The Civil-Military Approaches to Maritime Security course is structured to provide an overview of various maritime transnational threats, risk assessment and governance self-assessment exercises, and strategies and solutions on effective ways governments can prevent, prepare for and manage the consequences of these threats. The Maritime Security (MARSEC) functional area at the Institute for Security Governance (ISG) tailors each of its courses to the specific conditions and requirements of the selected audience, focusing on the strategic and operational levels.

OBJECTIVES
As an outcome of this offering, participants will be able to:
- Evaluate and prioritize all maritime transnational threats and risks
- Distinguish maritime terrorism from piracy and armed robbery at sea
- Define, describe and provide ways to enhance national and regional Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)
- Discuss the impact of illegal maritime smuggling and trafficking of drugs, arms and people, and illegal fishing
- Discuss the requirements and dynamics of interagency and international cooperation in the fight against maritime threats
- Describe best practices to recruit, vet, train, assign and retain talented maritime security professionals

TOPICS
The daily course instruction includes a variety of learning methods to include instruction, discussion, case studies, and classroom exercises. The resident version offered in Monterey, California includes guest speakers and a visit to a local Coast Guard Station. Possible modules include:
- Traditional and emerging maritime threats
- Prioritizing maritime security threats: a risk assessment exercise
- Maritime governance self-assessment tools
- Building MDA capabilities to enhance operational effectiveness
- Preventing and responding to maritime disasters
- Maritime search and rescue

PARTICIPANTS
The intended audience is designed primarily for mid- to senior-level military, coast guard, maritime police and their civilian equivalents. Typically, participants join the course from ministries of Defense, Interior, Justice, Fisheries, Customs, Foreign Affairs, and other law enforcement agencies involved in developing the capabilities and capacity; and in the decision-making process surrounding national and international maritime security issues.
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.