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Post Access Requirements for Offutt AFB:
Upon arrival, you will need to proceed to the Offutt Air Force Base visitors center to receive your base pass. Please be advised that the Offutt visitor’s center is open Monday-Friday, from 08:00am-5:00pm and is closed during the weekend. The site director will provide you with information regarding securing your pass prior to your arrival.

Classroom Information:

Location
The OU classroom is located in building D on the north side of the base. Please check with the OU representative for exact room number.

In case of an emergency during class hours: please contact the site manager (see contact information above).
Class Schedule:
Human Relations Courses: Monday – Friday 1800-2130; Saturday 0800- 1630; Sunday 0800-1200
Economics Courses: Saturday & Sunday, 0830-1700, Monday-Thursday 1700-2015

Available A/V equipment:
TV/VCR, overhead projector, computer, and flip charts available by request.
Internet is not available in the classroom.

Reproduction of class materials:
Professors will need to bring copies of all class materials with them. Advanced Programs is not allowed to reimburse for this expense.

Lodging for Advanced Programs Professors:
Primary lodging: Hampton Inn Bellevue
3404 Samson Way
Bellevue, Nebraska 68123
(402)292-1607
The single room rate will be $77.00 for extended stay suites. These rooms have a microwave and refrigerator, and free wireless internet service.

Rental Car:
A mid-sized rental car will be reserved for you by the AP Travel Coordinator at the Omaha airport. See the rental car agency and reservation information on your flight itinerary.

Driving Directions:

Directions to the Hampton Inn, Bellevue from the airport:
Please exit the airport area and turn right onto Abbott Drive (the street that runs in front of the airport) towards Storz Expressway. Continue on Storz Expressway to I-480 and Highway 75 (Kennedy Freeway) south. Take Highway 75 (Kennedy Freeway) south and follow signs for Bellevue and Offutt Air Force Base. Exit highway 75 at 370 (370 is the exit immediately following cornhusker). Turn right as you exit. Drive onto 370 and you will go through one traffic light at 25th street. Continue down 370 and make a right turn at the next light (this is Golden Blvd. - you will see a gas station and China Buffett restaurant at this light). After you turn right, you will then need to go left by the gas station onto Samson and follow the road around the curve. You will see the Hampton Inn on your right.

Directions to Offutt AFB, Base from the Hampton Inn, Bellevue:
Offutt AFB is southeast of the motel. After leaving the motel parking lot, go left and back to the traffic light at 370. Turn left onto 370 and continue until you see a sign for Fort Crook Rd/Offutt AFB. You will see this on the right just passed the entrance to highway 75. Make a right turn onto Fort Crook and get immediately into the left lane. Go left at the light onto Offutt AFB. Show your base pass with your driver’s license to the guards; get into the right lane.
Directions to the classroom and OU office:
Once you have arrived on base, take the first right (at the light). As you go up the hill, get into the left lane. Turn left at this light. The runway will be on the right side. Continue about .2 of a mile. You will see a large brown warehouse building. You will enter at entrance #7. You are authorized to park in any non-reserved spaces. (Do NOT park where there is a brown number.)

The normal entry is through entrance #7. Go into the building, down the corridor, turn right, and go down the stairs. You will see the bowling alley on your left. (That is the location of the snack bar and the restroom. Other restrooms are on the landing, mid-way down the stairs.) Continue around the corner. Go in the first set of glass doors on the left -this is in the education center and the location of the OU office. You will see “OU SOONER” pennants above the OU office cubicle.

To go to the classrooms, you will need to go through the double glass doors which are across from the entrance to the bowling alley (before you reach the Education Center). There are directional signs to the classroom once you proceed through the glass doors.

Additional Information about Offutt AFB

Offutt AFB on the World Wide Web:
http://www.offutt.af.mil/
http://www.militarynewcomers.com/OFFUTT04/Guide.html

Omaha Chamber of Commerce guide to greater Omaha:

Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, is home to the United States Air Force’s premiere reconnaissance and command-and-control operations. Among the base’s numerous and diverse units and missions, all branches of the U.S. armed forces are represented in a workforce that exceeds 10,000 military and civilian personnel.

