HST 360: War and American Society

A study of the impact of war on American society since the colonial wars with Native Americans. The course will analyze the role of the military as an instrument of American foreign policy. What were the domestic consequences of war like rationing, and the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II? How did politics influence American military decisions and when did the United States opt not to use force and why, as in Bosnia and Rwanda in the 1990s? The course will cover the diplomatic, social, military, political, economic and constitutional consequences of war. In addition, the course will explore the impact of war on popular culture and popular images of war.

Credits 3