



FACT SHEET

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CULTURE EDUCATION DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES FOR ENLISTED AIRMEN

Community College of the Air Force Courses

The Air Force Culture and Language Center offers two distance learning courses, "Introduction to Culture" and "Introduction to Cross-Cultural Communication" for enlisted Airmen. Both are general education courses providing three semester hours of program elective credit and institutional (resident) credit for all Associate of Applied Science degrees in the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) program and core credit for CCAF's new Military Technology and Applied Sciences Management (MTASM) degree program. The courses are entirely online, self-paced programs with assigned readings, media presentations, formative exercises and simulations. Participants must complete graded quizzes, a midterm and final exam. All instructional material is provided at no cost and is delivered via Air University's web-based Blackboard learning management system. Only enlisted members of the United States Armed Forces (Active Duty, Guard and Reserve) who are enrolled in a CCAF degree program are eligible to take these courses.

Introduction to Culture

This course enhances Airmen's cross-cultural competence by introducing them to the principles of culture that make expeditionary operations more effective. *Introduction to Culture* explores essential topics such as family and kinship, political and social relations, recreation and leisure, religion and spirituality, and cross-cultural conflict. It equips Airmen with universal cultural concepts and enables them to analyze foreign environments by providing culture tools and real-life scenarios that demonstrate practical applicability.

Introduction to Cross-Cultural Communication

This course helps Airmen better understand the process of communicating across cultural boundaries. Course objectives are to familiarize students with the concepts and skills of cross-cultural communication; to enable students to apply cross-cultural communication skills in a variety of contexts; and to instill in students a sense of the importance of cross-cultural communication competence in both personal and professional settings. To meet these course objectives, lessons cover topics such as decoding nonverbal cues, managing paralinguistic use and perception and practicing active listening techniques.

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