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DIILS CORE VALUES

- Promote Democratic Rule of Law
- Support Effective and Responsible Partner Security Operations
- Align with - and Contribute to - Strategic Initiatives and Objectives of DoD and the Geographic Combatant Commands



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Thank you for your interest in the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS). For over 30 years, DIILS has been the primary US defense security cooperation resource for providing professional legal education, training, and engagement to international defense sector institutions and personnel.

DIILS is truly a global organization. Since its establishment in 1992 as a detachment to the Naval Justice School, DIILS has successfully conducted over 2,700 programs, engaging with more than 81,000 military and civilian participants from over 180 countries.

Current international events and escalating strategic competition reinforce the relevance and importance of the DIILS mission more than ever. DIILS develops and implements effective security cooperation programs that build and enhance partner legal capacity.

This includes promoting equitable, transparent, and accountable defense institutions, civilian control of the military, observance of International Human Rights and the Law of Armed Conflict, and democratic governance.

This Program Overview describes our Legal Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) and Rule of Law training programs, as well as our Resident and Mobile Education courses covering a full spectrum of rule of law issues. DIILS is excited to collaborate with you to help tackle the various global security challenges facing the United States and our Allies and Partners.

How can DIILS assist you?

We provide resident courses, mobile education teams, and legal ICB engagements to strengthen defense institutions. Our goal is to share best practices and build the necessary Partner human capital required to address the legal challenges Partner military and civilian leaders face when managing security risks and conducting operations.

Our instructors and advisors consist of joint service military officers with extensive operational experience and expertise, and leading civilian government and adjunct experts. They deliver programs that are relevant and insightful, featuring interactive content and real-world scenarios designed to meet the unique circumstances of the Partners engaged.

Our location in Newport, Rhode Island is ideal for resident programs. Newport is an internationally recognized destination that showcases American cultural and historical attractions. Its proximity to Boston, New York, and Washington D.C., within an hour's flight, provides convenient and regular access to world-renowned experts, guest speakers, and unparalleled field study programs.

DIILS strives to be responsive and agile, but our resources are finite. Thus, timely requests for support are crucial. Please contact us early if you want to enroll participants in our resident courses or to plan a mobile engagement tailored to a specific legal challenge. Contact information for DIILS staff can be found on the inside back cover and in connection with the various program descriptions throughout this Program Overview.

We look forward to working with you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth F. Allen".

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**“Mutually-beneficial
Alliances and partnerships
are our greatest
global strategic advantage....”**

U.S. National Defense Strategy (2022)

ABOUT DIILS

OUR MISSION AREAS

The Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS) serves as the lead U.S. Department of Defense Security Cooperation resource for global legal engagement with partner nation security sector institutions and personnel. We work to advance U.S. national security and foreign policy interests by **building the capacity of foreign security forces to respond to shared security challenges in a responsible, accountable, and legally compliant manner.**

We strive to strengthen partner nation legal capacity through activities that **promote the rule of law, enhance compliance with human rights and international humanitarian law standards, and support effective and responsible democratic governance and oversight** of security institutions and forces. We achieve this by conducting global engagements across a range of mission areas.

OUR STRUCTURE

DIILS is a component of the Defense Security Cooperation University, which is a directorate of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency. Our headquarters are on Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, USA and we are jointly staffed with judge advocates from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, experienced civilian attorneys, and other professionals.

OUR TEAM

DIILS team members are selected for their recent and relevant expertise and for their knowledge of the legal issues affecting Partner Nations. DIILS often includes military or civilian subject matter experts from the Departments of Defense, Justice, Homeland Security, or State, the U.S. military services, the Geographic Combatant Commands, our closest Allies, and the United Nations, as well as other military officers, professionals and academicians as engagement team members and course instructors

DID YOU KNOW?

Since our inception in 1992, DIILS has provided legal training, education and capacity building assistance to more than 81,000 military and civilian participants from over 180 countries, and conducted more than 2,700 global engagements. This includes more than 3,200 alumni of resident education programs hosted at the DIILS Education Center in Newport, Rhode Island.

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DIILS LEGAL INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING (ICB)

What is Legal Institutional Capacity Building (ICB)?

ICB programs facilitate Partner Nation development of enduring institutional structures, policies, and processes required to absorb, sustain, manage, and oversee employment of critical security capabilities. These programs enable Partners to perform mutually beneficial roles in the security environment. DIILS legal ICB programs help Partner Nations perform these roles and employ these capabilities in an **effective, responsible, and accountable** manner.

