



INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA, AND PERCEPTION OF THE ARMED FORCES

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MOBILE: P309148

CERTIFICATION: PME, E-IMET

This course examines fundamentals of media-military relations and how institutions, principles, and practices affect these relations. The course goal is to develop participants who are able to design successful strategic communications that enhance methods civilian authorities use during peacetime, crisis, and war to build effective relationships with the media.

OBJECTIVES

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

- ◆ Articulate fundamental concepts related to media-military relations
- ◆ Identify principles of fair and unbiased journalism
- ◆ Strategically communicate core messages to target audiences using appropriate mediums
- ◆ Develop professional networks to address shared security interests

TOPICS

This course uses expert presentations, facilitated discussions, and small-group exercises to equip participants with skills needed to be effective interlocutors with the media, and to formulate strategic communications campaigns to address national security challenges. Course topics may include:

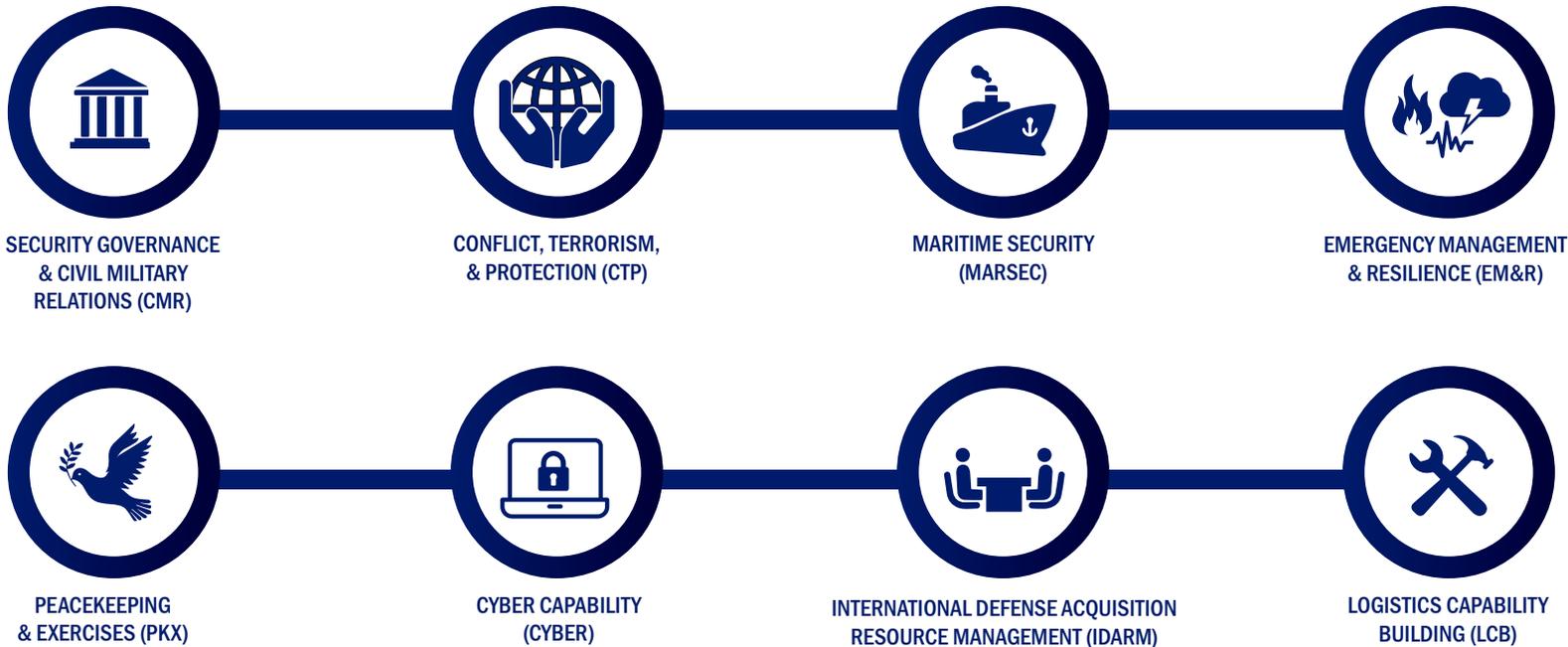
- ◆ Defining the media
- ◆ Ethics of journalism
- ◆ Strategic communications and public information
- ◆ Social media
- ◆ Crisis communications

PARTICIPANTS

Participation from a wide spectrum of military and civilian officials, specifically Public Affairs Officers from mid-career to senior positions is ideal. Reporters, journalists, and other civil society groups should also be included. Female participants are strongly encouraged to attend.

ISG PROGRAM AREAS

ISG's tailored education and professional development programs support the sustainment of a comprehensive knowledge base and strengthen partner capacities to confront complex security and defense challenges. Engagements are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues, foster peer-to-peer learning, and build international communities of interest.



FACULTY

ISG has a diverse faculty team 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/military cooperation office 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 (International Military Education and Training, Foreign Military Sales, Peacekeeping Operations) and various Title 10 authorized programs such as the Maritime Security Initiative (MSI) and Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFP).

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