DEFM421

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Course Summary

Course: DEFM421 Title: Joint Contingency Contracting

Length of Course: 8

Prerequisites: N/A Credit Hours: 3

Description

Course Description: This course develops skills for contracting support provided to Joint Forces across the full spectrum of military and disaster relief operations. Exercises focus on unique aspects of contingency, critical thinking skills, and the execution of appropriate contractual instruments. No prerequisite.

Course Scope:

This course is divided into 8 weeks and is organized to give students a broad context in which to study overhead management of defense contracts. A major component of this course is the research paper, which will analyze selected aspects and /or best practices and/or advances in Joint Contingency Contracting. The course will address the assessment of joint military forces and disaster relief operations contracts and how they are impacted under **Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)** regulations. By the conclusion of the course, students will comprehend concepts government contracts in support of joint military or disaster relief operations.

Objectives

After successfully completing this course, students will fulfill the following **Learning Objectives (LO):**

- 1. Explain contingency contracting authorities and structure.
- 2. Explain the command and contracting lines of authority.
- 3. Explain the contingency contracting officer's authority and command flow of that authority.
- 4. Explain the conditions of when contracting authority can change.
- 5. Explain the head of contracting activity (HCA) responsibilities.
- 6. Explain the senior contracting official (SCO) responsibilities.
- 7. Explain the contingency contract officer (CCO) and contracting officer representative (COR) responsibilities.

8. Explain the Joint Theater Support Contracting Command (JTSCC). **Outline** Week 1: Learning Objectives LO-1 Readings Listed in the Forum and Week's lecture Assignments **Submissions:** Introductions • Forum 1 Week 2: Learning Objectives LO-2 Readings Listed in the Forum and Week's lecture Assignments **Submissions:** • Forum 2 Discussion • Short Paper 1 Week 3: Learning Objectives LO-3 Readings Listed in the Forum and Week's lecture Assignments **Submissions:** • Forum 3 Discussion

• Short Paper 2

• Term Project – Proposal/Problem Statement

Week 4: Learning Objectives LO-4 Readings Listed in the Forum and Week's lecture Assignments **Submissions:** • Forum 4 Discussion • Short Paper 3 • Term Project - Outline Week 5: Learning Objectives LO-5 Readings Listed in the Forum and Week's lecture Assignments **Submissions:** • Forum 5 Discussion • Term Project – Abstract & Annotated Bibliography Week 6: **Learning Objectives** LO-6 Readings Listed in the Forum and Week's lecture Assignments **Submissions:** • Forum 6 Discussion • Short Paper 4 Week 7: **Learning Objectives**

LO-7

Readings

Listed in the Forum and Week's lecture

Assignments

Submissions:

- Forum 7 Discussion
- Term Project Paper

Week 8:

Learning Objectives

LO-1 to 8

Readings

Listed in the Forum and Week's lecture

Assignments

Submissions:

• Forum 8 Discussion

Evaluation

Please see the Student Handbook to reference the University's grading scale.

Grading:

Name	Grade %
Forums	32.00 %
Wk 1 - Introductions	2.00 %
Wk 1 Forum Discussion	2.00 %
Wk 2 Forum Discussion	4.00 %
Wk 3 Forum Discussion	4.00 %
Wk 4 Forum Discussion	4.00 %
Wk 5 Forum Discussion	4.00 %
Wk 6 Forum Discussion	4.00 %
Wk 7 Forum Discussion	4.00 %
Wk 8 Forum Discussion	4.00 %
Paper Assignments	32.00 %
Week 5: Research Paper Abstract and Annotated Bibliograhy	4.57 %
Week 4: Research Paper Expanded Outline	4.57 %

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Week 4: Research Paper Expanded	4.57 %
Outline	4.01 /0
Week 3: Research Paper Outline	4.57 %
Week 2 Short Paper #1	4.57 %
Week 3 Short Paper # 2	4.57 %
Week 4: Short Paper # 3	4.57 %
Week 6: Short Paper # 4	4.57 %

Research Paper	36.00 %
Week 7: Research Paper	36.00 %

Materials

Book Title: Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

Author:

Publication Info:

ISBN: N/A

Additional Resources:

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Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) located at http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html

Universal Commercial Code (UCC) located at http://www.law.cornell.edu/ucc

In the Course Materials folder there are PowerPoint presentations, leadership articles, and up to date APA handouts.

