



United States Air Force
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Course Expectations

IV-Years

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Grade: 12
Room: 410

I. Course Description

A. The 4th-Year JROTC curriculum has two focal points: Aerospace Science and Leadership Education. The Aerospace Science portion provides an introduction to the Policy and Organization of our military establishment and Survival Training. Leadership education provides experiences to develop discipline, responsibility, communication skills and citizenship. Leadership training also includes:

- Wearing of the JROTC uniform at least one day per week.
- Maintaining acceptable grooming standards.
- Engaging in military customs and courtesies.
- Participating in drill and ceremonies, and leadership application training.
- Giving and receiving instructions.
- Becoming leaders and members of a military-styled organization.

At Palo Verde High School, JROTC IV is an elective program, however, the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor must approve all enrollments.

B. **Textbooks:** Each cadet will receive the following textbooks:

- Aerospace Science: Policy and Organization
- Aerospace Science: Policy and Organization, Student Workbook (SWB)
- Aerospace Science: Survival – Survive Return
- Aerospace Science: Survival – Survive Return, Student Workbook (SWB)

II. Course Outline

A. **Aerospace Science:**

- All Quarters: cadets will use the textbooks to review the policies and organization of the United States military establishment. Cadets will also be presented with ethical and moral case exercises. As a group, they will explore, discuss and try to reach some conclusions on the proper way to deal with these problems. On Fridays, cadets will use the Survival textbook to learn survival methods.

B. Leadership Education:

- All Quarters – Air Force customs and courtesies; proper wear of the uniform; physical fitness training; and drill and ceremonies.

C. Major Assignments –

- Each cadet will prepare and present sections from the Survival textbook to the class. Presentations will include practical demonstrations of the information in that chapter. Each presentation will take thirty (30) (+-2) minutes.
- 1st Semester: As a group, the staff will develop photo albums for school-years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011. This project must be completed by the end of the first semester.
- 2nd Semester: As a group, the staff will conduct a research project comparing the NV-20011 Uniform Wear Policy with similar programs of other JROTC units. Your research will cover wear of the uniform, grading policies regarding the uniform and rewards for wearing the uniform. At a minimum, three other unit organizations (multi-service; one non-CCSD) must be compared/contrasted with ours. This project must be completed by the end of the second semester.

III. Hours of Availability

Normally, one of the instructors will be available thirty minutes before the first period, during the lunch breaks, and thirty minutes following the last period to assist cadets. To meet with an instructor at another time requires prior arrangement with the instructor. To request an appointment, the cadet should contact the instructor immediately after class or during one of the movement periods.

IV. Grading Policy

A. Grading Scale: 59% or below = F, 60-69% = D, 70-79% = C, 80-89% = B, 90-100% = A.

B. Description of semester grading practices.

- Completion of semester staff projects.
- Completion of survival training briefing.
- Proper wear of the uniform and grooming standards.
- Participation in drill activities.
- Adherence to military customs and courtesies.
- Participation in physical fitness training.
- Attendance at mandatory formations (see paragraph IX below).

C. Basis for the semester grade – the semester grade is calculated as follows:

- 1st/3rd Quarter Grade = 45%
- 2nd/4th Quarter Grade = 45%
- Semester Project = 10%

The quarter grades will be calculated by averaging the following three aspects of the JROTC program:

- ❑ Aerospace Science: 33%
- ❑ Leadership Education: 33%

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All assignments except the Semester Project are of equal weight within the Aerospace Science and Leadership Education categories.

- Uniform Wear: 34%
 - Uniform Wear is graded as follows:
 - Missed Uniform Wear Day = minus 15 points
 - Haircut violation = minus 5 points
 - Other uniform violations = minus 1 point each
 - Missed chain-of-command and Core Values questions = minus 1 point each

- D. All work submitted for evaluation must be neatly written or typed and grammatically correct. Although the cadet will not be graded down for not complying with this requirement, if the work cannot be deciphered, it will not receive a good grade.
- E. Make-up procedures: it is the cadet's responsibility to coordinate with an instructor to make-up for missed classes. All make-up work must be completed within three school days of returning to school from any absence. Late work will be accepted, however, the grade will be reduced accordingly.
 - All homework assignments and grades will be posted on the Corps' website at www.paloverde.org/afjrotc under the Parent Information section.
 - Missed Uniform Wear Days (excused absences) **must** be made up as soon as possible. Cadets will meet with SMSgt Stewart the first day after their return to school to schedule a makeup uniform wear day.
 - **Fourth-Year** cadets who fail to wear the JROTC uniform two (2) times on specified uniform wear days, during any nine (9) week grading period, will result in an **automatic "F"** grade for that quarter.

V. Classroom Behavioral Expectations

- A. Classroom rules: RESPECT yourself, each other, the instructors, and all visitors to our classroom.
- B. Discipline will be administered in accordance with (IAW) school/unit policies.
- C. All cadet expectations are further detailed in the CADET GUIDE and the UNIFORM GUIDE.

VI. Citizenship – for a grade of “Outstanding,” the cadet must be setting the example for military customs and courtesies and actively involved in unit activities. Committing extra time to community service projects, all fund raising, and/or “special” teams (i.e. drill team) are examples of unit activities. A grade of “satisfactory” is given to cadets who commit the minimum amount of time to the above but do participate. An “Unsatisfactory” is given for failure to meet Corps’ requirements as outlined in the Cadet Guide and/or the Uniform Guide.

VII. Signatures Required for Cadet and Parent/Guardian

The cadet and their parent or guardian will print out and sign the Course Expectation Receipt and the cadet will return it to the instructor at the first class meeting after they receive this package. Failure to return the receipt on time is a breach of courtesy (extenuating circumstances may be applicable) and will result in a grade reduction.

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VIII. Other Information

- A. JROTC is to promote citizenship through our Core Values, **NOT** recruit cadets into military service.
- B. Cadets do **NOT** incur a military obligation by participating in JROTC.
- C. Cadets do **NOT** use operable weapons of any type. Only *demilitarized* M-1 Garand rifles are authorized for our color guard and drill team.
- D. Cadets are **NOT** required to buy their uniforms or pay a fee. We will issue each cadet a full complement of uniform items at the beginning of the year. The cadets **ARE** responsible for: proper maintenance (**dark blue uniform items must be professionally dry cleaned only**), accountability, and **return** of the uniform in serviceable condition at the end of the year.

IX. Mandatory Formations

To gain the most from the AFJROTC experience, cadets must participate in certain events during the year. Attendance at the events listed below is mandatory for all cadets. Absences will result in grade reductions.

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| A. Hispanic Day Parade | 8 OCT 11 (tentative) |
| B. Dining In | 13 OCT 11 |
| C. Veteran's Day Parade | 11 NOV 11 |
| D. Commander's Call | 7 DEC 11 |
| E. Martin Luther King Day Parade | 16 JAN 12 (tentative) |
| F. All-Air Force Drill Meet | Date TBD |
| G. CCSD Drill Meet | Date TBD |
| H. Awards Parade | 8 MAY 12 |
| I. Awards Banquet | 19 MAY 12 |
| J. Field Day | 23 MAY 12 |
| K. Fundraisers | |

X. Possible Careers as a result of attending this course:

- A. Enlistment in any military Service
- B. Law Enforcement
- C. Aerospace industries
- D. Computer applications
- E. Government aerospace agencies

XI. Subject to Change – every aspect of this *Course Expectations* is subject to change. Students and parents will receive an addendum to the *Course Expectations* if we deem it necessary to modify them during the year.

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