Course Title: Topics in International Studies: Afghanistan in Conflict

Course Number: IAS 5940-101

Course Description:
The terrorist attacks upon the United States by al Qaeda on 11 September, 2001, marked the starting point of the current conflict in Afghanistan. While much of the world’s focus is on the West’s difficult endeavor to defeat the Taliban and eradicate al Qaeda, it is easy to forget that Afghanistan has experienced conflict and foreign invaders for almost 2,500 years. Alexander the Great, Arabs, Mongols, the British and Soviets have all invaded Afghanistan at some point. What has changed?

Class Dates, Location and Hours:

Dates: August 15-21, 2011
Location: U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, San Diego, Wardroom. Directions available from gate guard.
Hours: Mon-Fri 4:30-8:00 p.m.; Sat 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Last Day to Enroll or Drop Without Penalty: July 17, 2011

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahomauion.bkstr.com or by telephone at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to oklahomauion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-1557 (outside the U.S.).


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Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system:

1. Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu
2. Enter OU NetID (4+4) and password.
3. Select course and access material.

If the student has not used these services before, contact the Site Director for assistance.

Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.

Course Objectives:
This course will study Afghanistan – including its history, geography, people and their lives – in order to better understand why this region has known centuries of conflict. We will also look closely at various facets of the ongoing conflict with emphasis on how it affects the United States and its traditional NATO allies. Students will seek to appreciate the evolving military situation, the nature of the threat and options for the future of Afghans. Of key interest is seeking answers to how the conflict is shaping this generation of Americans.

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

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Grading: This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.

Attendance Policy: In addition to interaction via Desire2Learn and E-mail contact, students are required to log in to the course D2L website and follow the posted instructions BEFORE the beginning of the course. Although physical class meetings are not part of this course, participation in all interactive, learning activities is required.

Incomplete Grade Policy: A grade of “I” is not automatically assigned, but rather must be requested by the student by submitting to the instructor a “Petition for and Work to Remove an Incompleted Grade” form. An “I” can never be used in lieu of an “F” nor can an “I” be assigned because of excessive failure to participate in class activities.
ATTENDANCE/GRADE POLICY NOTICE

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and ... [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

a) cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement;

b) assisting others in any such act;

c) or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the Student Code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Please see OU website for details concerning OU Academic Honesty policy set forth by the Honor Council. www.ou.edu/honor council.

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EDUCATION

2007 MA (War Studies) Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario
1989 BA (History) York University, Glendon College, Toronto, Ontario

CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior Staff Officer, Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre, 8 Wing, Trenton, Ontario
Advanced Programs lecturer since 2009
International and Area Studies lecturer since 2008

FREQUENTLY TAUGHT ADVANCED PROGRAMS COURSES

IAS 5940 EU, NATO and European Security
IAS 5940 Afghanistan in Conflict

MAJOR AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

Modern European / North American Security Issues
Cold War – Allied Air Power

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

MA Thesis Fighters First: The Transition of the Royal Canadian Air Force 1945-1952