The base’s fleet of RC-135, OC-135, and WC-135 aircraft are in constant demand around the world to provide global situational awareness to military leaders and government officials. Additionally, its E-4B aircraft provide transport and command and control for the President, the Secretary of Defense, and Secretary of State.

Located in the heart of the nation, Offutt’s 4,000 acres reside in the beautiful rolling hills of southeastern Nebraska, next to the city of Bellevue and just south of Omaha.

Offutt’s host unit is the 55th Wing, the largest wing within the Air Force’s Air Combat Command. Additionally, the base is home to many significant associate units, including U.S. Strategic Command Headquarters, the Air Force Weather Agency, the Omaha operating location of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and many others.

Organizations at Offutt Air Force Base:

55th Wing: The host unit at Offutt Air Force Base and the largest wing within Air Combat Command. Conducts global reconnaissance missions and provides support functions not only for wing operations but also for the multitude of associate units on Offutt.
**Air Force Weather Agency:** A field operating agency of Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Air Force Weather Agency operates the largest computerized weather production facility in the world. Its mission is to enhance the nation’s combat capability by supplying quality weather products and forecasts for the Department of Defense and U.S. combat forces worldwide.

**Defense Finance and Accounting Service – Omaha Operating Location:** DFAS-Omaha employs approximately 500 military and civilian personnel to provide financial management services for 13 active-duty bases, the U.S. Air Force Academy, two Air Reserve wings, 25 Air National Guard units, and the National Imagery and Mapping Agency.

**U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band:** One of 10 active-duty stateside Air Force bands, the Heartland of America Band provides musical support for military activities in the states of Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, and Kansas.

**United States Strategic Command:** One of nine unified war fighting commands, USSTRATCOM is responsible for the planning, targeting, and wartime employment of the United States’ nuclear forces.

**Other associate units:** All told, Offutt either hosts or provides support to more than 40 associate units, including the 311th Airlift Flight, the 343rd Air Force Recruiting Squadron, numerous Reserve Officer Training Detachments, and many others.

**What is a Strategic Command?**

In 1945, World War II was over, the nuclear age was upon us, and the Cold War would soon develop between the United States and Soviet Union. Established in March 1946, the U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC), with its bomber force, symbolized the cornerstone of national strategic policy: deterrence -- deterrence against the growing nuclear arsenal of the Soviet Union. As its contribution to national deterrence, the U.S. Navy began developing nuclear forces. In the late 1950's, with the advent of the Navy's Polaris ballistic missile submarine and the Air Force's first intercontinental ballistic missile, national leadership recognized the need for a single agency to plan and target all U.S. nuclear forces. As a result, the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff (JSTPS) was established in 1960. Its mission was to produce the Nation's strategic nuclear war plan, the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP). The JSTPS was housed with SAC to take full advantage of SAC's existing war planning expertise, intelligence capability and an extensive communications network. It was the combination of the unique capabilities of the Navy's submarine launched ballistic missiles along with the Air Force's bombers and ICBMs that came to be known as the Strategic Nuclear Triad. For almost forty years, the Triad provided a visible, credible deterrent against Soviet aggression. On June 1, 1992, with the Berlin Wall down, the Warsaw Pact a memory and the Soviet Union nonexistent, SAC and the JSTPS also took their place in the history books of the Cold War. That same day, U.S. Strategic Command was established. Its mission of deterrence would sound familiar, but its structure and role would reflect the changing international political landscape. With STRATCOM, for the first time in U. S. history, the planning, targeting and wartime employment of strategic forces came under the control of a single commander while the day-to-day training, equipping and maintenance responsibilities for its forces remained with the services -- the Air Force and Navy. As STRATCOM embarks on this era of strategic disengagement marked by sharp decreases in the nuclear arsenals of the U.S. and former Soviet Union, other more profound, more complex challenges wait on the horizon. Most significant of these challenges is countering the spread of weapons of mass destruction, biological, chemical and nuclear. The Triad--submarine-launched ballistic missiles, land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles and strategic bombers--remains the foundation of deterrence. Deterrence provided by safe, secure, reliable and operationally efficient nuclear forces. These strategic forces constrain the behavior of potential adversaries by ensuring any would-be aggressors take into serious consideration the existence of the U. S. nuclear deterrent force. Vigilant and ready, U.S. Strategic Command is prepared for the fast-paced changes and threats in the post-Cold War world.