The University of Oklahoma
College of Continuing Education
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus

Course Title:
Topics in International Studies: Afghanistan in Conflict

Course Number:
IAS 5940-495

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?

Course Dates:
January 2-April 30, 2014
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: December 4, 2013

Site Director:
This is a three-credit hour online course. Please see your local Site Director or e-mail our online site coordinator at aponline@ou.edu

Professor Contact Information:
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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students during the above listed Virtual Office Hours and other methods by arrangement.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahoma.bkstr.com. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day at (405)-325-7770. Representatives are available by phone at (405) 325-3511 or (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or E-mail at 0831mgr@fhg.follett.com from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 4p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). (Text prices are available online.)


3. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu; enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.
Note: Follett 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 Follett.

OU E-Mail:
All official correspondence from distance learning instructors will be sent only to students’ ou.edu address.

Online Learning Resource Center:
The Online Learning Resource Center of the University of Oklahoma’s College of Arts and Sciences Online Program is here to serve you and assist you with any questions, problems, or concerns you may have. For assistance go to http://casweb.ou.edu/olr/ or contact us by telephone at: (405) 325-5854 or Email: casonline@ou.edu

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.

Policy for Late Work:
Please contact professor regarding his/her policy for late work.

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.

Student assignments and student/instructor communications will be conducted via Desire2Learn, although students may contact the instructor via e-mail needed.

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.
Technical Support Information:
If you experience technical problems, contact Information Technology by visiting their website at:
http://webapps.ou.edu/it/ or contacting them by telephone at: (405) 325-HELP (4357).

Procedures for Completion of Course Evaluation:
Upon completion of the course students should go to the Advanced Programs Distance Learning webpage
and click on the applicable semester link under “Course Evaluations” which will direct them to the
evaluation. The evaluation will take approximately five minutes to complete. Completion of the online
evaluation is an important tool allowing Advanced Programs to gain information and student feedback for
improvement of courses.

Your responses will be kept confidential. They will be reviewed by the department and only supplied to
the professor once grades for the course have been submitted.

Important information you should know about online courses:
• To sign on to Desire2Learn (D2L), log in using your 4+4 and your OU network password (note that
  this is the same 4+4 and password that you use to access your OU email). Once you are logged in,
  please look for “My Courses,” locate your course and click on it. Remember to check your course
  site on D2L every day.
• Students enrolled in online courses may be required to take the CAS student orientation in Desire 2
  Learn. To take the orientation, sign-on to D2L and then click on “Self Registration” at the top left
  corner of the page. Information about and instructions for the orientation can be found at
  http://casweb.ou.edu/olr/public/students/orientation.htm
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Note: Attendance/absences do not apply to online courses. However, participation in all course activities is extremely important to student success in online courses.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. 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:

- 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;
- assisting others in any such act; 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

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course.

Copyright

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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
- OU College of Liberal Studies lecturer since 2011
- Advanced Programs lecturer since 2009
- International and Area Studies lecturer since 2008

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses
- IAS 5940 Topics in International Studies: EU, NATO and European Security
- IAS 5940 Topics in International Studies: Afghanistan in Conflict
- IAS 5940 Topics in International Studies: Western Hemispheric Security – An American Dilemma

Other Courses Frequently Taught at OU (College of Liberal Studies)
  LTSD 5970 The Citizen as Soldier

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest
- Modern European / North American Security Issues
- Post-Cold War Governance Systems

Representative Publications and Presentations