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MISSION

DSCU is the Department of Defense's primary Security Cooperation educational institution. Its mission is to advance the knowledge and practice of Security Cooperation through education, training, workforce development, advising, research, analysis, and lessons learned.

VISION

DSCU strives to be the center of intellectual life for the Security Cooperation enterprise; we prepare a global network of professionals to achieve outcomes that enhance the security of the United States and its partners and allies.

VALUES

Academic Excellence, Accountability, Agility, Collaboration, Community

WHAT WE DO

DSCU supports the Defense Security Cooperation Agency's (DSCA) mission by developing, educating, training, and managing a Security Cooperation Workforce (SCW) prepared to deliver global Security Cooperation programs and activities. It advances the profession of Security Cooperation through research, analysis, publication, and learning. Further, DSCU manages and implements international military training and education programs and Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) activities in collaboration with partner nations.

Current global security challenges demand reestablished deterrence, for which strong alliances and partnerships serve as force multipliers. DSCU's Title 10 U.S. Code Section 384-mandated mission prepares the U.S. Security Cooperation Workforce (SCW) and partner nations to build credible defense capabilities and deter aggression. The DSCU team achieves the following core activities:



Trains and educates
the U.S. Security
Cooperation Workforce



Manages and provides
Institutional Capacity
Building services executed
by the DOD



Manages and implements
international military
training and education
Security Cooperation DOD
programs and authorities



Advances the profession
of Security Cooperation
through research, data
collection, analysis,
publication, and learning



Executes the professional
development program for
the U.S. Security
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- DSCU administers the SCW Development Program — Human Capital Initiative (SCWDP-HCI) to ensure the 17,000+ person SCW is appropriately trained, educated, and organized. Standards for the SCW match the warrior ethos priorities; they are high, uncompromising, and clear.
- DSCU trains and educates the SCW, including Security Cooperation Organization (SCO) personnel, through the Certification 2.0 Program. DSCU revamped SCO training and strategically moved it to the National Capital Region. DSCU trained approximately 350 students with overseas embassy SCO assignments and 600+ SCO enablers.
- DSCU supports Security Cooperation stakeholders by enabling DOD and Department of State programs to deliver skill-focused training and graduate-level education to 70,000+ international military students annually. These programs foster the development of cooperation and intellectual interoperability with partners.
- Through research, analysis, and lessons learned, DSCU strengthens Security Cooperation practice by providing actionable, evidence-based recommendations and solutions to advance U.S. foreign policy priorities and support implementation of defense strategic guidance.
- DSCU directs and provides “ICB services executed by the DOD,” per Title 10 U.S. Code Section 384. ICB is a U.S. strategic advantage that builds ally and partner nations’ defense oversight and management competencies needed to effectively field credible capabilities and deter aggression.

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FY 25 Partner Advising, Education, and Training

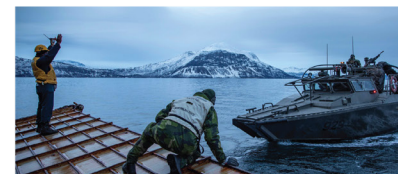
CONDUCTED
875+
ADVISORY, EDUCATION, &
TRAINING ENGAGEMENTS

INVOLVING
~14,800
MINISTERIAL &
MILITARY PERSONNEL

FROM
112
PARTNER
NATIONS

DEPLOYED 39 MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ADVISORS IN 21 COUNTRIES

DSCU’s impact is global. The consistent evolution of U.S. SCW training and education programs addresses national defense and foreign policy objectives, preparing American warfighters to match threats and capabilities. For example, as the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Center of Excellence, DSCU provides high-quality training and best practices for the workforce that executes more than \$97.7 billion in average annual FMS. DSCU solidifies the U.S. strategic advantage by building alliances and partnerships that achieve results — reestablishing deterrence, ensuring burden sharing, enhancing lethality and fortifying agility to reorient to future threats.



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DSCU was founded in 2019. Updates to Title 10 U.S. Code Section 384 in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of FY 2024 established DSCU in law. DSCU’s global and cross-functional team of scholars, practitioners, and support staff work in concert to plan, develop, and deliver Security Cooperation education, training, and advising in support of America’s national security objectives.

Accreditation: DSCU has maintained institutional accreditation with the Council on Occupational Education (COE) since 2001.