SECURITY & IRREGULAR MIGRATION

The Security & Irregular Migration course is designed to assist those responsible for the complex state security and humanitarian challenges that are posed by irregular migration. To overcome these challenges, this course will focus on how to prepare for, respond to, and work together in the management of irregular migration. The course explores comprehensive approaches, accompanying capabilities, and effective policies for the management and treatment of irregular migrants. It also investigates how whole-of-government approaches to irregular migration deter bad actors, strengthen society, secure the homeland, and meet foreign policy goals.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, participants will have:

♦ Reviewed the security dimensions and uncovered best-practice responses for the management and treatment of irregular migrants
♦ Examined how irregular migration provides a toehold for corrupt, malign, and illicit actors to make gains
♦ Achieved an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of response communities in migration and refugee crises
♦ Identified implications of international protection standards on security and development concerns in a migration context
♦ Explored opportunities for future collaborative efforts and improved responses

TOPICS

The delivery format combines lectures, discussions, experiential scenarios, practical small-group activities, case studies, and multimedia aids. Possible modules include:

♦ Principles of land and maritime border management
♦ Assimilation, integration, and accommodation of migrants and refugees
♦ Forced migration trends and figures
♦ Sovereignty and international protection obligations
♦ Migration governance frameworks
♦ Spoilers: corruption, violent extremism, criminal gangs, and terrorist organizations in the context of irregular migration

PARTICIPANTS

Participants are selected by the host government in consultation with the United States Embassy. Numbers can range up to 30. This course is recommended for mid-grade to senior officers in all armed services and civilian/government agencies. It is beneficial if the group includes both members of the security forces, governmental civilians, NGO service providers, and also civil society representatives.
FACULTY
ISG employs a diverse faculty with strong professional, academic, military, and government backgrounds. This faculty core is augmented by other government experts (both civilian and military) and subject matter experts (SMEs) drawn from universities, think tanks, international organizations, and industry.

ENROLLMENT
Courses are conducted for partner countries as part of the United States government’s security assistance and security cooperation efforts. As such, participation in ISG courses is managed through the security cooperation office of the US Embassies in partner countries. Interested, non-US persons should contact the international cooperation section of their own government or the relevant US Embassy for selection processes and enrollment. ISG reserves limited space in courses for US citizens. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

FUNDING
ISG can accept most types of US government funding. Courses are typically funded by IMET, FMF, FMS, CTIWFP, PKO, and other DoD-wide O&M funds (333, MSI, etc) on a case-by-case basis. Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG.

ABOUT ISG
The Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is a global security cooperation organization established to build partner capability and grow the field and practice of institutional capacity building (ICB). Located in Monterey, California, ISG serves as the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)’s primary resource for ICB integration and implementation, project scoping and design, and education and advising expertise.

This course is a key component of ISG’s 25-year-long effort to provide military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues and foster peer-to-peer learning, this custom-tailored course offering brings theoretical and applied learning practices into a exciting and rich classroom environment.