Some Legal Institutional Capacity Building Areas...

Legal Authorities, Doctrine, and Policies

Legal Advising for Commanders during Operations

Maritime Security and Enforcement/
Maritime Domain Awareness

Civilian Harm Mitigation and Response

Cyber, Space and Emergent Technology Law/
Hybrid Conflict

Human Rights/Law of Armed Conflict Compliance

Women, Peace and Security

Climate Impacts and Security

WHAT DOES A LEGAL ICB PROGRAM INVOLVE?

- **Persistent** engagement with the Partner Nation over a 3-5 year period or longer
- Mobile **advisory** team engagements 2-6 times per fiscal year; full-time in-country resident advisors in appropriate circumstances
- Workshops, exercises, and other modes of engagement intended to achieve **mutually agreed program outcomes** that can be **monitored and evaluated**
- Where appropriate, complementary formal education and training efforts for critical Partner Nation personnel
- Leahy vetting is required for all ICB engagements beyond very initial assessment





WHO TO CONTACT AT DIILS ABOUT LEGAL ICB?

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HOW IS LEGAL ICB PLANNED AND FUNDED?

DIILS legal ICB programs typically are planned and authorized under Section 332 of Title 10 as **part of the annual process for Significant Security Cooperation Initiatives (SSCIs)** managed by the Geographic Combatant Commands (GCCs), the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).

SSCIs and their component programs are **evaluated across a range of factors, including strategic alignment, program feasibility, and DoD component prioritization.** GCCs develop and submit SSCI requirements, aligning proposed activities with national and regional priorities. Programs and activities are reviewed and vetted by OSD and the Department of State (DoS) to synchronize security sector assistance.

In some cases, DIILS legal ICB activities can be developed as part of DoS programs (e.g., FMS or FMF cases, or under the Security Force Professionalization (SFP) program).

For legal ICB programs planned as part of SSCIs **funding typically comes from the International Security Cooperation Programs (ISCP) Account** managed by DSCA. Funding for legal ICB activities planned under DoS authorities must be obtained via those planning and approval processes.

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DIILS LEGAL INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING (ICB)

Some Examples of DIILS Legal ICB Advising ...

- Improve legal interoperability between Partner Nation forces and NATO
- Facilitate incorporating legal considerations into operational planning to improve civilian harm mitigation and response efforts
- Collaborate with Partners to develop an operational law manual to use in plans and operations, including incorporating Women, Peace, and Security principles
- Advise Partners on adoption of maritime security policies and procedures to increase compliance with Law of the Sea, ensure more responsible maritime interdiction and apprehension activities, and promote successful maritime prosecutions
- Support Partners in modernizing the organizational structure, policy and practice, and personnel/resource management aspects of a Ministry of Defense legal services organization
- Assist Partners with developing operational law policy manuals outlining application and enforcement of Human Rights and Law of Armed Conflict obligations across various operational environments (e.g., peace and stability coalitions, domestic security, special operations, border security and, counter-terrorism)
- Support Partner reform of a military justice code to modernize crimes, procedures, and jurisdiction to effectively promote good order and discipline, improve accountability, and provide adequate due process
- Assist Partner Nation cyber command in building the capacity of its legal advisors to support planning for, identification of, and response to malicious cyber attacks



“The United States is endowed with remarkable qualities that confer great advantages, including in the realm of national security. We are a free people devoted to democracy and the rule of law. Our combination of diversity, free minds, and free enterprise drives extraordinary innovation and adaptability. We are a member of an unparalleled and unprecedented network of alliances and partnerships. Together, we share many common values and a common interest in defending the stable and open international system, the basis for the most peaceful and prosperous epoch in modern history. We must not lose sight of these qualities and advantages...”

U.S. National Defense Strategy (2022)



SECTION 333 AND MSI RULE OF LAW TRAINING

What Is Congressionally-Mandated Rule of Law Training?

DIILS is the provider of choice for congressionally mandated Rule of Law seminars focused on International Human Rights, the Law of Armed Conflict (also called International Humanitarian Law), and civilian control of the military. Section 333 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code, Section 1263 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY2016 (the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative, or MSI), and a number of other train and equip authorities require Rule of Law training for units receiving U.S. assistance. These seminars typically involve up to 16 hours of training (plus time for administrative functions), and are typically completed over the course of three days.

DoD Office of General Counsel reviews DIILS curriculum to ensure it is consistent with U.S. policy and that it satisfies the requirements of Section 333 and other authorities.

HOW DOES THE MANDATORY RULE OF LAW TRAINING WORK?

