Do you ever wonder why each new American military intervention brings a warning not to make it the next Vietnam? This course will give you the opportunity to learn about why the Vietnam War remains such a pivotal part of the nation’s history. Students will develop a background in the diplomatic, military, and social history surrounding the Indochina Wars from 1945 to 1975 and the domestic impact in the United States. Among other things, you will learn about the roles of presidents and Congress, the impact of foreign powers, the American antiwar movement, and military strategy and tactics. From this base of knowledge, students will select a topic and produce a substantial research paper.