Netlibrary—you can read directly online. Note, printing is one page at a time and, depending on number of users at any one time, you may be locked out. http://ezproxy.apus.edu/login?url=http://www.netlibrary.com/urlapi.asp?action=summary&v=1&bookid=224414

Websites

In addition to the required course texts the following public domain Websites are useful. Please abide by the university's academic honesty policy when using Internet sources as well. Note web site addresses are subject to change.

Site Name	Website URL/Address
The OWL at Purdue	http://owl.english.purdue.edu/
APA Style Homepage	http://www.apastyle.org/index.aspx

Course Guidelines

Citation and Reference Style

• Students will follow APA format as the sole citation and reference style used in written assignments submitted as part of coursework to the School of Business.

• Please note that no formal citation style is required on forum assignments in the School of Business—only attribution of sources (please see details regarding forum communication below).

Tutoring

<u>Tutor.com</u> offers online homework help and learning resources by connecting students to certified
tutors for one-on-one help. AMU and APU students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by
APUS. Tutors are available 24/7 unless otherwise noted. Tutor.com also has a SkillCenter Resource
Library offering educational resources, worksheets, videos, websites and career help. Accessing these
resources does not count against tutoring hours and is also available 24/7. Please visit the APUS
Library and search for 'Tutor' to create an account.

Late Assignments

- Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the
 course according to the published class schedule. The due date for each assignment is listed under
 each assignment.
- Generally speaking, if arrangements are not made in advance, a late penalty of 10% will be assessed
 for any assignment submitted 1-7 days past the due date. Assignments will not be accepted after the
 7th day. No work will be accepted past the final day of class, unless prior arraignments have been
 made with the instructor.
- As a working adult, your time is limited and often out of your control. Faculty may be more flexible if they know ahead of time of any potential late assignments.

Turn It In

• Faculty may require assignments be submitted to Turnitin.com. Turnitin.com will analyze an assignment submission and report a similarity score. Your assignment submission is automatically processed through the assignments area of the course when you submit your work.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic Dishonesty incorporates more than plagiarism, which is using the work of others without
citation. Academic dishonesty includes any use of content purchased or retrieved from web services
such as CourseHero.com or Scribd. Additionally, allowing your work to be placed on such web
services is academic dishonesty, as it is enabling the dishonesty of others. The copy and pasting of
content from any web page, without citation as a direct quote, is academic dishonesty. When in doubt,
do not copy/paste, and always cite.

Submission Guidelines

- Some assignments may have very specific requirements for formatting (such as font, margins, etc) and submission file type (such as .docx, .pdf, etc). See the assignment instructions for details. In general, standard file types such as those associated with Microsoft Office are preferred, unless otherwise specified.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure the all submitted work can be accessed and opened by the instructor.

Disclaimer Statement

• Course content may vary from the outline to meet the needs of a particular group or class.

Communicating on the Forum

Forums are the heart of the interaction in this course. The more engaged and lively the exchanges, the
more interesting and fun the course will be. Only substantive comments will receive credit. Although
there is a final posting day/time after which the instructor will grade and provide feedback, it is not
sufficient to wait until the last day to contribute your comments/questions on the forum. The purpose of
the forums is to actively participate in an on-going discussion about the assigned content.

- "Substantive" means comments that contribute something new and important to the discussion. Thus a message that simply says "I agree" is not substantive. A substantive comment contributes a new idea or perspective, a good follow-up question to a point made, offers a response to a question, provides an example or illustration of a key point, points out an inconsistency in an argument, etc.
- As a class, if we run into conflicting view points, we must respect each individual's own opinion. Hateful
 and hurtful comments towards other individuals, students, groups, peoples, and/or societies will not be
 tolerated.
- Students must post a response to the weekly forums prompt and post the required number of replies to
 other students refer to the grading rubric and/or forum instructions for specific expectations on
 number of replies and word count requirements.
- The main response to the forum need to be provided mid-week refer to the grading rubric and/or forum instructions for specific expectations. Late main response posts to a forum will not be accepted without prior instructor approval.
- Replies must be posted in the week due and replies after the end of the each week will not be graded.

Quizzes and Exams

Quizzes and exams may consist of true/false, multiple choice, and short essay questions. Each
quiz/exam is accessible only once. Once a quiz/exam is accessed, you will not be able to access it
again if you disconnect. Therefore, allocate time to complete your quiz. Weekly quizzes must be
submitted by midnight Eastern Time, Day 7 of the assigned week. Late quizzes or exams will not be
accepted without prior instructor approval.

University Policies

Student Handbook

- Drop/Withdrawal policy
- Extension Requests
- Academic Probation
- Appeals
- <u>Disability Accommodations</u>

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