How do training requirements arise? Training requirements arise each time a unit receives assistance that is notified to Congress pursuant to Section 333 or 1263.

- **What are the different training levels?** Rule of Law training typically occurs at either the basic (2-hours), intermediate (8-hours), or advanced (16-hours) level. The focus of the content is largely similar; however, the training levels vary in depth and complexity. DIILS determines the appropriate level of training for each 333 or MSI program during program design and in the lead-up to Congressional notification. Level of training is driven by the nature of the assistance package, the mission of the recipient units, and other relevant factors, and is specified in the notification package approved by DoD and submitted to Congress.
- **Who must attend the trainings?** It is expected that all members of each recipient unit are eligible and encouraged to attend Rule of Law training; however, at a minimum, the leaders and other key personnel of all recipient units must attend the training to satisfy the training requirement.
- **Is Leahy Vetting required?** Yes, for all Rule of Law trainings, regardless of training level.
- **When must the training occur?** As close in time as possible to provision of the primary assistance under the program, preferably in advance of or concurrent with the delivery of that primary assistance.
- **What if I need more information?** Please contact the DIILS personnel listed on the next page, or see <https://samm.dsca.mil/policy-memoranda/dsca-22-38>



The objective of DIILS Rule of Law training is to increase Partner Nation understanding of and commitment to the law of armed conflict, human rights, democratic rule of law and civilian control of the military.

Content of the DIILS Rule of Law Seminars

Time	Modules	Modules	Modules
0800 to 0850	Seminar Opening Pre-Testing	Right Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment	Non-International Armed Conflict & the Law
0900 to 0950	Observing & Respecting Human Rights & Respect for Civilian Authority		
1000 to 1050	Abu Ghraib Case Study	Gender Violence & Trafficking in Persons In International Law	Rules of Engagement An Overview
1100 to 1150		Sexual Harassment & Assault: U.S. Military Response	
LUNCH			
1300 to 1350	Regional Human Rights Agreement	International Armed Conflict & the Law	Targeting Under the Law of Armed Conflict
1400 to 1450	Use of Force in Law Enforcement		Seminar Conclusion Post Test and Evaluations Graduation

Other Important Information:

- The DIILS team may also use real world examples of issues affecting the seminar participants to enhance learning
- The DIILS advanced-level training incorporates several elements designed to advance DoD Women, Peace and Security (WPS) objectives
- The 2-hour basic-level training covers many of the same topics listed above – but in less depth
- The 2-hour basic-level training is typically provided by an entity other than DIILS, but using DIILS curriculum approved by the DoD Office of General Counsel – see contacts below for more information

Who to Contact at DIILS about Rule of Law Seminars?

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- DIILS offers 9 resident courses each year focused on a spectrum of 'Rule of Law' topics for Partner Nation participants at our Education Center on Naval Station Newport in Newport, Rhode Island, USA.
- DIILS offers instruction to address the most relevant legal topics associated with shared defense and security challenges. Legal themes include human rights and the Law of Armed Conflict, legal aspects of maritime and military operations, military justice, combating corruption and terrorism, cyber law and hybrid warfare, and defense support to civil authorities.

Resident Course MASLs and Titles

- P176003 – Military Justice (MILJUS)
- P176019 – Human Rights and Law of Armed Conflict (HRLC)
- P176027 – Law of Military Operations (LOMO)
- P176028 – Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism (LCT)
- P176040 – Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC)
- P176042 – Legal Aspects of Defense Support of Civilian Authorities (LADSCA)
- P176009 – Legal Aspects of Maritime Security Operations (LAMS0)
- P176000 – Cyber Law and Hybrid Warfare (CLHW)
- P176026 – Military Law Development Program (MLDP)
- P179940 – Women Leadership and National Defense (WLND)

Other Important Information Common to DIILS Resident Courses:

- Most courses are 3 to 4 weeks in length, plus travel and administrative in-processing
- The courses emphasize the development of common best practices and review of applicable international law, and feature presentations and practical exercises based on real life scenarios
- Participants also attend Field Studies Program (FSP) events in Newport, Boston, New York City, Washington, DC or other accessible locations
- Participants are funded through Expanded International Military Education and Training (E-IMET), the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism and Irregular Warfare Fellowship Program (RDFFP), Foreign Military Financing (FMF), or Foreign Military Sales (FMS) processes. In appropriate circumstances, DIILS resident courses also may be integrated into longer-term legal Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) activities
- Case studies, small group scenario-based discussion problems, and role playing to develop Rules for the Use of Force are all used to demonstrate practical application of relevant international law. Some courses use a video-based Firearms Training Simulator providing students realistic application of law in simulated operations
- Attendance at DIILS resident courses is programmed through the Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA), either at the annual Security Cooperation Education and Training Working Groups (SCETWGs) or by contacting NETSAFA and DIILS directly



