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CIVILIAN HARM MITIGATION

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The Civilian Harm Mitigation course assists those responsible for promoting security and addressing threats in armed conflict. In addition to promoting legal and humanitarian imperatives, civilian harm mitigation supports security goals and strengthens military effectiveness. Mitigating civilian harm is also an expectation and norm for a modern, professional military. Participants will learn how mitigating civilian harm can and should be integrated into many facets of military operations, with the opportunity to develop and practice strategies and techniques in break-out sessions and in response to historical case studies.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Identify the many imperatives for mitigating civilian harm
- ◆ Understand the contributing factors that tend to cause civilian harm, including those that also reduce mission effectiveness
- ◆ Discuss the different components of a comprehensive approach to mitigating civilian harm
- ◆ Develop a tailored action plan for mitigating civilian harm by applying skills to case studies
- ◆ More effectively take on leadership roles in operational and institutional mitigation efforts

TOPICS

This course examines the causes and effects of civilian harm through plenary lectures, historical case studies, exercises, and individual/group work using learning techniques that promote effective approaches informed by historical lessons and best practices. The course includes conceptual frameworks and practical steps for mitigating civilian harm before, during, and after military operations. Course topics may include:

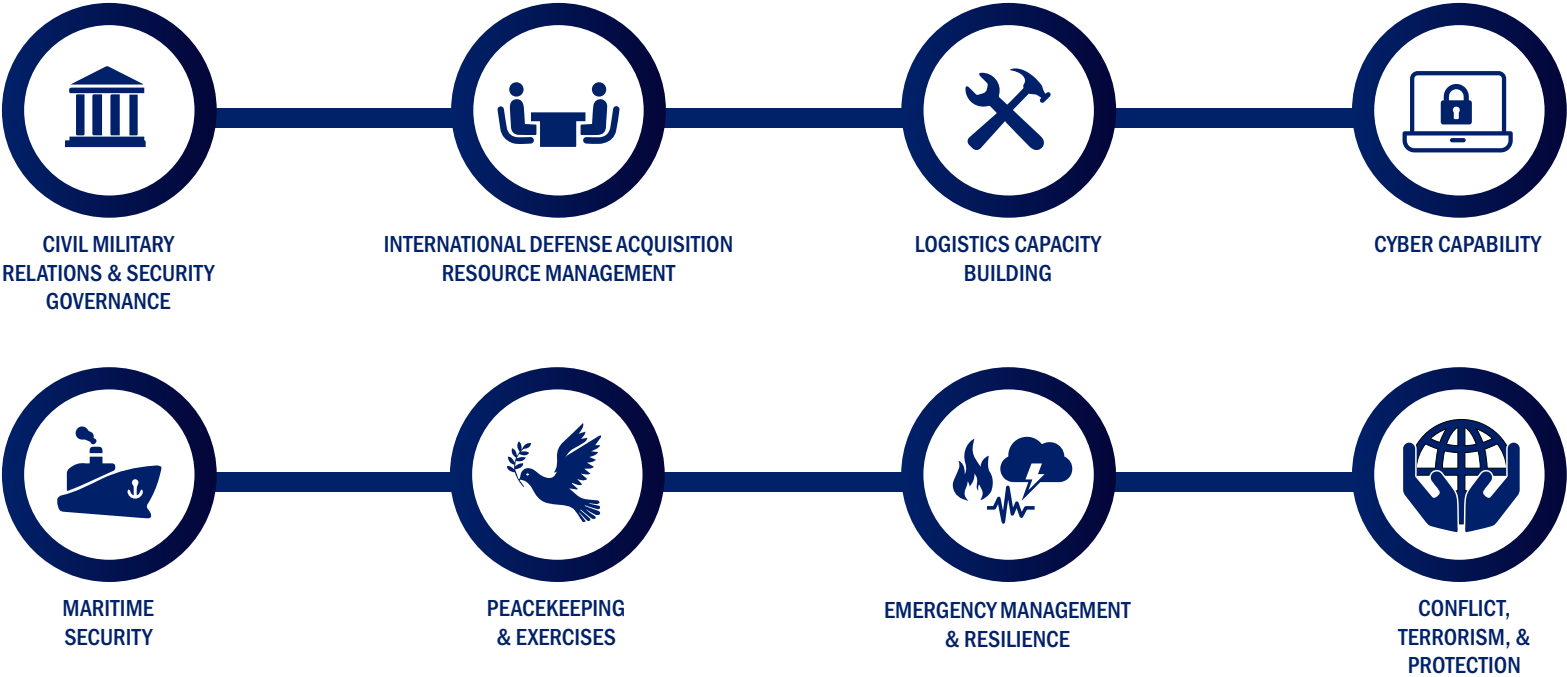
- ◆ Imperatives for civilian harm mitigation
- ◆ Planning and shaping operations to better protect civilians
- ◆ Targeting and intelligence best practices
- ◆ Identifying and assessing civilian harm and determining whether or not it occurred
- ◆ Responding when civilian harm has occurred, via investigations, public affairs, and amends
- ◆ Working with civil society and international organizations

PARTICIPANTS

This course can be taught to audiences of 30 - 40 participants. Host governments in consultation with US Embassies are asked to draw participation from a wide spectrum of military and civilian officials in mid- to senior-level positions. Women and men who shape and implement solutions to prevent, mitigate, and respond to civilian harm are ideal participants. Civil society, non-governmental, and multilateral organizations may also participate.

ISG PROGRAM AREAS

ISG programming has been developed over 25 years by providing military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Courses 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 American 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 US Government security cooperation efforts. Interested partner nation personnel should contact their government’s international cooperation section, or the relevant US Embassy’s security/military cooperation office for selection processes and enrollment. Interested US 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 Combating Terrorism and Irregular Warfare Fellowship Program (RDFFP).

ABOUT ISG



The Institute for Security Governance – situated within the Defense Security Cooperation University’s (DSCU) International School of Education and Advising (ISEA) – is the Department of Defense’s Center of Excellence for Institutional Capacity Building (ICB). As a component of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), and one of its primary international Security Cooperation schoolhouses, ISG is charged with building partner institutional capacity and capability through tailored advising, education, and professional development programs grounded in American values and approaches.