devices of any kind during your exam.
3. Students taking this course on the GT campus will, of course, take the exam at the scheduled time. You, on the other hand, will have some lag time. As a result, it is a violation of the Honor Code for you to discuss the contents of an exam with any other student – until everyone has taken the exam and grades are posted on T-square.