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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY

CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS

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This course explores the broad theme of civil-military relations (CMR). The underlying focus is the need for military officers and civilian officials to develop habits of cooperation within an interagency decision-making process. The importance of developing effective civilian control of military forces is emphasized, as is the need for civilian officials to provide clear institutional roles and resources (training and equipment) needed for successful military operations, and to respect the expertise provided by military professionals.

OBJECTIVES

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

- ◆ Articulate fundamental concepts related to positive civil-military relations
- ◆ Describe the importance of positive civil-military relations in the maintenance of national security
- ◆ Use specific skills to identify threats, assign institutional roles and missions, and develop whole-of-government responses to national security challenges
- ◆ Develop professional networks to address shared security interests

TOPICS

This course uses the Institute for Security Governance's (ISG) "Civil-Military Approaches to National Security Challenges" methodology to equip participants with the skills needed to identify threats, assign roles and missions of security institutions, develop ministry-level strategies, enhance interagency coordination, and develop strategic communication campaigns to ensure whole-of-government responses to national security challenges. Course topics may include:

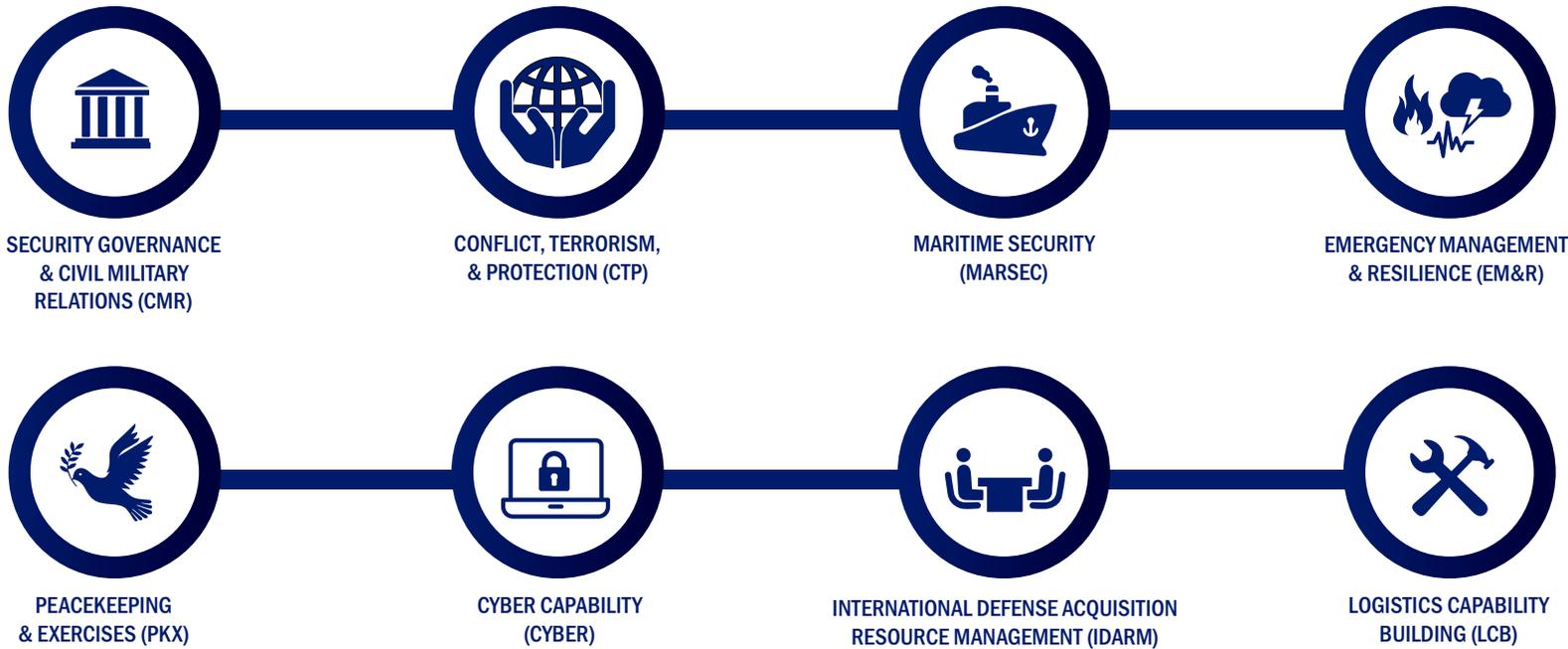
- ◆ Civil-military relations and democratically-elected civilian control of the armed forces
- ◆ Military professionalism and institutional leadership
- ◆ All-hazards risk assessment
- ◆ Roles and missions of security forces and government institutions
- ◆ Strategic communications and public information
- ◆ Developing an action plan to enhance civil-military relations in the partner nation

PARTICIPANTS

Offices of Defense Cooperation and Security Assistance Offices are asked to draw participation from the widest possible spectrum of military and civilian officials from mid- to senior-level positions. Participants from academia, media, and other civil society organizations are also welcome. 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).

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.