

ETHICS AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

When deciding how to act, Air Force leaders of character *comprehend* moral knowledge and ethical alternatives, *respect* the dignity of all affected persons, use ethical *judgment* in moral decision making as leaders to select the best alternative, and act consistently with that judgment so as to develop *habits* of moral excellence.

USAFA GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO:

Moral Knowledge

Proficiency 1: Explain the main theoretical approaches to normative ethics.

Proficiency 2: Explain how social science facts and theories relate to the cultivation of ethical and legal norms.

Proficiency 3: Describe how one's own backgrounds, habits, values, assumptions, commitments and hubris may affect one's perceptions of ethical standards and behaviors.

Proficiency 4: Defend the existence of moral knowledge against challenges.

Proficiency 5: Uphold the existence of the ethical and legal foundations of the USAF mission.

Respect the Dignity of Others

Proficiency 6: Demonstrate professional behaviors and attitudes with others, including fair and equitable treatment of others and consideration of another person's basic human rights.

Proficiency 7: Understand the perspectives of others.

Proficiency 8: Act in response to violations of human dignity, especially degrading and humiliating treatment.

Proficiency 9: Leverage the value of differences in perspectives, approaches, preferences, race, gender, background, religion, experience, generation, thought and other factors for mission accomplishment and foster an environment of inclusion. (Includes the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.3.3: Fostering Diversity).

Moral Decision Making in Leadership

Proficiency 10: Act in accord with procedures that integrate ethical theory, psychological and sociological facts, and principles of the profession of arms as part of a transparent process for deliberation and decision-making.

Proficiency 11: Analyze the consequences of actions in a context that includes social and political systems that both enable and challenge one's ability to lead effectively.

Habits of Moral Excellence

Proficiency 12: Promote Air Force Core Values through goals, actions, and referent behaviors. (Includes the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.1: Ethical Leadership).

Proficiency 13: Develop trust and commitment through words and actions. (Includes the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.1: Ethical Leadership).