

Welcome to SOS's first ever virtual in residence-remote (VIR-R) class, 20E, scheduled from 9 Jul - 12 Aug.

We are excited to have you a part of this journey with us!

What is VIR-R?

A blend of self-paced study and live engagements with your flight. Maximum flexibility + Maximum Learning!

What you need:

1. Laptop or computer for writing and posting assignments.
 - a. Smartphones and tablets are optional tools and are able to access our platform.
2. A webcam or an embedded device camera and microphone
3. If possible, download the ZoomGov or Zoom app; it works better than the web-based version.

What happens next:

1. Click QR code link below to complete basic admin tasks. After following the prompts, you'll be able to view your instructor and flight assignment.
 - a. **The QR code link for check-in to the school will NOT be open until after COB 5 July CST.**
 - b. QR link: <https://forms.gle/yJ7BVmURNhy6D1tR9>
2. Your instructor will be making contact with you 2-3 days prior to Education Day 1. If you do not receive any contact have you have attempted through other means, please call the Student Services Line: (334) 953-3230/6030 or email soc.dps@us.af.mil.
 - a. Your instructor is the best person to discuss the flow of the schedule, syncs, and other details pertaining to the curriculum and course, please make them your first stop with your questions.
3. CANVAS will be your place to access lessons, required readings, discussion posts, assignments, etc. You will receive an email with login credentials for our online platform "CANVAS".
 - a. Login credentials will be sent to the email address associated with your DEERS account. If you do not have access to that email, you will not receive CANVAS login information.
 - b. Login to CANVAS and head towards the **"Resources"** tab for further information.
 - c. If you are having issues with login credentials and CANVAS access, please reach out! 334-953-8056, 6030, or 3231 or email our org box at soc.dps@us.af.mil and provide us an alternate/personal email address you would like information sent to.

Phone lines and emails may be busy as we help other students! We will work diligently to assist you.

4. Education Day 1: Your first event will be a large-audience webinar via ZoomGov. Start times will be posted to CANVAS and a link to the webinar will be posted prominently on the SOS 20E CANVAS course page or **“Resources”** tab.
 - a. Log in ten minutes prior and ops check your camera and speakers.
 - b. This webinar will cover admin details, a course overview, critical times and events, as well as expectations and recommendations for success.
 - c. Following the mass briefing, you will meet your SOS flight via a link provided by your Flight Commander.

What about electives?!

THINK TANK (TT)

Select students join innovative teams and leverage design thinking methodology to personally present creative solutions to senior leaders. Students will work well beyond the SOS curriculum—with game-changing payoff for themselves and the US Air Force. Student innovators receive a bullet on their AF 475 Training Report.

Check out more on TT at our website: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/SOS/Think-Tank/>.

AIR UNIVERSITY ADVANCED RESEARCH (AUAR)

Select students conduct independent research on exciting topics, network with communities of interest, and shape the Air Force's and Space Force's future. Participants are assigned mentor(s) who guide research efforts and define deliverables. This five-week elective requires approximately 20-40 total hours beyond SOS curriculum. Student benefits include advanced Student researchers receive a bullet on their AF 475 Training Report.