

THE NCO LEADERSHIP CENTER of EXCELLENCE
Master Leader Course (MLC)

M424: Contemporary Issues
Advance Sheet

1. SCOPE:

The outcome of this lesson is to help learners articulate contemporary issues which enables them to contribute meaningfully to discussions, decision-making processes, and problem-solving efforts within their organization and the Army. Often challenges arise for the nation and the Army that are temporary or will last for an undetermined period that will require time for society to adjust to the change or new norm. As these issues surface, military members must be able to engage in meaningful discourse to correctly facilitate and/or mitigate the impacts on the force. This lesson offers the learner the necessary knowledge and skills to articulate a given topic related to mission accomplishment. Leaders must be able to effectively communicate their thoughts, opinions, and insights on the chosen subject matter in a clear and concise manner. This lesson ensures we can provide Army leaders who work well on collaborative teams to investigate contemporary leadership challenges; discuss issues affecting the Army profession; and challenges facing the nation; confirm cultural impacts; validate change requirements; verify training requirements; and demonstrate possible causes and solutions.

This lesson links with the following lessons: M420 Effective Leadership, M421 Servant Leadership, M432 Training Management and M433 Critical thinking and problem solving. This lesson is supported by M424A Contemporary Leadership Challenges and M424B Issues Affecting the Army Profession.

2. LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

TLO: This lesson supports 400-MLC-0430, “Analyze management processes and skills at the organizational level” as listed in the MLC Syllabus.

ELO: 400-MLC-0430.17

Action: Analyze contemporary issues facing leaders in the Army today.

Condition: As a learner and senior leader attending face-to-face or virtual environments participating in dynamic, collaborative facilitated discussions, given references and multimedia resources.

Standard: Analyze contemporary issues by researching a topic and looking at the issue from the perspective of the Army profession in clear and concise manner.

Learning Domain: Cognitive

Level of Learning: Analyze

JPME Learning Areas Supported: None **GLOs supported:** 1.

3. PREPARATION FOR CLASS:

a. Read (1 Total Page):

- TC 7-22.7, *The NCO Guide*, January 2020, p. 1-20, para N and O (1 page). Found at <https://armypubs.army.mil/ProductMaps/PubForm/TC.aspx>

b. Be prepared to discuss the following in class:

- How soon will robots replace Soldiers on the battlefield? Answer based on personal experiences
- How can the U.S. military maintain air superiority? Answer based on personal experiences

- What affect will the five greatest threats have on U.S. National Security? Answer based on personal experiences
- How can you protect against cyber-attacks? Answer based on personal experiences
- How soon will autonomous vehicles be driven on the battlefield? Answer based on personal experiences
- What is the future of artificial intelligence in the Army? Answer based on personal experiences

4. HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT(S): None.

5. ASSESSMENT PLAN: Refer to ISAP.