DIILS EDUCATION CENTER - RESIDENT COURSES



Course Title	MASL #	Course Dates	Report Date	FY24 IMET/CT FMS Full	FY24 NATO FMS Incr	FY25 IMET/CT FMS Full	FY25 NATO FMS Incr
Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism (LCT) (4 weeks)	P176028	15 Mar - 11 Apr 2024 14 Mar - 10 Apr 2025	12 Mar 24 11 Mar 25	\$11,429 \$11,704	\$11,460 \$11,483	\$12,122 \$12,413	\$12,162 \$12,122
Law of Military Operations Course (LOMO) (4 weeks)	P176027	19 Apr-16 May 2024 18 Apr-15 May 2025	16 Apr 24 15 Apr 25	\$11,596 \$11,942	\$11,698 \$11,667	\$13,097 \$13,450	\$13,200 \$13,097
Legal Aspects of Maritime Security Operations (LAMSOS) (4 weeks)	P176009	24 May - 20 Jun 2024 23 May - 19 Jun 2025	21 May 24 20 May 25	\$11,415 \$12,890	\$12,645 \$12,588	\$11,079 \$11,332	\$11,080 \$11,079
Cyber Law and Hybrid Warfare (CLHW) (4 weeks)	P176000	28 Jun - 25 Jul 2024 27 Jun - 24 Jul 2025	25 Jun 24 24 Jun 25	\$12,919 \$13,243	\$12,998 \$13,039	\$12,379 \$12,690	\$12,435 \$12,430
Legal Aspects of Defense Support of Civil Authorities (LADSCA) (4 weeks)	P176042	2 - 29 Aug 2024 1 - 28 Aug 2025	30 Jul 24 29 Jul 24	\$11,863 \$12,138	\$11,894 \$11,917	\$11,072 \$11,350	\$11,095 \$11,072
Women Leadership and National Defense (WLAND) (2 weeks)	P179940	9 - 20 Sep 2024 8 - 19 Sep 2025	4 Sep 24 3 Sep 25	\$12,000 \$12,000	\$12,000 \$12,000	\$12,000 \$12,000	\$12,000 \$12,000
Military Law Development Program (MLDP I) (Includes HRLC, LCC & MJ) (10 weeks)	P176026	6 Oct - 14 Dec 2023 11 Oct -19 Dec 2024	4 Oct 23 8 Oct 24	\$24,450 \$25,110	\$24,499 \$24,530	\$25,707 \$26,475	\$25,850 \$25,707
Military Justice (MJ) (3 weeks)	P176003	6 - 26 Oct 2023 11-31 Oct 2024	4 Oct 23 8 Oct 24	\$14,069 \$14,226	\$14,043 \$14,088	\$15,327 \$15,800	\$15,611 \$15,327
Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC) (3 weeks)	P176040	27 Oct - 16 Nov 2023 1 - 21 Nov 2024	24 Oct 23 29 Oct 24	\$11,812 \$12,015	\$11,832 \$11,866	\$14,402 \$14,600	\$14,350 \$14,402
Human Rights and the Law of Armed Conflict (HRLC) (4 weeks)	P176019	17 Nov - 14 Dec 2023 22 Nov - 19 Dec 2024	14 Nov 23 19 Nov 24	\$12,654 \$12,918	\$12,674 \$12,707	\$13,210 \$13,480	\$13,230 \$13,210

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DIILS Resident Courses are EIMET certified. LCT, LOMO, LADSCA, LAMSOS, LCC and CLHW are pre-approved for RDFP. SCOs should request DIILS course quotas through NETSAFA. All courses are taught at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island. Course costs include Field Studies Program (FSP) charge of \$70 per week and a cost for transportation during the course. Course cost does not include airfare or TLA. TLA daily rate while in Newport, RI is calculated using the local meal rate of \$59+\$11 daily IMS incidental rate (\$200 daily total). The TLA rate for other days is calculated based on location. Students are housed in Combined Bachelor Quarters (CBQ). Students pay CBQ charges of \$130 per day. An English Comprehension Level (ECL) score of 80 is the minimum required for international students nominated to participate in DIILS Resident Courses. Contact NETSAFA to request a waiver for minimum ECL. Course costs subject to change.

