Leadership and Ethics

Designed to build upon the solid leadership experience of the College’s senior-level students, the leadership and Ethics course blends the study and practice of leadership and decision-making theory with pragmatic discussions with senior military and civilian practitioners of strategic leadership. The course begins with a study of complexity and systems theory, critical and creative thinking skills and decision-making models. It then delves into topics ranging from western philosophy, the profession of arms, and ethical challenges confronting senior leaders in a complex strategic environment, to collaborative decision-making and strategic negotiations. This course also includes an in-depth self-assessment and executive leadership feedback program.

Leadership and Ethics (L&E) Learning Outcomes:

• Apply critical analysis skills to complex situations.
• Evaluate individual thought processes through systematic self-assessment.
• Contrast the creative thinking and creative problem solving methodology with the critical analysis methodology as viable approaches to complex situations.
• Analyze the differences in command and collaborative approaches of senior leaders in the joint, interagency and international environments.
• Evaluate the strategic, ethical, legal and cultural issues confronted by strategic leaders.