



# INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY

## CIVIL-MILITARY COORDINATION IN DISASTER RELIEF

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The Civil-Military Coordination for Disaster Relief course offers an in-depth exploration of how national governments organize and deploy their armed forces to support both domestic and international disaster response operations. Participants will acquire practical skills in coordinating disaster relief operations domestically and contributing to international disaster assistance missions. The course places a strong emphasis on building cross-community understanding and communication skills, with a focus on how armed forces, civilian government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private sector partners, and international organizations can work seamlessly together to improve disaster relief outcomes.

Through interactive practical exercises, participants will examine the legal, operational, and coordination challenges that arise in both domestic and international disaster response efforts. They will also engage in strategic planning activities to define mission requirements, assess risks, develop mitigation strategies, and evaluate both existing and emerging civil-military coordination mechanisms. This course equips participants with the tools and insights to foster more effective collaboration and enhance operational readiness in complex disaster scenarios.

### OBJECTIVES

Upon conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Deepen understanding of disaster response communities and roles.
- ◆ Develop knowledge of national systems for coordinating disaster responses.
- ◆ Explore international strategies for supporting national disaster response.
- ◆ Expand communication, negotiation, and collective problem-solving skills for effective coordination in disaster relief.
- ◆ Strengthen understanding of the critical roles armed forces play in both domestic and international disaster response operations.
- ◆ Enhance capacity to build trust, identify shared objectives, and foster collaboration.

### TOPICS

Participants will gain expertise in best practices for coordinating disaster relief within their own countries and effectively engaging in international disaster response operations. The course employs a range of dynamic methodologies, including expert-led instruction, interactive discussions, case studies, and practical exercises. Course topics may include:

- ◆ Disaster management frameworks
- ◆ Incident command systems
- ◆ International guidelines in civil-military disaster relief coordination
- ◆ Strategic communication and information management in disaster relief
- ◆ Capacity building for local and regional disaster response
- ◆ Public-Private Partnerships

### PARTICIPANTS

This course is designed for mid- to senior-level officers across all branches of the armed services, as well as civilian and government personnel involved in disaster management. Ideal participants are those actively shaping and implementing strategies to prevent, mitigate, and respond to disaster situations. Representatives from civil society and multilateral organizations are also encouraged to join, fostering a collaborative approach to disaster relief and response.

## INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE (ISG) EDUCATION PORTFOLIOS

ISG's tailored education and professional development courses help build a comprehensive knowledge base and strengthen partner capacities to confront complex security and defense challenges. Courses are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues; foster peer-to-peer learning; and build international communities of practice.



## FACULTY

ISG's faculty team is grounded in professional experience from academic, military, government, and civil sectors. The core faculty are augmented by experts drawn from other parts of government, and U.S. and international subject matter experts drawn from universities, industry, think tanks, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

## ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted as part of the U.S. Government's Security Cooperation efforts. Interested partner nation personnel should contact their government's international cooperation section, or the relevant U.S. Embassy's Security Cooperation organization for selection processes and enrollment. Interested U.S. citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

## FUNDING

Educational programs are primarily implemented through Title 22 authorized programs, including International Military Education and Training (IMET), Foreign Military Sales (FMS), Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), and various Title 10 authorized programs, including the Maritime Security Initiative (MSI) and Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFP).

## ABOUT ISG



The Defense Security Cooperation University's (DSCU) Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is the Department of Defense's leading implementer for Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) and one of its primary international schoolhouses. As a component of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), ISG is charged with building partner institutional capacity and capability through tailored advising, education, and professional development programs grounded in American values and approaches.