Did You Know?

The DIILS Alumni Program provides a forum for former resident course graduates to maintain contact with DIILS and with each other. DIILS continues to update our Alumni database so that we can connect DIILS Mobile Teams with DIILS alumni in country. Be sure to follow our Instagram and Facebook pages:

Instagram: [diils_alumni](#)

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/diilsresidentcoursealumni>

Alumni - We want to hear from you! We encourage you to update us frequently on promotions, changes to duty position and address, and other significant personal and professional events or accomplishments you feel will interest your fellow alumni. If you are a graduate of DIILS, please contact us at dsca.newport.diils.list.education-center@mail.mil

COURSES

DIILS RESIDENT EDUCATION



Human Rights and the Law of Armed Conflict (HRLC) (MASL P176019)

Course Summary:

Four-week course, typically in November/December time frame

Recommended attendees include military officers, legal advisors, and their civilian counterparts involved in the design, planning, and execution of military or security operations.

The **course objective** is to develop knowledge and understanding of international legal obligations within the spectrum of military and security operations (including those conducted unilaterally or within coalitions) under international human rights law and the law of armed conflict (also known as international humanitarian law or the law of war), along with the underlying purposes, principles and objectives of the law, which will enable participants to: (i) identify legal issues that arise in the context of military and security operations to better enable incorporation into planning processes; (ii) aid operational decision-making that conforms to the law while achieving military objectives; (iii) comprehend legal principles and decision-tools within operational processes—such as positive identification (PID), rules of engagement (ROE), and collateral damage estimation (CDE) methodology—that better enable the rapid decision-making necessary in military and security operations, including international and non-international armed conflict, law enforcement, counter-terrorism, border security, and air operations, and (iv) understand how international human rights law and the law of armed conflict enable tactical and operational commanders to achieve their military objectives with a disciplined force without sacrificing strategic, moral or political legitimacy, or the humanity and honor of the troops.

Includes **special topics** such as emerging technologies, civilian harm mitigation (CHM)/protection of civilians, Women, Peace and Security (WPS), legal aspects of hybrid warfare, cyber operations, and human rights implications of intelligence operations.

Participants will engage in **cultural familiarization activities** in Newport, RI, and New York City under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP).



Law Of Military Operations (LOMO) (MASL P176027)

Course Summary:

Four-week course, typically in April/May time frame

Recommended attendees include military officers, legal advisors, and their civilian counterparts, as well as any other personnel involved in the development of institutional doctrine, policies or processes regarding the planning and conduct of military operations and preparing a force capable of consistent, disciplined, and legally compliant operations.

The **course objective** is to provide an overview of the legal aspects of military operations as well as the constructive role legal advisors provide throughout military operational planning processes and the phases of a military operation, and the decisional tools and operational processes employed to ensure effective and efficient achievement of military objectives as well as legal compliance. The LOMO faculty of subject matter expert instructors from DIILS and the Department of Defense generally, along with experienced legal advisors from partner nations, will lead lectures, discussions, and exercises focused on current operational contexts and challenges, but also with an eye to emerging trends.

Includes discussion of **latest developments and emerging trends** in the application of international legal standards relevant to military operations, such as those in respect of international human rights law (IHRL); the law of armed conflict (LOAC); law of the sea (LOS); rules for the use of force (RUF) and rules of engagement (ROE); collateral damage methodology (CDM); status of forces agreement (SOFA); civilian harm mitigation and protection of civilians (CHM/POC), environmental law, and counter-terrorism and counter-piracy.

Participants will engage in **cultural familiarization activities** in Newport, RI, Boston, MA, and New York City under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP).



“A wide range of new or fast-evolving technologies and applications are complicating escalation dynamics and creating new challenges for strategic stability... In the cyber and space domains, the risk of inadvertent escalation is particularly high due to unclear norms of behavior and escalation thresholds, complex domain interactions, and new capabilities.”

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Cyber Law and Hybrid Warfare (CLHW) (MASL P176000)

Course Summary:

Four-week course, typically in the July time frame

Recommended attendees include military officers, legal advisors, and their civilian counterparts who are or may be involved with legal cyber/hybrid warfare issues, to include those working with coalition operations such as UN or NATO operations. Civilian officials who are involved with planning or oversight of cyber/hybrid warfare military operations.

The **course objective** is to provide an in-depth global perspective of domestic and international legal aspects of cyber operations and emerging technologies increasingly present in hybrid conflict and “gray zone” operations, and their impact on modern state governance.

