

INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE



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ABOUT

The Defense Security Cooperation University's (DSCU) Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is the Department of Defense's (DoD) 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.



STRUCTURE

ISG's mission is accomplished through a range of partner advising, education, and professional development programs. ISG's Practice & Capability Division consists of functional practice areas designed to support both ISG advising and education engagements.

ISG PRACTICE GROUP

- ◆ SECURITY GOVERNANCE & CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS (CMR)
- ◆ PEACEKEEPING AND EXERCISES (PKX)
- ◆ CONFLICT, TERRORISM, AND PROTECTION (CTP)
- ◆ CYBER CAPABILITY (CYBER)
- ◆ MARITIME SECURITY (MARSEC)
- ◆ INT'L DEFENSE ACQUISITION RESOURCE MGMT (IDARM)
- ◆ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE (EM&R)
- ◆ LOGISTICS CAPABILITY BUILDING (LCB)

Reimbursable ICB advising is available through a series of MTT MASLs conducted over a period of 18–36 months and designed to support a partner country to develop effective security and defense institutions. Reimbursable advising can only be programmed after consultation with appropriate ISG personnel.

The remainder of this publication will display the Institute's course offerings grouped by the functional areas in the table above.

COURSES

ISG's tailored education and professional development courses support the expansion of a comprehensive knowledge base and strengthen capabilities to confront complex security and defense challenges. Delivered in the United States, abroad, and sometimes virtually in a short-course format, these offerings bring applied learning practices into bilateral or multilateral classroom environments. Participants are encouraged to engage in open, peer-to-peer learning, and form long-term international and interagency networks.

TYPES

Four course types are offered by ISG, denoted by a unique MASL number.

RESIDENT

2-4 week multilateral courses primarily conducted at ISG headquarters in Monterey, California. Delivered in adult learning style, courses feature lectures, breakout groups, interactive exercises, and student-led presentations. Limited to no-more-than 30 students per course.

REGIONAL

1-2 week multilateral courses where one partner serves as a host to the ISG instructional team as well as students from other countries. Courses are tailored to the regional context, and participant composition varies by topic and delivery method.

MOBILE

Mobile Education Teams (METs) conduct 1-2 week bilateral courses in partner countries. Courses are tailored to the national and regional context, and participant composition varies by topic and delivery method.

VIRTUAL/ HYBRID

Virtual courses are conducted in a synchronous or combination synchronous/asynchronous format. These courses are typically 3-5 days in duration and are conducted in a bilateral or multilateral format and tailored to the country or regional context. Hybrid courses customarily include at least one in-person instructional team member to facilitate discussions.

FACULTY

ISG has a diverse faculty team grounded in professional experience from the government, military, academia, and civil sectors. The core faculty are augmented by experts drawn from other parts of government, and American and international subject matter experts from universities, industry, think tanks, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted with partner nations as part of the U.S. Government Security Cooperation effort. Participation in ISG courses is managed through the Security Cooperation Office of the U.S. Embassy in-country. Interested partner nation personnel should work through their government's international cooperation section, or the relevant U.S. Embassy's security/military cooperation section for selection processes and enrollment. Where appropriate, ISG reserves limited space in courses for U.S. citizens. Interested U.S. citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

FUNDING

ISG can accept most types of U.S. Government funding. Courses are typically funded by IMET, FMF, FMS, RDFP, PKO, and other DoD-wide O&M funds (333, 332, MSI, etc.). Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG or the applicable NETSAFA Country Program Manager.

ISG PRACTICE GROUPS

SECURITY GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS (CMR)

Security Governance and Civil-Military Relations addresses all aspects of the relationship between elected civilians and security institutions (armed forces, police forces, and intelligence agencies) in a democratic context. CMR offers courses, seminars, and workshops that address a variety of potential challenges and avenues for success in institutionalizing effective and functioning civil-military relations.

