



FY2026 RESIDENT COURSE CALENDAR

Institute for Security Governance

QUARTER 1

MASL#	COURSE TITLE	EVENT DATES	CERTIFICATION
P179623	Principles of Defense Acquisition & Contract Management (English/Spanish)	10 – 21 Nov 2025	PME, E-IMET
P170001	Executive Program in Defense Decision-Making	8 – 19 Dec 2025	PME, E-IMET, RDFP
P179548	Fundamentals of Maritime Security	8 – 19 Dec 2025	PME, E-IMET, RDFP

QUARTER 2

MASL#	COURSE TITLE	EVENT DATES	CERTIFICATION
P179018	Civil-Military Responses to Terrorism	26 Jan – 13 Feb 2026	PME, E-IMET, RDFP
P179898	Strategies and Capabilities for Cyber Challenges	23 Feb – 20 Mar 2026	PME, RDFP
P179548	Fundamentals of Maritime Security	23 Mar – 3 April 2026	PME, E-IMET, RDFP

QUARTER 3

MASL#	COURSE TITLE	EVENT DATES	CERTIFICATION
P179989	Developing Cyber Organizations and Workforces (National Capital Region)	13 – 24 Apr 2026	PME, RDFP
P179840	Leadership and National Defense	20 Apr – 1 May 2026	PME, E-IMET
P170001	Executive Program in Defense Decision-Making	4 – 15 May 2026	PME, E-IMET, RDFP
P170030	Managing Internal Conflict	1 – 12 Jun 2026	PME, E-IMET, RDFP
P170475	Civil-Military Coordination in Disaster Relief	1 – 12 Jun 2026	PME, E-IMET, RDFP
P179847	Building Interagency Resilience to Hybrid Threats	29 Jun – 10 Jul 2026	PME, E-IMET, RDFP

QUARTER 4

MASL#	COURSE TITLE	EVENT DATES	CERTIFICATION
P159200	Principles of Defense Acquisition Management	13 – 24 Jul 2026	PME, E-IMET
P159202	Principles of Defense Procurement & Contracting	27 Jul – 7 Aug 2026	PME, E-IMET
P179069	International Defense Acquisition Negotiations	10 – 21 Aug 2026	PME, E-IMET
P170042	Practical Cyber Implementation (National Capital Region)	13 – 24 Jul 2026	PME, RDFP
P179927	Building Institutional Capacity in the Maritime Security Sector	27 Jul – 21 Aug 2026	PME, E-IMET, RDFP
P170024	Defense Governance	31 Aug – 11 Sep 2026	PME, E-IMET
P179085	UN Peacekeeping Operations Contingent Commanders Course	31 Aug – 18 Sep 2026	PME

This calendar was adjusted in January 2026. Abbreviated resident course descriptions are located on the next page. For full course descriptions, visit dscu.edu/isg. Courses are typically funded by International Military Education and Training (IMET), Foreign Military Financing (FMF), Foreign Military Sales (FMS), Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFP), Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), and other Department of Defense-wide Operation and Maintenance funds (333, 332, Maritime Security Initiative (MSI)) on a case-by-case basis. Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG or applicable Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA) Country Program Manager.

P179623 - Principles of Defense Acquisition & Contract Management (English/Spanish)

This course provides participants with an understanding of the important concepts and lessons learned associated with defense acquisition decision-making and contract management. It is regionally focused for the Latin American and Caribbean context and conducted with Spanish language simultaneous interpretation.

P170001 - Executive Program in Defense Decision-Making

The goal of this course is to empower participants with the knowledge and skill sets needed to be effective decision-makers, and act as agents of change to transform their security institutions to address ever-evolving national security challenges.

P179548 - Fundamentals of Maritime Security

This course covers state (hybrid) and transnational maritime threats (terrorism; armed robbery at sea; smuggling and trafficking of arms; drugs and people; illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; cyber; and pollution), and provides various tools, strategies, and best practices to address those threats. It emphasizes how to enhance your service or nation's maritime domain awareness, maritime governance, port security, institutional capacity, and human capital development.

P179018 - Civil-Military Responses to Terrorism

This course explores counterterrorism strategies with a specific focus on understanding terrorist movements and developing operational and strategic-level civil-military responses. The overall intent is to produce operators who are better able to prevent, deter, or defeat terrorist movements.

P170475 - Civil-Military Coordination in Disaster Relief

This course develops a comprehensive understanding of how national governments organize and use their armed forces to support domestic disaster response and international operations. It emphasizes cross-community understanding that focuses on the ways that armed forces, government civilian agencies, non-governmental organizations, and inter-governmental organizations can work more effectively alongside each other in disaster relief.

