Integrate the Basic Knowledge of Military History into Your Education as a Future Officer

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3-2. **Program Objectives:** “In pre-commissioning and pre-appointment instruction, to know and understand the relationship of the military to American society; and the value of military history and heritage to the professional officer.”

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3-3. Pre-commissioning/pre-appointment Course Standards:

"Requirements for history and heritage instruction in the Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC) A pre-commissioning/pre-appointment are set by the two training support products for TRADOC common core tasks 155-COM-1971 (2 hours of programmed and scheduled instruction) and 155-COM-1972 (45 hours of programmed and scheduled instruction)."
a. ROTC. “Based on common core requirements and prior to commissioning, Army ROTC Cadets will complete/pass a one-semester/quarter/term undergraduate-level survey course in U.S. military history and heritage, covering at least the material from 1607 to the present. If the host institution’s Department of History does not offer such a course, Professors of Military Science will conduct 45 classroom contact hours of the same subject matter taught by designated cadre members who first have attended the Military History and Heritage Instructors’ Course (MHHIC) conducted semiannually by AUP/CSI. For cadre members, MHHIC attendance must precede teaching the survey course, and holding an undergraduate and/or a graduate degree in History is not a substitute for attending the MHHIC.”
The required college-level military history and heritage course should…"

• "…develop students’ awareness of the relationship of the U.S. military establishment to American society."

• "…develop their interest both in the evolution of war and strategy and in the progression of military professionalism…"

• "…give them an awareness of the history and purpose of joint operations…"

• "…discuss the role of history and heritage in understanding their profession…"

• "…encourage the viewing of U.S. military history from both joint and combined perspectives."

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(2) “Cadets will define and describe the 12 principles of war and operations.”

(3) “Cadets will conduct a battle analysis.”

(4) “Professors of Military Science will conduct and Cadets will participate in a staff ride or battlefield tour, discussing the strategic and operational context of the battle but focusing on the tactical level. The staff ride is separate and distinct from classroom instruction.”
Military History Instructors' Course

- Baseline Standard
- Critical Thinking/Analysis
- Survey Course
- Leader Development
- Context for Service in the Army Profession
- Decision-making
- Profession of Arms
- Human Dimension
- Military Art & Science
The New Baseline Standard (I&II)

1. Read all of Volume 1 and the first two chapters of Volume 2 of the CMH textbook; pass the mid-term objective/short-answer exam.

2. Read the rest of Volume 2, including the revised Chapter 14 and the new Chapter 15; pass the final objective/short-answer exam.
The New Baseline Standard (III)

3. Per the Study Guide, **read** the U.S. Constitution (including Amendments); **write** a 1-2 page Information Paper identifying and describing 4 of the 18 designated primary military clauses in the Constitution/Amendments and how they relate to civil-military relations.
The New Baseline Standard (IV)

The New Baseline Standard (V)

5. Per the Study Guide, read George D. Wilson’s *If You Survive* OR Charles B. MacDonald’s *Company Commander* LSCO-oriented small-unit leader combat memoir; write an 8-10 page Book Review and Analysis using two of three Leadership Attributes and two of three Leadership Competencies from ADP 6-22 *Army Leadership and the Profession* (July 2019).
College Course Outline: 45 One-Hour Lessons

U.S. Military History Survey:

Lessons 1-18—Course Intro through Interwar

Lesson 19—Midterm Survey Exam

Lessons 20-41—World War II through GWOT/post-GWOT

(includes nine two-hour lessons)

Lesson 42—Final Survey Exam
College Course Evaluation

Both Midterm and Final Survey Exams:

--60 objective questions; \texttt{choose} at least 30 (at least 1 from each chapter)

--6 short-answer questions; \texttt{choose} at least 3 (NTE 3-4 paragraphs of NLT 3 sentences each)
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Reading, Critical/Creative Thinking, and Writing:

Lesson 43—Review U.S. Constitution IP writing assignment.

Lesson 44—Review Flint (LSCO) IP or Schlosser (COIN) IP writing assignment.

Lessons 45—Review Wilson or MacDonald (both LSCO) Book Review and Analysis writing assignment.
College Course Summarized

• TSP/Baseline Curricular Standard:
  • The **WHOLE** of the American experience, 1607-Present
  • TWO exams (objective/subjective)
  • 1-2 page U.S. Constitution IP
  • 2-3 page LSCO (Korean War) or COIN (OIF Surge) Case Study IP
  • 8-10 page LSCO (World War II small-unit combat leader memoir) Book Review and Analysis
  • Is intended for sophomore-to-senior level of implementation.
Reference Works
Maps

- Full color maps mostly on one page and easy to scan.
- Accompanying text, photos, and other illustrations.

**Oxford**

Atlas of American Military History

Edited by James C. Bradford
Full color maps.

Many downloadable as PDFs.
Yet More Maps from the Combat Studies Institute


• Full color, animated maps.
• Downloadable as PPTs.
• Also Basic Battle Analysis.
What you get from me:
1. This PowerPoint presentation and a PDF version of it
2. Two sample course syllabuses
3. Two articles on the use and abuse of military history
The 12 Principles of Joint Operations

...which consists of the traditional 9 Principles of War and the GWOT-era 3 Principles of Joint Operations:

-Historical example is 1863 Chancellorsville (VA) Campaign.

-Read/review CMH and USMA Chancellorsville materials; historical Mission Order example; and USMA, CMH, and online maps.

-Learn the principles through historical examples.

-Reinforce the principles by completing FRAGORD exercise using Mission Orders.
Chief of Section, 1st Minnesota Light Artillery
17th U.S. Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, June 1864