

AERO 4801 - Leading National Security/Leadership Responsibilities

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Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

4801. Leading National Security/Leadership Responsibilities. A look at the basic elements of national security policy and process. The comprehension of the air and space power operations as well as the role of the military including joint operations is discussed. Comprehension of the responsibility, authority, and functions of an Air Force commander and selected provisions of the military justice system. Prereq.: Permission. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

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

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

Week of	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	AS400 Course Overview; Decision Briefing Requirements; Civilian Control of the Military	
8/31	National Security; National Security Strategy	
9/7	National Defense Strategy; Concepts in International Relations	
9/14	Terrorism; Global Hot Spots; Global Hot Spots Prep and Discussion	
9/21	Global Hot Spots Briefings	
9/28	The Department of War; Unified Combatant Commands	
10/5		
10/12	Joint Operations; Military Planning Fundamentals	
10/19	How the DAF Deploys; Agile Combat Employment; Capabilities and Force Packaging	
10/26	Defense Support of Civil Authorities; Space Operations; Cyberspace	



11/2	Nuclear Operations; DAF Heritage Series; Decision Brief Preparation
11/9	Decision Briefs, Group 1
11/16	Decision Briefs, Group 2
11/23	
11/30	Decision Briefs, Group 3; Administration/Testing; Final Exam Preparation
12/7	Final Exam

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