NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC IN A COMPLEX GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

National Security refers to protecting and advancing the fundamental interests of a society. It is critical that cadets—regardless of academic major—graduate with an understanding of the multi-faceted and complex dimensions of national security, and the inherent conflicts embedded in the development and implementation of national security strategy.

USAFA GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO:

**Constitutional Foundations of National Security in the American Republic**

> Proficiency 1: Describe the values, interests, and constitutional principles that United States national security policy protects and the inherent conflicts between them.

> Proficiency 2:  Identify the constitutional foundations of civilian control of the military in the United States. (Includes the Air Force Pre-Commissioning Institutional Competency Learning Outcomes (ICLOs) listed under sub-competency 4.7.2: Government Organization and Processes)

> Proficiency 3: Identify the institutions and actors within the United States' national security structure and apply the instruments of power from their perspectives.  (Includes the Air Force Pre-Commissioning Institutional Competency Learning Outcomes (ICLOs) listed under sub-competencies 4.7.2: Government Organization and Processes and 4.7.3: Global, Regional and Cultural Awareness) ).

**Complex Nature of the Global Environment**

> Proficiency 4: Explain the interaction between key global issues and U.S. values, interests, and policies.  (Includes the Air Force Pre-Commissioning ICLOs listed under sub-competency 4.7.3: Global, Regional and Cultural Awareness).

> Proficiency 5: Identify the factors that shape the national security environment and the United States' relationships with allies, partners, competitors, and adversaries.  (Includes the Air Force Pre-Commissioning ICLOs listed under sub-competency 4.7.3: Global, Regional and Cultural Awareness).

**Development of U.S. National Security**

> Proficiency 6: Describe the evolution of U.S. foreign policy and national security strategy. (Includes the Air Force Pre-Commissioning ICLOs listed under sub-competency 4.7.3: Global, Regional and Cultural Awareness).

> Proficiency 7:  Describe the evolution of strategic theory and technology regarding air, space, and cyberspace, and its influence on potential areas of conflict and cooperation.

**Employment of U.S. National Security Strategy**

> Proficiency 8: Apply operational and strategic art across the range of military operations; analyze alternative approaches to operations and recognize the associated national security implications. (Includes the Air Force Pre-Commissioning ICLOs listed under sub-competencies 4.6.1: Operational and Strategic Art; 4.6.3: Non-Adversarial Crisis Response ).

Proficiency 9: Describe the concepts and application of military theory, principles of war, Air Force and joint doctrine, and US strategy. (Includes the Air Force Pre-Commissioning ICLOs listed under sub-competency 4.6.1: Operational and Strategic Art)

Proficiency 10: Describe the application of Air Force capabilities and how they relate to and complement other Service capabilities in the joint operating environment. Analyze organizational relationships within the national defense enterprise. (Includes the Air Force Pre-Commissioning ICLOs listed under sub-competencies 4.6.2: Understanding Unit, Air Force, Joint, and Coalition Capabilities; 4.7.1: Enterprise Structure and Relationships).

# *Outcome Curriculum Map*

## White Paper Proficiencies

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| Pol Sci 211 | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| Econ 201 | | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| MSS 251 | | | | | | | X | X | X | X |
| SocSci 311 | | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| Pol Sci 302 | | | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| History 394 | | X | | | | X | X | | | |
| MSS 444 | | | | | | | X | X | X | X |
| CW | | | | X | X | | | | X | X |