

AERO 1501 - Heritage and Values

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 02, CRN 40052,

Credit hours: 1

Instructor

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Public Instructor Information

Instructor Title: Captain

Instructor Professional Qualifications:

- U.S. Air Force, active duty
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Course Description

1501. Heritage and Values. Survey course providing an introduction to the U.S. Air Force. Provides a knowledge-level understanding for the employment of air and space power, from an institutional, doctrinal, and historical perspective. Introduction to the Air Force way of life and knowledge of what it means to be an Airman. 1 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Students will be provided with a PDF containing required readings for each lesson.		

Instructor recommended reading:

- Willink, Jocko, and Leif Babin. Extreme Ownership: How U.S. Navy SEALs Lead and Win. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2015.
- Clear, James. Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones. New York: Avery, 2018.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Thu	8/27	Welcome/Course Overview	
Thu	9/3	Intro to AFROTC	
Thu	9/10	Core Values	
Thu	9/17	Core Values	
Thu	9/24	Leader Development	
Thu	10/1	Intro to Leadership	
Thu	10/8		
Thu	10/15	Benefits of Service	
Thu	10/22	DAF Heritage Series	



Thu	10/29	DAF Heritage Series
Thu	11/5	Formation of the DAF
Thu	11/12	Formation of the DAF
Thu	11/19	Evolution of the DAF
Thu	11/26	
Thu	12/3	Dept of the Air Force
Thu	12/10	Final Exam

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