Military History 304-1

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Texts:
Christon I Archer, et al, World History of Warfare
General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, It Doesn't Take a Hero

Course Summary

The course will study the evolution of warfare from ancient times to the present. The course will encompass four chronologically-based units: warfare in the ancient world, medieval and early modern warfare, modern warfare to 1945, modern warfare 1945-2012.

Grading Breakdown:
Simulation (Tactical) Refighting Lepanto: 25%
Analytical Quiz: 25%
Final Exam: 35% (Comprehensive)
Attendance and Participation: 15%

Students with disabilities are urged to contact the instructor.

General Course Polices

Students are permitted up to four unexcused absences per semester. Unexcused absences beyond four may incur penalties to the student’s final course grade at a rate of 0.25 per unexcused absence. Thus, a student with nine unexcused absences whose written work has averaged to a 3.0 (B) could see that grade reduced to a 2.0 (C). Late papers or missed tests or assignments may be made up with no penalty if prior notification was received by the instructor, and there was a valid reason for the lateness or absence in question. Failure to notify the instructor previously and/or lack of a legitimate excuse will subject the student to a 0.5 (one-half grade level) penalty at the instructor’s discretion. Failure, without notification and/or a legitimate excuse, to do an in-class exam or assignment within one week will result in the student in question receiving a 0 score (lowest possible F) for that exam or assignment. Late papers (or other take home work) may generally (with exceptions at the instructor’s discretion) be turned in up until the last day of class for the semester. Papers late without notification and/or legitimate reason more than a week, however, will incur a severe 2.0 (two-grade level) penalty. Any work not turned in by the end of the semester will receive a grade of 0 (lowest possible F).

Any case of academic dishonesty [please refer to the Academic Integrity section of the Doane College Student Handbook for an explanation of the various forms of academic dishonesty] will be dealt with as follows: the student or students in question will receive a numerical score of 0 (lowest possible F) for the assignment in question and will be referred to the Office of the Vice-President of Academic Affairs and will face sanctions up to and including expulsion.

Class grading will be on the basis of a converted 100-point scale: 97 (A+), 92 (A), 90 (A-), 87 (B+), 82 (B), 80 (B-), 77 (C+), 72 (C), 70-71 (C-), 60-69 (D), 0-59 (F). Students with disabilities are invited to contact the instructor to discuss their particular needs.

Class Schedule:

Week 1
Introduction: Warfare in the Ancient World, Archer to 61
Week 2
...continued to 139.
Week 3
Archer 140-215 The Medieval Military Environment and
Archer 215-318 The Early Modern Military Environment (part 1) Lepanto Simulation Preparation
Week 4
Archer 318-408 The Early Modern Military Environment (part II) Lepanto Simulation
Week 5
The Age of Industrial Warfare Archer 410-546 (video clips)
World Wars I and II and Schwarzkopf to 152 (skim) Analytical Quiz.
Week 6
War in Today's World Archer 546-Finish View Jarhead Schwarzkopf to 308 (skim)
Week 7
.. Schwarzkopf Finish(skim)
Week 8 Recent and ongoing wars 2008-2012
Final Exam.