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1. **Course Number:** HIS255  
**Course Title:** History of Vietnam (formerly Vietnam: America's Longest War)
2. **Description:** The course is a historical study of Vietnam with a specific focus on the U.S. involvement there during the Vietnam War. Students will study Vietnam's history and culture going back to ancient times and develop an understanding of the significant impact that both had in the U.S. involvement there.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**  
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
  - Explain the geography, topography, and climate of Southeast Asia with particular attention to Vietnam.
  - Describe the impact of China and India on the Vietnamese culture.
  - Analyze the cultural and political background in Vietnam and explain Vietnam's long quest to remain an independent country.
  - Explain the impact of colonialism on Vietnam's identity as a nation.
  - Evaluate the legacies of the Vietnam era in terms of domestic and international policy.
  - Discuss the impact of the Vietnam War on U.S. policy today.
  - Use critical thinking skills to relate events in Vietnam's past to current world affairs.
  - Use written communication skills to make coherent, evidence-based arguments and interpretations.
  - Articulate ideas and responses to readings in class discussions and examinations.
  - Access and use online college support systems, such as online advising, tutoring, the college's website, library resources and learning management system.
  - Evaluate primary and secondary sources to understand history.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Science
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL101 (English Composition I) and a 100-level history course
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Varies
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Grades are based upon exams, written assignment, scholarly research, and class participation.
9. **Content Outline of Course (Optional):**
  - Culture and Geography
  - Early History of
  - French Colonial Efforts
  - Vietnamese Nationalism
  - U.S. Nation Building Efforts (1954-1961)
  - U.S./Vietnam Partnership (1961-1963)
  - Escalating U.S. Involvement (1963-1965)
  - Path to War (1961-1967)
  - U.S. at War (1965-1967)
  - U.S. Escalation (1967-1969)
  - Tet 1968 and its Aftermath
  - Vietnamization Policy
  - Disorder and Dissent at Home
  - Impact of the War