- Bring operators and lawyers together to understand the relevant law, organizations, structures, technical aspects, actors, and processes used to conduct or defend against cyber activities, “gray zone” operations, and hybrid warfare in accordance with international law.
- Identify legal questions that arise in the context of cyber, “gray zone,” and hybrid operations and know the major applicable provisions of international law that serve as standards for resolving these questions.
- Identify contemporary and potential future issues that partners may not be contemplating, and determine how nations can best coordinate and contribute effectively to lawful conduct of cyber, gray zone and hybrid operations

Course structure —

- The course begins with a discussion of the application of cyber and emerging technologies and a review of the legislative and evidentiary challenges of cybercrimes. Participants will study criminal activity and information assurance as well as the way in which criminals utilize these technologies to their advantage. Experts review social media and surveillance methodologies as well as international responses to cyber intrusions.
- The course transitions from domestic concerns to international challenges, and includes visits to several U.S. government agencies where participants will be instructed by current and former U.S. military and other government cyber experts and practitioners. Participants will review the application of international law to issues prevalent in the interconnected global economy and digital age, such as sovereignty, intervention and due diligence.
- The course concludes with a focus on the application of cyber and emerging technologies to “gray zone” operations and hybrid warfare involving armed conflict. Case studies and real world examples that highlight cyber tools, autonomy, artificial intelligence, human enhancement, robotics, and digital manipulation as means and methods will be used to enhance student learning and interaction.

Participants will engage in **cultural familiarization activities** under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP) in Newport, Boston, New York City, and Washington D.C.

Legal Aspects of Maritime Security Operations (LAMS0) (MASL P176009)

Course Summary:

Four week course, typically in the May/June time frame

Recommended attendees include military officers, legal advisors, and their civilian counterparts working in the area of maritime security and maritime law enforcement; Ministry officials serving as legal, policy, and operational advisors; Maritime Academy instructors; Law Enforcement personnel with maritime jurisdiction; military officers and civilian officials responsible for maritime governance.

Course objectives —

- The LAMS0 course provides an excellent opportunity for participants to gain knowledge of legal principles, as well as the practical application of those principles to operations in the maritime domain through case studies, scenario-based discussions, examination of national best practices, and visits to a number of U.S. naval commands and U.S. Coast Guard operational units.
- Participants examine the international legal framework for the conduct of maritime law enforcement and maritime security operations, including a comprehensive review of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and legal aspects of operations to combat maritime threats, including: illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; trafficking of narcotics, persons, and other illicit goods; maritime piracy; environmental pollution; irregular migration by sea; acts of terrorism; and cyber and hybrid threats.
- The course emphasizes the importance of respect for rule of law, maritime security and safety, freedom of navigation and overflight rights, standards for the use of force, intragovernmental and regional cooperation, and the promotion and protection of international human rights. A Firearms Training Simulator exercise tests the application of principles of IHRL and LOAC, as appropriate, with the legal application, policy and mission tools of RUF and ROE.

Participants will engage in **cultural familiarization activities** in Newport, RI, Boston, MA, and New York City under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP).



DIILS RESIDENT EDUCATION

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Military Justice (MASL P176003)

Course Summary:

Three week course, typically in the October/November time frame

Recommended attendees include military officers, legal advisors, and their civilian counterparts.

Course objective is to provide a comprehensive overview of the U.S. military justice system and comparative analysis of other military justice systems, with particular focus on human rights, military justice crimes and procedures, military discipline measures, and trial practice. Topics include comparative law, procedural due process, evidentiary practice, trial advocacy, non-judicial alternatives to military courts, appeals, the role of judges, and forensic science.

Participants will engage in **cultural familiarization events** under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP), and will visit U.S. military prosecutors and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.



Legal Aspects of Defense Support of Civil Authorities (LADSCA) (MASL P176042)

Course Summary:

Four week course, in August

Recommended attendees include military officers, legal advisors, and their civilian counterparts who either are or who expect to be involved in military activities in support of civil authorities that do not involve armed conflict.