P179898 - Strategies and Capabilities for Cyber Challenges

This course equips participants with the knowledge and skills to understand cyber threats, vulnerabilities, and their consequences for national security and military operations. The course explores strategies and capabilities to maintain an advantage over actors who seek to exploit, disrupt, or damage critical networks, systems, and services that our societies and militaries depend upon. Instructors highlight the importance of a comprehensive approach that applies whole-of-government coordination, regional collaboration, and public-private partnership to counter cyber-enabled malicious actors across the spectrum of conflict.

P159200 - Principles of Defense Acquisition Management

This course provides participants with an understanding of the important concepts associated with defense acquisition and logistics decision-making in a variety of national settings. Participants will examine the complete defense acquisition life cycle from planning through equipment disposal. International best practices are discussed along with challenges and lessons learned.

P159202 - Principles of Defense Procurement and Contracting

This course provides a theoretical and practical examination of all phases of the contracting process. Fundamental concepts are discussed for both national and global defense contracting. International best practices are examined along with the challenges associated with institutionalizing efficient and effective procurement processes.

P179069 - International Defense Acquisition Negotiations

This course focuses on planning and preparing for negotiations with an emphasis on negotiation of complex issues in international armaments contracts. Particular emphasis is placed on the strategies, techniques and characteristics of good negotiators. Participants learn their negotiating style tendencies and how and when to adapt their negotiation style given the behavior and goals of the parties.

P179989 - Developing Cyber Organizations and Workforces

This course prepares cyber and personnel professionals (O4-O6, or equivalent enlisted/civilian) to build and optimize military cyberspace security organizations. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of military-relevant cyber terrain, vulnerabilities, threats, and their impact on organizational design. Through practical exercises and scenarios, participants will learn to design cyber organizations aligned with national security strategies and military mission requirements. Additionally, the course equips participants with strategies for recruiting, retaining, and managing high-performing cyber defense personnel.

P179840 - Leadership and National Defense

This mid-career level seminar provides skills for developing personal leadership skills, building highly effective and resilient teams, and managing change. It covers the relationship between national security strategy and defense policy and planning, and provides practical solutions to challenges in human resources to meet contemporary national security challenges.

P170030 - Managing Internal Conflict

This course explores conflicts such as insurgency, separatism, large-scale criminal violence, and ethnic, communal, or religious-based violence. Many countries confront these situations at home and abroad. The course also addresses international issues that affect internal conflict, including the use of proxies, sanctuary, and transnational ideologies. Participants learn strategies and techniques to prevail in these situations.

P179847 - Building Interagency Resilience to Hybrid Threats

This course aims to identify and enable national, regional, and collective security capacities to build resilience to countering hybrid threats using a comprehensive approach involving interagency, public-private, and international cooperation.

P170042 - Practical Cyber Implementation

This course focuses on capacity building to defend cyberspace against threats to national security, economic stability, and public safety. Criminal, transnational, and regional adversaries exploit cyberspace daily through intrusion and disruption. Designed for decision-makers, this course bridges cyber policy and technical execution, covering threat intelligence, secure system design, and incident response. Participants will explore emerging technologies and develop strategies to assess risks, implement defenses, and align cybersecurity initiatives with national security and organizational objectives through hands-on exercises.

P179927 - Building Institutional Capacity in the Maritime Security Sector

By demonstrating current operational doctrine, organization and global "best practices" for the planning and execution processes required to protect a nation's territorial seas and exclusive economic zone (EEZ), this course will assist both civilian and military maritime security practitioners and decision-makers better understand current and emerging threats to prepare and implement appropriate service, interagency and regional responses at the operational and strategic levels. The course will cover risk analysis, maritime governance, and enhancing maritime domain awareness (MDA) capabilities.

P170024 - Defense Governance

The goal of this course is to empower participants with the foundational knowledge and practical understanding of how effective defense governance is essential to build more capable, professional, and ready partner nation militaries that can effectively organize, train, equip, deploy, employ, and sustain their forces in support of national security objectives.

P179085 - UN Peacekeeping Operations Contingent Commanders Course

This course prepares participants to take on roles and responsibilities of contingent, battalion, and sector commanders in complex peacekeeping operations (PKO) for the United Nations (UN) and other multinational organizations. Participants will receive in-person mentoring from a highly successful UN Force Commander. They will learn the legal framework of UN Peacekeeping, the Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP), and the various components of Integrated Peacekeeping missions and how they support each other.