STRATEGY, PLANNING, & DECISION-MAKING			
COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Executive Program in Defense Decision-Making	P170001		
Women, Leadership, and National Defense	P179840	P279840	P319840
Modernization of Armed Forces: Policy & Planning			P309045
Strategic Leadership			P309116
Defense Planning Methods and Techniques			P319248

GENERAL CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS			
COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Securing the State: Building Institutions for National Security	P179897		
Civil-Military Relations			P309070
Defense Governance			P309464

APPLIED CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS			
COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Civil-Military Approaches to Elections Security			P309139
Strategic Communications, Media, & Perception of the Armed Forces			P309148
Executive-Legislative Relations in Defense			P309150
Women's Integration Into the Armed Forces			P309465

CONFLICT, TERRORISM, AND PROTECTION (CTP)

The Conflict, Terrorism, and Protection (CTP) functional area contributes expertise to educational courses and advising projects. Content areas include the causes and triggers of conflict and the full spectrum of conflict management from prevention to various types of warfare to conflict resolution and governmental/societal recovery. CTP activities help governments gain an actionable understanding of conflict dynamics and approaches to building capabilities and strategies to avoid or prevail in these situations. CTP faculty possess expertise in ethnic and religious identity conflict, combating terrorism and counterinsurgency, civilian harm mitigation and response, and irregular migration and forced displacement. Select CTP courses are offered in support of the Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFP). Multi-sectoral teams comprised of ISG faculty, adjunct subject matter experts, and field specialists lead these practitioner-oriented activities.

COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Managing Internal Conflict	P170030		P309462
Civilian Harm Mitigation	P173034		P309542
Civil-Military Responses to Terrorism	P179018		P309069
Migration and Forced Displacement		P279013	P319066
Countering Violent Extremism			P319286

MARITIME SECURITY (MARSEC)

Maritime Security (MARSEC) courses provide participants with the tools required to prevent and respond to a myriad of maritime security threats and challenges. MARSEC courses introduce and explore – at the strategic and operational levels – best practices and innovative solutions to address common challenges. Examples include understanding transnational maritime threats; integrating civil, military, and law enforcement agencies with maritime security responsibilities; and leveraging regional and other international governmental and non-governmental resources. Our approach includes expert-led lectures; case studies, risk assessment, maritime governance, strategy development and Tabletop (TTX) classroom exercises, a visit to a local U.S. Coast Guard station, and emphasis on interagency and multi-national solutions.

COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Fundamentals of Maritime Security	P179548	P279178	P319178
Building Institutional Capacity in the Maritime Security Sector	P179927		
Comprehensive Approaches to Building Maritime Domain Awareness Capabilities		P279177	P319177

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE (EM&R)

The Emergency Management and Resilience (EM&R) functional area designs and delivers comprehensive, whole-of-government courses and engagements for all-hazards emergency preparedness, resilience, climate security, and response. Courses and engagements aim to enhance civil-military cooperation, build national resilience and capacity in emergency preparedness, and apply a comprehensive approach to emergency management that includes civilian government, military, and civil sector stakeholders, as well as the receipt and management of international disaster assistance. These national-level leader and planner-oriented courses are led by teaching teams comprised of ISG faculty, multi-disciplinary subject matter experts, and field practitioners.

COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Civil-Military Coordination in Disaster Relief	P170475		P309475
Building Interagency Resilience to Hybrid Threats	P179847		P319283
Climate and Environmental Security	P179987	P279411	P319411

PEACEKEEPING & EXERCISES (PKX)

The Peacekeeping and Exercises (PKX) functional area helps build sustainable and indigenous peacekeeping training capacities in U.S. partner countries so they can better contribute to United Nations (UN) and other regional peacekeeping operations. ISG PKX particularly concentrates on the establishment and strengthening of partner countries' training capacity and staff. These activities pertain to both military troops and formed police units. In addition, these events help to enhance coordination and collaboration between the U.S. and other contributor countries' assistance efforts, to include providing support to deploying units (e.g., exercises, technical assistance, and pre-deployment training).

COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
United Nations Peacekeeping Operations Contingent Commanders Course	P179085	P279085	P309485
Women, Peace, & Security in Peacekeeping Operations	P179976	P279976	P319976
Peacekeeping Train the Trainer Course		P273013	P309103
United Nations Military Observers Course		P279046	P309446
United Nations Civil-Military Coordination Officers Course		P279068	P309068
United Nations Logistics Officers Course		P279379	P309379
United Nations Staff Officers Course		P279389	P309389
United Nations Peacekeeping Operations Instructors Course		P279392	P309392
Protection of Civilians in Peacekeeping Operations & Peace Support Operations		P279394	P309394
Capstone Exercise		P279010	P309459
Executive Course for National Peacekeeping Planning		P279049	P319322
Engagement Platoon Training		P279050	P319323
United Nations Peacekeeping Intelligence Operations		P279051	P319324

CYBER CAPABILITY (CYBER)

Cyber courses are continuously designed to develop partner nation cyber leaders with the skills to navigate the cyber challenges unique to their region and challenges, and to maintain an advantage over actors who seek to exploit, disrupt, or damage the networks and systems upon which their societies and militaries depend. These partner capacity building courses use human-centered design and facilitation techniques to address cyberspace strategic governance, enterprise policies and practices, cyber organizational and workforce design, and critical enterprise operational and capability integration approaches. These courses prepare decision-makers to achieve improvements in national cyberspace for mission assurance, and safeguard national cyberspace. These courses are delivered in partnership leading defense and civilian educational entities.

COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Practical Cyber Implementation	P170042		P309370
Strategies & Capabilities for Cyber Challenges	P179898		
Developing Cyber Organizations and Workforces	P179989		P309546
Cybersecurity Strategy Development			P309470
Cyber Defense Operational Integration			P309538

INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE ACQUISITION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (IDARM)

International Defense Acquisition Resource Management (IDARM) activities are designed to strengthen defense acquisition decision-making, and help nations understand and adopt modern business practices. IDARM offers a wide range of courses focused on defense acquisition, contract management and negotiations, and defense project management. Courses can cover a combination of interrelated subjects, with the goal of offering defense leaders the opportunity to explore strategic issues which must be addressed in order to improve their nation's defense acquisition business practices. Course offerings are developed in conjunction with faculty and specialized subject matter experts, and are tailored to the specific government organizational structures, national acquisition statutes and regulations, and defense acquisition objectives of the partner nation.

COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Principles of Defense Acquisition Management	P159200	P279300	P309131
Principles of Defense Procurement & Contracting	P159202		P309136
International Defense Acquisition Negotiations	P179069		P309134
Principles of Defense Acquisition & Contract Management (English/Spanish)	P179623		P319623
Project Management: Managing Complex Defense Projects			P309104
Acquisition Phase I: Needs Assessment/Site Survey			P309130
Acquisition Phase II: Curriculum Development			P309132
Strategies for Building & Sustaining Accountability in Defense Resource Management Systems			P309210
Logistics & Life Cycle Management			P309348
Ethics & Integrity in Defense Acquisition Decision-Making			P319036

LOGISTICS CAPABILITY BUILDING (LCB)

The Logistics Capability Building (LCB) functional area works with participants to increase the professionalization of their logistics forces to better sustain defense and security force capabilities. LCB activities are designed to support participants' efforts to better assess their logistics requirements and implement the lessons learned within the unique context of their nation. Emphasis is placed on the necessity to integrate other institutional capabilities such as strategy, policy and plans, and human resource management. Learning methodologies include case study presentations, lectures, small group exercises/activities, and structured discussions.

COURSE TITLE	RESIDENT	REGIONAL	MOBILE
Institutional Capacity Building for Logistics	P179931		

Resident courses are held at ISG headquarters at Naval Support Activity Monterey (NSAM) in Monterey, California.

In addition to daily coursework, international participants take part in the Field Studies Program (FSP), ensuring that they return to their countries of origin with a deeper understanding of American culture and values.



Participants in ISG courses engage in structured exercises throughout that reinforce learning objectives, connect topics to “real world” examples, and ensure that participants work alongside one another to form lasting international and interagency networks.

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