This course is structured to give the student a well-rounded review of the significant events, people, places and technologies in aviation as it progressed through history to the present day. The course will begin with a brief review of very early flight and then focus primarily on aviation advancements through the 20th century. Students will examine how the airline environment and general aviation are expected to change in the near future.

**Topics include:**
- The early theories and experiments leading to powered flight.
- The accomplishments of key figures in aviation history.
- How war time pressures of World War I and World War II (WW I and WW II) impacted the evolution of aircraft and flight knowledge.
- Key types of military aircraft and how aircraft changed the nature of warfare.
- The evolution, issues and regulations associated with the birth and growth of the airline industry in the United States.
- The growth of general aviation including key manufacturers and related businesses.
- Key events associated with the birth and growth of rocket powered flight for military and space applications.
- Projected aviation advances, challenges and issues expected in the 21st century.

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