Course Objectives –

- To promote the effective and responsible use of defense resources in supporting civil authorities in situations not involving armed conflict including law enforcement, emergency response, and domestic and international disaster relief and humanitarian assistance.
- Understand, apply and value the rules in international human rights law and other international law relevant to military activities conducted in support of civil authorities, as well as the importance of the democratic rule of law and the reasonable use of force.
- Learn and share best practices within the rule of law during classroom presentations, case studies, and small group discussion on: law enforcement (including counter terrorism and counter-drug); border security; emergency and disaster management (including displaced persons and contagious disease control); and cyber defense and counter-influence operations.
- Evaluate U.S. laws, policies, organizations, and procedures for defense support of civil authorities, and the U.S. civilian national emergency and disaster system. Learn from other participants how their militaries support civil authorities and the challenges involved. Develop effective and responsible rules for the use of force in law enforcement/security and then test them in a firearms training simulator.
- Visit an Emergency Operations Center and then spend 5 days in New York City to include presentations from law enforcement and emergency management experts, a tour of UN Headquarters, Liberty Island and the 9/11 Site.
- Engage in other cultural familiarization activities in New York City and Newport under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP).



Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism (LCT) (MASL P176028)

Course Summary:

Four week course, typically in the March/April time frame

Recommended attendees include military officers, legal advisors, and their civilian counterparts.

Course Objectives –

- Explore effective means for combating terrorism within the rule of law, with an emphasis on inter-agency cooperation. Covers international law that applies to combating terrorism in three contexts: domestic disturbances; internal armed conflict (i.e., insurgency); and international armed conflict.
- Examine the international law that applies to combating terrorism in each of those three contexts: international human rights law; the law of armed conflict; UN Counter-Terrorism agreements; and other treaties affecting both law enforcement and military operations.
- Participants travel to New York City, where site visits and briefings are planned with the U.S. Coast Guard (maritime security), United Nations Combating Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (anti-terrorism, consequence management), and an Emergency Management Operations Center (inter-agency coordination in crisis response).
- Participants also engage in **cultural familiarization activities** in Newport, RI, Boston, MA, and New York City under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP).





Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC) (MASL P176040)

Course Summary:

Four week course, typically in the October/November time frame

Recommended attendees include military officers, legal advisors, and their civilian counterparts engaged in activities intended to prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute corruption in the defense sector.

Course Objectives —

- Corruption in the defense sector hinders military efficiency, erodes confidence in democratic governance, and facilitates transnational crime and terrorism. This course helps participants to gain knowledge and skills that will enhance their ability to raise awareness of public corruption; explore mechanisms for improving national efforts to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute corrupt practices; and understand the international legal framework for combating corruption and the interplay of national law and policy within that framework.
- LCC builds more effective partner institutions to combat corruption by promoting interaction among participants and with policy-makers, corruption prevention experts and law enforcement officials. Themes for the LCC Resident Program include: Mechanisms of Transparency and Accountability, Standards of Conduct, Investigation and Prosecution of Corruption Offenses, the International Legal Framework for Anti-Corruption Programs, and International Cooperation and Assistance. LCC features visits to the United Nations and case studies from international and domestic settings, such as defense contractor Leonard Glenn Francis (a.k.a. Fat Leonard)

Participants will engage in **cultural familiarization activities** under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP) in Newport, Boston, New York City and Washington D.C.

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Military Law Development Program (MLDP) (MASL P176026)

Course Summary:

10-week course, typically offered in the October-December time frame

Recommended attendees include military officers and civilian personnel whose legal training qualifies them to practice law in their nation (military judges, prosecutors, investigators, staff legal advisors) and who seek a better understanding of military law more broadly.

Course Objective – The MLDP course provides a comprehensive military law curriculum, which includes attending each of the DIILS Human Rights and Law of Armed Conflict (HRLC), Military Justice (MILJUS) and Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC) courses. The human rights and law of armed conflict component covers international law, human rights law, law of armed conflict, and rules of engagement. The military justice component features advanced legal concepts in constitutional law, procedural due process, and application of legal codes through the study of international law and the comparative study of the military law of the U.S. and of other nations. The anti-corruption component covers deterrence, detection and punishment of corruption offenses within the military and defense context.

Participants engage in **cultural familiarization activities** in Newport, RI, Boston, MA, New York City, and Washington D.C. under the DIILS Field Studies Program (FSP), visit the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C. and visit with key United Nations officials at UN Headquarters in New York City.



“I discovered immense growth in the field of military law and related legal fields. I certainly emerged different at the end of the program and was confident of myself to deliver on my return to my homeland. I am forever grateful for the opportunity afforded me at DIILS and duly acknowledge their contribution to my professional growth. Friends made at DIILS carried me forward through consultation on a wide range of issues whenever confronted with challenges at home.”

