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General Syllabus:

AERO 4013 National Security Affairs/Preparation for Active Duty I

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory: 3

Prerequisite: AERO 3023 The United States Air Force Leadership Studies II

Effective Catalog: 2015-2016

I. Course Information:

A. Catalog Description

Designed for college seniors and give them the foundation to understand their role as military officers in American society. It is an overview of the complex social and political issues facing the military profession and requires a measure of sophistication commensurate with the senior college level.

B. Additional Information – Students will participate in lectures and leadership ROTC laboratories.

II. Student Learning Outcomes:

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Know the basic elements of national security policy and process.
2. Know the air and space power functions and capabilities.
3. Understand selected roles of the military in society and current issues affecting the military profession as well as selected provisions of the military justice system.
4. Comprehend the responsibility, authority, and functions of an Air Force commander.
5. Apply listening, speaking, and writing skills in Air Force particular formats and situations with accuracy, clarity, and appropriate style.
6. Understand the factors that facilitate a smooth transition from civilian to military life.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills

Students will compose coherent documents as assigned. Students will effectively communicate both verbally and in written communications. Students will apply listening, speaking, and writing skills in Air Force particular formats and situations with accuracy, clarity, and appropriate style.

Global and Cultural Perspective

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interactions with people from other cultures as well as their own. Students will be exposed to a broad range of Air Force activities at home and abroad with awareness of cultural issues.

Analytical Skills

Students will use analytical/critical thinking skills to draw conclusions and/or solve problems. Students will access and evaluate appropriate information through written and electronic means. Students will enhance their ability to critically think and analyze major issues related to the evolution of the Air Force military system.

Ethics

Students will recognize and analyze ethical dilemmas. Students will apply ethical concepts and rules to determine viable alternatives in any given situation and understand the ethical codes and responsibilities of the Air Force.

Technological Skills

Students will use computerized tools to efficiently access, communicate, analyze, and evaluate electronic information.

III. Major Course Topics:

- A. The US Constitution and Executive Branch
- B. Terrorism
- C. The Need for Cross-Cultural Competency
- D. Relating and Communicating Cross Culturally
- E. Cultural Visual Expeditionary Skill Training
- F. US Policy/Making Strategy
- G. Principles of War and Tenets of Airpower
- H. Citizen Airmen: The Total Force
- I. Air Force Core Functions
- J. Air and Space System Capabilities
- K. Force Packaging
- L. US Pacific Command Area of Responsibility
- M. US Africa Command Area of Responsibility
- N. Department of the Navy, UA Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Joint Operations
- O. Law of Armed Conflict