



# INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

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## CIVILIAN HARM MITIGATION AND RESPONSE

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The Civilian Harm Mitigation and Response (CHMR) course provides education and analytical tools to promote legitimacy in security governance and responsible military operations. CHMR is a moral, legal, and strategic imperative in the twenty-first century to ensure states achieve desired political effects in armed conflict. Participants will understand the nature and scope of civilian harm in conflict, be able to identify civilian harm risks associated with operations, and learn to apply the CHMR Life Cycle to determine effective practices for operational and institutional learning. Participants will have the opportunity to apply lessons through operational vignettes and an exercise to identify CHMR capability gaps.

### OBJECTIVES

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

- ◆ Know and comprehend the strategic imperative to mitigate civilian harm, including familiarization with legal obligations that reinforce the imperative.
- ◆ Understand the nature and scope of civilian harm, and identify risks to civilians during planning and execution of operations.
- ◆ Know and apply the CHMR Life Cycle to mitigate the risk, occurrence and severity of civilian harm, and analyze data to support operational and institutional learning.
- ◆ Evaluate and create commander's intent and planning guidance that promotes civilian protection and comprehension of the civilian environment as a component of mission success.
- ◆ Identify and comprehend components of effective response mechanisms and practices to respond to incidents and allegations of civilian harm.
- ◆ Apply course lessons to analyze and evaluate an armed force's basic CHMR capability and make recommendations for institutional capacity building.

### TOPICS

This course examines the impact of civilian harm to operational and strategic effectiveness, the nature and scope of civilian harm and risks to civilian populations during armed conflict or other situations of violence, and comprehensive approaches to institutionalize an operational capability to mitigate civilian harm. Education will be provided through plenary lectures, audio-visual media, civilian harm case studies, and individual and small group exercises.

- ◆ Understanding civilian harm and the CHMR Life Cycle
- ◆ Foundational imperatives to mitigate civilian harm
- ◆ Thinking strategically to reduce civilian harm
- ◆ CHMR practices for planning and execution of operations
- ◆ Identifying and responding to civilian harm incidents
- ◆ Engaging with civil society and civilians

### PARTICIPANTS

This course is ideal for mid- to senior-level military and civilian leaders of armed forces and Ministries of Defense across multiple disciplines, including policymakers, commanders, intelligence planners, and those involved in civil affairs and legal and professional military education. Those who are positioned to promote and implement change to support CHMR capability development are strongly encouraged to attend.

## 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.