

Air National Guard AY2021 School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS)

Course Details: July 2021 - June 2022 at Maxwell AFB, AL

Application Deadline: 30 September 2020

Selection Notification NLT: 31 December 2020

Application Requirements:

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- Wing Commander/Director Endorsement Letter
- vMPF RIP
- AFFMS II Fitness Report with full history
- Last 5 OPRs

Submit completed package as 1PDF to:

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ESSAY QUESTIONS

A. *Respond to 1 of the following 2 prompts (600 words maximum):*

1. Futurist Jay Ogilvy suggests that strategy involves devising and assessing alternative future scenarios in which today's decisions play out. Propose what you consider to be an unconventional yet plausible scenario for the next twenty years and then describe what the Air Force (or your respective military service), should do today to prepare for and mitigate risks associated with your scenario.
2. What are the most important qualities for a 21st century military strategist to possess and why? How can the Air Force (or your respective military service) develop these qualities in its officer corps?

B. *Respond to the following prompt (200 words maximum):*

What do you expect to get out of your time at SAASS? How will SAASS help you achieve your personal and professional aims?

C. *Respond to 1 of the following 4 prompts (200 words maximum):*

1. According to novelist Jessamyn West, "Fiction reveals truth that reality obscures." Describe a piece of fiction that in some way has helped you better understand or conceptualize the real world.
2. Recall a scenario from the last 5 years in which you changed your mind.
3. It has been said that history is written by the victors. Who will write the history of the 21st century?
4. Werner Heisenberg, renowned physicist and quantum mechanics pioneer, proposed that "There is a fundamental error in separating the parts from the whole, the mistake of atomizing what should not be atomized." How is this idea relevant to strategy?