Course Objectives
The aim of the course is to examine some key songs and singer/song-writers associated with the major wars of the past 250 years or so – the American Revolution, The American Civil War, WWI, WWII, and the Vietnam War. Among the musicians to be discussed are Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Phil Ochs, Eric Bogle, Neil Young and Arlo Guthrie. Our focus will be on how the biographies of such key personalities interact with social context to produce songs related to war and peace.

Week I - Introduction

Professor and Student Introductions
Protest Song Quiz
Discussion of Course Outline
Conceptual Sketch
Sources Used
Student Participation
“The Ballad of Chevy Chase” - The Oldest Known War/Peace Song?
Just and Unjust Wars
War, Anti-War and Peace Songs
Protest Songs: Anti-War and Peace Songs
Types of Protest Songs

Week II - War Songs

National Anthems: The U.S., France and Cuba

A Contrast: Canada, Switzerland and Australia
Waltzing Matilda
The American Revolution
  Johnny Has Gone For a Soldier
  Free America

The American Civil War
  We Are Coming Father Abraham
  The Battle Hymn of the Republic
  Dixie
  When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again

  Two Protest Song Exceptions: Two Brothers and Down by the Riverside

World War I

World War II
  Lili Marlene
  Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
  We'll Meet Again

The Story of the Almanacs

  Week III - Anti-War and Peace Songs: Part I

Anti-Nuclear Songs
  Old Man Atom - Vern Partlow
  Strangest Dream - Ed McCurdy
  Morning Dew - Bonnie Dobson

Camp Naivelt and Canadian Protest Music

Background to the Vietnam War: The U.S. in the Fifties
  Popular Culture and Conformity
  Political Conservatism and Conformity
  The Countercultural Reaction

The Vietnam War as an Unjust War

Canada's Role in the Vietnam War

Vietnam War Timetable

Where Have all the Flowers Gone - Pete Seeger

  Week IV - Anti-War and Peace Songs: Part II

Universal Soldier - Buffy Sainte-Marie

With God on our Side - Bob Dylan
I'm Fixin to Die Rag - Country Joe McDonald

The Story of Phil Ochs
   Draft Dodger Rag
   I Ain't Marching Anymore
   The War is Over

Two Contrasting Songs: Bring 'Em Home by Pete Seeger and The Ballad of the Green Berets by Robin Moore and Barry Sadler

Alice's Restaurant - Arlo Guthrie

Waist Deep in the Big Muddy - Pete Seeger

**Week V - Anti-War and Peace Songs: Part III**

Two Contrasting Songs: Give Peace a Chance by John Lennon and Okie From Muskogee by Roy Edward Burris and Merle Haggard

Imagine - John Lennon

The Story of Neil Young
   Ohio

The Story of Eric Bogle
   And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda

Born in the USA – Bruce Springsteen

**Week VI - Tightening Some Loose Ends**

The Conceptual Sketch Revisited
   Social Context - Historical Events
   Social Context - Cultural Definition of Just and Unjust Wars
   Social Context - Culture/Resource Distribution Contradictions
      Down in Mississippi by J.B. Lenoir
      Backlash Blues by Nina Simone

   Biography – Race, Ethnicity and Class

Anti-War and Peace Songs of Today
   Last to Die - Bruce Springsteen

The Dixie Chicks

Do Protest Songs Make a Difference?