

Montgomery County Community College  
 HIS 219  
 The Vietnam War  
 3-3-0

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course covers the experience of Americans and Vietnamese, soldiers and civilians in the Vietnam War. It has three parts: 1) the origins of American involvement, 1945-1963; 2) the war America waged on the ground and in the air; 3) the impact of the war on American society and government.

**REQUISITES:**

*Previous Course Requirements*

None

*Concurrent Course Requirements*

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Analyze key features of the history, culture, and military tradition of Vietnam.	Textbook and Documents Readings Lecture Class Discussion Internet-Based Resources (Maps, Videos) Exams Quizzes Choices of Writing Assignments	Textbook Lecture and Class Discussion Map Reaction Paper Assignment
2. Identify and interpret patterns of America history during World War II and the Cold War era that influenced American perspectives and policies toward Vietnam.	Textbook and Documents Readings Lecture Class Discussion Internet-Based Resources (Maps, Videos) Exams Quizzes Choices of Writing Assignments	Textbook Readings Lecture and Class Discussion Video Reaction Paper Assignment Identification Quiz

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
3. Analyze and discuss the 1950s origins of America's involvement in Vietnam.	Textbook and Documents Readings Lecture Class Discussion Internet-Based Resources (Maps, Videos) Exams Quizzes Choices of Writing Assignments	Lecture and Class Discussion Identification Quiz Essay Quiz Video Reaction Paper Assignment
4. Analyze motives and decisions by policymakers and military leaders that committed America to war in the 1960s.	Textbook and Documents Readings Lecture Class Discussion Internet-Based Resources (Maps, Videos) Exams Quizzes Choices of Writing Assignments	Textbook Assignment Lecture and Class Discussion Video Map Midterm Essay and Identification Exam
5. Compare strategies, tactics, and weapons of the United States and enemy forces during the war.	Textbook and Documents Readings Lecture Class Discussion Internet-Based Resources (Maps, Videos) Exams Quizzes Choices of Writing Assignments	Textbook Assignment Lecture and Class Discussion Video Based Discussion Reaction Paper Assignment Final Exam, Essays and Identification
6. Identify and discuss factors that led to America's withdrawal from Vietnam in the 1970's.	Textbook and Documents Readings* Lecture* Class Discussion* Internet-Based Resources (Maps, Videos)* Exams* Quizzes* Choices of Writing Assignments	Textbook Assignment Lecture and Class Discussion Map Assignment Reaction Paper Assignment Final Exam

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Geography and History of Vietnam
2. The First Indochina War, 1946-54: America's Role
3. Nation-building in South Vietnam, 1954-61
4. JFK's War: Limited Partnership
5. LBJ's War, 1964-68
6. Nixon's War, 1969-73
7. Peace with Honor?

LEARNING MATERIALS:

(May be changed at the discretion of the instructor)

Textbook:

Moss, George. *Vietnam: An American Ordeal*.

Documents book:

Appy, Christian. *Patriots: The Vietnam War Remembered From All Sides*.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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