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Women, Leadership And National Defense (WLAND) (MASL P179940)

Course Summary:

Two week course, to be held in September, will be **African-focused with French interpretation**

Recommended attendees will include female and male participants who hold positions of responsibility within their institutions, including military officers in the ranks of major to general, civilians from the defense and security sector, civilians in the legislative and judicial branches of the government, as well as civil and private sector representatives (from the academia, political parties, and non-governmental organizations) dealing with national security issues. Ideally, participants should (e.g., security policy and national strategy formulation; defense budgeting; legislative liaison; non-governmental organizations (NGOs); political party officials; academics; church officials; and other interested personnel).

Course Objectives –

- Increase knowledge and understanding about gender-based aspects of civil-military relations, strategic decision making, military professionalism, and, more specifically within those areas gender roles and gender relations. The underlying theme is that including women in the national security decision-making process will result in more diverse perspectives on how to address the national security challenges facing a nation, which in turn will result in more effective strategic and operational responses to addressing those challenges.
- Support participating partner nations in developing and implementing gender policies, in particular policies aimed at augmenting the representation of, and the prospects for, women in decision-level positions within security and defense decision-making institutions. The course also addresses the non-traditional national security challenges that have gendered aspects, such as climate change and displacement.
- Topics include challenges, benefits and opportunities to women's ascension to strategic decision-making and strategic leadership positions; civilian oversight of gender integration into the armed forces; gender, popular culture and media representations of women in strategic decision-making roles; legal challenges for women's advancement; challenges and opportunities for women provided through peace processes and constitutional reform.
- The program has strong focus on problem-solving and draws examples from the experiences of many different countries and institutions (e.g., UN Peacekeeping Operations). Examples, lessons learned and best practices for women's access to positions of strategic decision-making and leadership from various countries and institutions are also provided.

Countries are encouraged to nominate more than one participant if necessary. Ultimately, this course aspires to enable faculty and participants to **develop academic and professional networks** related to the topic of women in strategic defense and security decision-making.



DIILS EDUCATION CENTER - MOBILE COURSES

Does DIILS Provide Any Other Mobile Education Courses?

Yes. DIILS was created as one of the primary DoD schoolhouses for international military students, and continues to offer a limited number of courses each year conducted by mobile education teams (METs). These courses typically occur under the E-IMET or RDFP programs, or as part of an FMS or FMF case, although Title 22 PKO funds are also sometimes used. In most instances, DIILS limits these courses to those that complement ongoing DIILS programming with a partner, or that support particularly high-profile or high-risk Security Cooperation programs.

What Subjects Do DIILS Mobile Education Courses Address?

DIILS mobile education courses typically involve one or more of the range of topics addressed by the DIILS Resident Courses. A list of E-IMET qualified mobile course MASLs can be found on the next page, along with a list of common subject matter areas.

Other Important Information about DIILS METs

How do DIILS mobile education courses get programmed? Most DIILS mobile education courses continue to be programmed via NETSAFA either at the annual regional SCETWGs or via direct coordination with the DIILS Regional Program Director for each GCC. In either case, early advance coordination with the DIILS Regional Program Director is essential to a successful course. (See list below.)

How does a typical DIILS mobile education course work? DIILS will work with the relevant Office of Defense Cooperation/ Office of Security Cooperation to understand the legal educational needs of the Partner, develop a cost estimate, and structure a course schedule, which typically lasts 3-5 days. DIILS will then coordinate with the ODC to develop an appropriate list of Partner participants, make necessary in-country arrangements (conference space, interpretation services, etc.), and to schedule course delivery. Most courses involve a DIILS-provided team of 3-5 subject matter experts, depending on the nature of the course.

Who is an appropriate participant in a DIILS mobile education course? All DIILS mobile education courses are typically designed for mid-to-senior level Partner Nation military officers and their civilian counterparts, including both lawyers and non-lawyers with an interest in defense and security legal issues (such as, for example, operational commanders and policy-makers).

Is Leahy Vetting required? Yes, Leahy vetting is required for all DIILS mobile education courses.

What if I need more information? Please contact the DIILS personnel listed at the bottom of the next page.



DIILS Mobile Education Course MASLs and Titles

- P176022** – CONUS Seminar (Various Legal Subject Matter/Topics)
- P176023** – CONUS Planning Visit
- P309050** – OCONUS Site Survey
- P309061** – OCONUS DIILS MET (Various Legal Subject Matter/Topics)
- P309062** – OCONUS DIILS MET (REGIONAL)
- P309063** – OCONUS Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism MET
- P309466** – OCONUS Human Rights MET
- P319056** – OCONUS Operational Law MET
- P319057** – OCONUS Peacekeeping Operations MET
- P319058** – OCONUS Military Justice MET
- P319060** – OCONUS Maritime Law MET



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