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MISSION

DSCU's 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.

SECURITY COOPERATION

Security Cooperation provides indispensable support to the Department of War's (DOW) mission of achieving peace through strength. Through training and education, capacity building, and defense sales, Security Cooperation strengthens strategic relationships and empowers allies and partners to defend their sovereignty while contributing to regional and global security.

WHAT WE DO

The Defense Security Cooperation Agency's (DSCA) DSCU is the Department of War's (DOW's) primary Security Cooperation educational institution. DSCU's Title 10 U.S. Code Section 384-mandated mission prepares both the U.S. Security Cooperation Workforce (SCW) and ally and partner nations to build credible defense capabilities that achieve results — simultaneously supercharging the U.S. Defense Industrial Base while facilitating accelerated delivery of warfighting capabilities to increase burden sharing, deterrence, and when needed, interoperability.

DSCU supports DSCA's mission by developing, educating, training, and managing a SCW prepared to deliver global Security Cooperation programs and activities; advancing the profession of Security Cooperation through research, analysis, and lessons learned; and managing and implementing international military training, advising, and education capacity building efforts with partner nations. 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 DOW



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



Advances the profession of Security Cooperation through research and lessons learned



Executes the professional development program for the U.S. Security Cooperation Workforce

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DSCU's mandated mission advances U.S. warfighting and foreign policy objectives through:

- Strategic management of the ~17,000 military and civilian DOW positions in the Security Cooperation Functional Community. The SCW Human Capital Initiative is more than a development program; it is an investment in U.S. national security.
- Professionalization of the U.S. SCW with competency-based education, development, and training. As part of the SCW Certification 2.0 Program, DSCU offers 60+ courses to prepare this critical workforce for effective execution of Security Cooperation programs and activities.
- Integration of lessons learned and evidence-based insights to inform continuous practice improvement. DSCU develops the SCW through experiential and project-based learning validated by rigorous research and analysis.
- Enabling DOW and DOS 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 interoperability with foreign military and civilian partners.
- Training and advisory services and capacity building programs that bolster ally and partner readiness and defense management institutions to effectively procure, absorb, employ, and sustain capability investments. Capacity building enables partners to be more effective guarantors of their own security and promote more efficient procurement through Foreign Military Sales (FMS).

FY25 International 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

DSCU's impact is global. As a DOW academic institution, DSCU provide expert-informed policies and practices to ensure security cooperation pursuits are efficient, pragmatic, and broadly beneficial to U.S. interests. For example, as the legislatively directed FMS Center of Excellence, DSCU provides high-quality training and best practices for the workforce responsible for executing more than \$100 billion in average annual FMS. DSCU's work deters adversaries by building alliances and partnerships that empower allies and partners to take primary responsibility for regional threats.



WHO WE ARE

DSCU was founded in 2019. Updates to Title 10 U.S. Code Section 384 in the National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2024 established DSCU in law. DSCU's global and cross-functional team of scholars, practitioners, and support staff plan, develop, and deliver Security Cooperation education, training, research, 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.