



DSCA INSTRUCTION 5105.01

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY CHARTER

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Purpose: Under the provisions of DoD Directive (DoDD) 5111.01, DoDD 5105.65, DoDD 5132.03, and Section 384 of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), the issuance of this charter establishes policy and assigns responsibilities and authorities for operation of the Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU). This Directive fulfills the Secretary of Defense responsibility in accordance with Section 384 of Title 10, U.S.C. to:

- Develop and promulgate a charter for the operation of DSCU;
- Direct an educational institution of the DoD to serve as a Foreign Military Sales Center of Excellence;
- Authorize the President of DSCU to accept qualifying grants.

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Enclosure 1: General Issuance Information

1.1. APPLICABILITY.

This instruction applies to the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) and its components. It expands on the direction given in Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 16 (Security Cooperation), DoDD 5105.65, DoDD 5132.03, and DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5132.15.

1.2. MISSION.

The Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU) is the DoD's primary security cooperation (SC) educational institution. Its mission is to advance the knowledge and practice of SC through education, training, workforce development, advising, research, analysis, and lessons learned.

The DSCU mission is performed through:

- a. Education and training of the DoD SC workforce;
- b. Development and management of the DoD SC workforce functional community (in accordance with the functional community definition in DoDI 1400.25, Volume 250);
- c. Management and provision of institutional capacity building services executed by the DoD;
- d. Management and implementation of international military training and education executed by the DoD; and
- e. Advancement of the SC profession through research, data collection, analysis, publication, and learning.

1.3. STRUCTURES AND ORGANIZATION.

The DSCU:

- a. Is a component of DSCA;
- b. Includes the following associated structures and organizations:
 - (1) An organization to train and educate the security cooperation workforce;
 - (2) An organization to develop and manage DoD-executed institutional capacity building;

(3) Other organizational elements that the President, DSCU, establishes as necessary to fulfill the mandate in this charter with funds available to DSCA and other funds available for SC programs and activities of the DoD;

c. Shall manage and oversee the organizations and structures specified in subparagraph (b) above and any other organizations or structures the Director, DSCA, assigns it responsibilities to manage and oversee;

d. Shall serve as the lead entity for managing the implementation of the SC workforce development program in accordance with paragraph (d) of Section 384 of title 10, U.S.C.;

e. Shall implement a security cooperation human capital initiative to identify, account for, and manage the career progression of personnel in the SC workforce in accordance with paragraph (e) of Section 384 of Title 10, U.S.C.;

f. Shall oversee and manage the DoD Foreign Military Sales (FMS) center of excellence to improve the training and education of personnel engaged in FMS planning and execution in accordance with paragraph (f) of Section 384 of Title 10, U.S.C. and as designated by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy at reference (g);

g. May sponsor security cooperation research and development projects by contract, cooperative agreement, or grant in accordance with paragraph (g) of Section 384 of Title 10, U.S.C.;

h. May accept qualifying research grants for work performed by DSCU faculty that advances the knowledge and practice of SC in accordance with paragraph (g) of Section 384 of Title 10, U.S.C.;

i. Shall manage security cooperation lessons learned for programs and activities executed and administered by DSCA in accordance with reference (d) and contribute to the Joint Lessons Learned Program outlined in references (j) and (k).

Enclosure 2: Responsibilities

2.1. DIRECTOR, DSCA.

- a. Provides guidance and direction to the President, DSCU, on policies and procedures related to the development and operation of DSCU;
- b. Ensures DSCU's strategic planning process is in alignment with Agency priorities and budgetary requirements;
- c. Prescribes policies and requirements for DSCU education, training, workforce development, advising, research, analysis, and lessons learned activities;
- d. Appoints a President to manage all functions of DSCU, including but not limited to the organization and management of all associated structures and organizations.

2.2. PRESIDENT, DSCU.

- a. Exercises authority, direction, and control over DSCU;
- b. Executes DSCU's budget in accordance with DSCA financial policies and regulations;
- c. Develops and promulgates additional direction for DSCU internal missions, roles, functions, policies, and procedures.

Enclosure 3: University Seal

3.1. DESCRIPTION/BLAZON.

On a light blue disc a shield blazoned: per saltire azure (dark blue) and vert, overall two swords in saltire or, blades argent and points upward, between in chief a sphere of the first gridlined and edged argent, superimposed with stylized clasping hands of the last, between two olive branches arched outwardly or and in base a lamp of knowledge enflamed proper. All within a dark blue designation band with the inscription **DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY** at top and laurel wreath at bottom all encircled by a stylized gold rope.



3.2. SYMBOLISM.

The shield, swords, and gridlined globe are derived from the seal of DSCA, which is DSCU's owning organization. The two swords come together to represent strength through cooperation among the Department of Defense's academic institutions. These institutions provide a robust learning environment to address the core needs of a professional security cooperation workforce. The lamp of knowledge, with its eternal flame, symbolizes the enduring value of the pursuit of knowledge, while the laurel wreath signifies triumph in the achievement of academic excellence.

REFERENCES

- (a) DoD Directive 5100.01, “Functions of the Department of Defense and its Major Components,” December 21, 2010
- (b) DoD Directive 5105.65, “Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA),” October 26, 2012
- (c) DoD Directive 5111.01, “Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)),” June 23, 2020
- (d) DoD Directive 5132.03, “Security Cooperation,” January 16, 2025
- (e) DoD Instruction 1400.25, Volume 250, “DoD Civilian Personnel Management System: Civilian Strategic Human Capital Planning (SHCP),” June 7, 2016
- (f) DoD Instruction 5132.15, “Implementation of the Security Cooperation Workforce Certification Program,” May 7, 2021
- (g) Memorandum on Establishment of the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Center of Excellence (COE), Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, May 22, 2024
- (h) United States Code, Title 10, Chapter 16
- (i) United States Code, Title 22
- (j) Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 3150.25H, Joint Lessons Learned Program, December 30, 2021
- (k) Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Manual 3150.25C, Joint Lessons Learned Program, June 23, 2023