

DSCU NCR Information Guide

Virginia



The Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU) NCR is the university campus located in the National Capitol Region. We conduct executive level education, senior tutorials as well as courses that benefit the security workforce in the NCR, by leveraging our proximity to DOD and U.S. government senior leaders. We are excited to welcome you to our Crystal City campus adjacent to the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) and a few blocks from the Pentagon. The following information is provided to prepare you for your class at DSCU.

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[Upon Arrival to DSCU NCR](#)

DSCU offices are located on the 3rd floor of CG2. CG2 is the middle building of the three buildings visible from the u-shaped driveway in front of our building. Upon entering CG2, go through the glass doors and proceed to the elevators to Floor 3. Please sign in at the security guard station located in Suite 301. You will be asked to present a government-issued photo ID (i.e., driver's license, CAC, DoD building pass, etc.) to gain entry. The guard will provide you with a DSCU Visitor's lanyard, which must be worn above the waste during your visit to the DSCU campus.

Doors to CG2 are open from 6AM until 6PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. We ask visitors/students not to enter DSCU classroom spaces until 7:30AM. The DSCU NCR campus is an unclassified space and there is currently no commercial wi-fi available for student use.

Lodging

There are several hotels within walking distance of the DSCU campus offering rooms at the government per diem rate: Crowne Plaza, Doubletree Hotel, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport, Marriott Residence Inn Pentagon City, Marriott Courtyard Arlington/Crystal City, and Ritz Carlton at Pentagon City. Other hotels near Metro Stations are also good choices, since DSCU is between two metro stations, Crystal City and Pentagon City.

Airports

- Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) (Closest, preferred)
- Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)
- Baltimore Washington International

There are numerous hotels and restaurants within walking distance from the campus. Most students do not rent cars when TDY to the DSCU NCR campus.

Public Transportation

There are two Metro subway stops within a 10-15 min walk of the DSCU campus: Pentagon City and Crystal City. There are also numerous Metro Buses available at these locations for travel throughout the area. You will need to get a SmarTrip® card at your first stop and load money on to it (there are machines at the entrance and before exiting the metro to buy cards and load them). Metro can take you to most anywhere you may want to go while you are in the DC area. Visit the [Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority](https://www.wmata.com/) website for more information.

Taxis/Rideshare

Taxis as well as ride sharing services like Uber and Lyft operate throughout the area, and multiple credit-card-rentable bikes and scooters can be found throughout the area. Please use the address above as a reference if you are using one of these services.

Commuting to class & parking

Students are strongly encouraged to use the Metro or other transportation to get to class. Self-parking is available at garages nearby for a fee. Street parking is available but it fills up quickly in the morning and it can be costly (roughly \$19.00/day).

Uniform & Dress for class

- Military, all uniforms are acceptable (A's/B's-ACU's/OCP's, ABUs, flight suits, etc.)
- Civilians, business casual (open collar, no jacket or necktie required)

Incllement Weather

Please visit [OPM Status Website](#) for the Washington area weather updates. If there is a delay in reporting due to the weather, we will follow the OPM guidance. Be mindful of the weather, the DC area gets all four seasons.

Registration and Funding

You will receive your welcome letter/email from our DSCU Registrar confirming your enrollment in the course and an email on how to request funding from our budget office. These emails will come from a DO NOT REPLY source so please check your junk email folder. If you cannot find these emails or have questions about registration or funding please contact the Registrar or Budget Office at the flowing links:

[Budget Office](#)

[Registrar's Office](#)

Course Textbooks and printed material

DSCU provides several printed publications for student use during the course, at the conclusion these publications are yours to keep. If you are traveling by air, you should plan for 6-9 lbs. of print material for your suitcase.

DoD Shuttle Bus

If you need to visit another USG office, specifically the Pentagon, DoD Shuttle bus ROUTE 3 operates every 15 minutes. It picks up from the 12th Street South side of Crystal Gateway North (CGN), 201 12th Street South Arlington, VA 22202 and goes to the Pentagon Transit Center (PTC – Metrobus Platform) bus bay L10. The DoD Shuttle operates from about 0600 in the morning until 1800 at night. You must have DoD identification to ride the DoD shuttle buses.