



# INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY

## PRINCIPLES OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION & CONTRACT MANAGEMENT (ENGLISH/SPANISH)

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This International Defense Acquisition Resource Management (IDARM) course provides a practical examination of defense acquisition and contracting with an emphasis on defense acquisition logistics, contract management, and building and sustaining accountability in defense acquisition decision-making. The course addresses the importance of managing risk throughout the defense acquisition life cycle, with a focus on logistics implementation. International best practices and global trends are discussed with a tailored focus on specific challenges and opportunities. The resident course iteration is conducted with Spanish simultaneous interpretation.

### OBJECTIVES

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

- ◆ Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts and challenges associated with defense acquisition decision-making
- ◆ Critically examine capabilities-based requirements planning along with the relationships among national security and military strategies and defense acquisition, procurement, and contracting systems
- ◆ Apply competition and sourcing methodologies with a focus on the characteristics of efficient and effective acquisition and contract management policies
- ◆ Assist countries in their efforts to develop and institutionalize transparent, efficient, and effective defense acquisition and contract management systems

### TOPICS

IDARM courses use lecture, discussion, reading assignments, case studies, and working group exercises to maximize the objectives of each program offering. We have found the practical application of concepts through small working groups helps enforce the hands on experience of working through defense acquisition scenarios. Course topics may include:

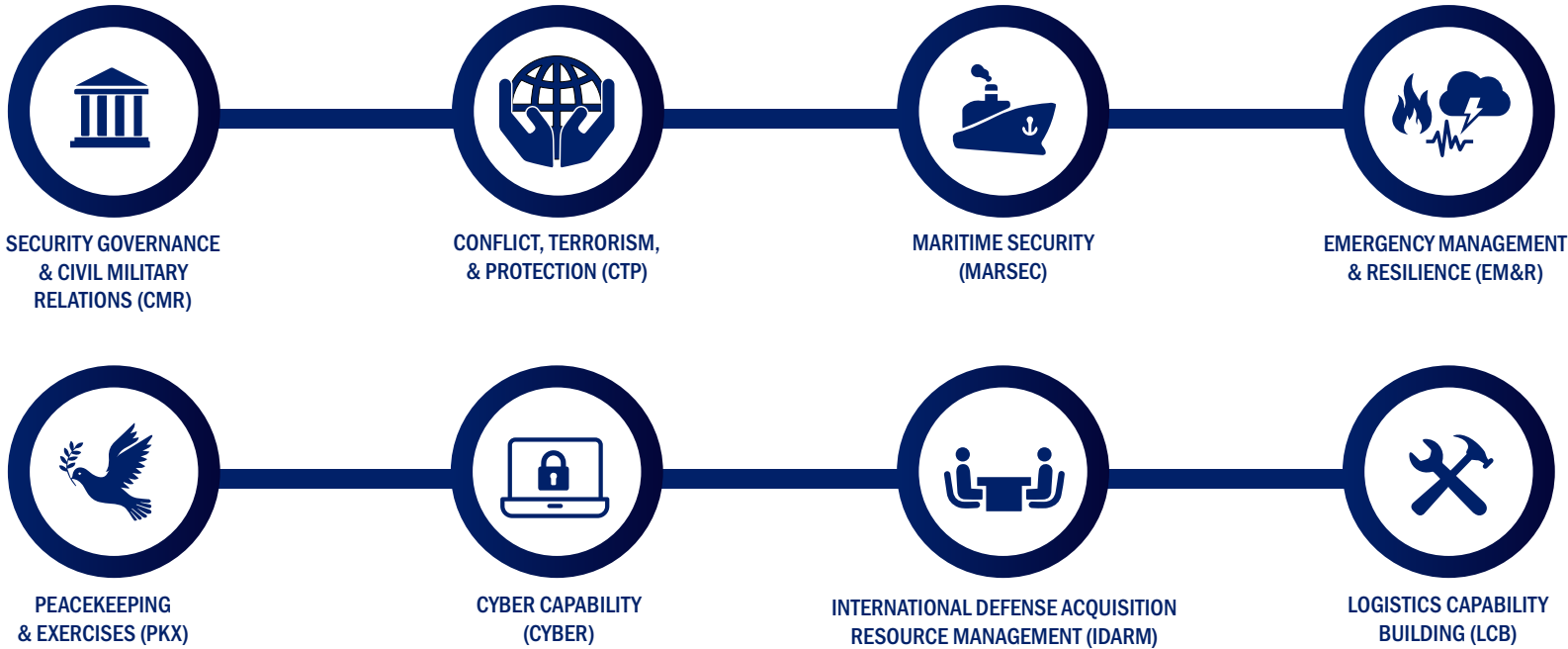
- ◆ Defense acquisition planning
- ◆ Effective acquisition and procurement policy
- ◆ Procurement and contracting
- ◆ Transparency, fraud, and ethics
- ◆ Logistics and life cycle management
- ◆ Building and sustaining accountability in defense acquisition decision-making

### PARTICIPANTS

This offering is designed specifically for international military officers of grades O-4 to O-6 and civilian equivalents who are engaged in a broad range of defense acquisition (e.g., policy development, strategic planning, requirements definition, logistics, program management) and/or contract management fields (e.g., materiel planners, requirements developers, end users, contract managers, analysts, tender evaluators, contract negotiators, source selection decision-makers). Each partner nation may request up to five quotas for this resident course iteration. Mobile courses are designed for approximately thirty (30) participants to facilitate effective classroom learning and discussion.

## 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.