
The key objectives of this course are to:

- Provide course participants with an understanding of the fundamental concepts and challenges associated with defense acquisition and logistics decision making.
- Examine needs based requirements planning along with the relationship among national security and military strategies and the acquisition and logistics systems.
- Assist countries in their efforts to develop and institutionalize transparent, efficient and effective defense acquisition and logistics systems.

The course provides a theoretical examination of defense acquisition and logistics combined with practical application in a variety of national settings. Additionally, international best practices are discussed along with the challenges associated with implementation.

Course topics include the evolution and current state of defense acquisition policies and management practices in a defense environment characterized by civilian control of the military, systems’ acquisition life cycle, strategic planning and implementation, user-producer acquisition management, systems engineering, requirements evaluation and definition, offsets, logistics planning and support, supply chain management, software acquisition, test and evaluation, program planning and organization and e-commerce.

The course is taught by resident and adjunct faculty from the School of International Graduate Studies and Graduate School of Business and Public Policy. Faculty lectures are augmented by presentations from distinguished practitioners who are subject matter experts in various topics within acquisition and logistics.

Participants: 

This course is designed for U.S. and international military officers and civilian equivalents of grades 04-06 who are engaged in a broad range of acquisition fields such as policy development, strategic planning, requirements definition, logistics, program management, procurement and contracting, budgeting and execution and systems engineering.

Countries are encouraged to nominate more than one participant and program for our follow on in-residence courses if applicable. Please refer to the course dates section below for additional information.

Course Dates:

The course is offered in March and November (fifth quarter) each year. Please note the Principles of Defense Procurement and Contracting course immediately follows the March and November course offerings. Additionally, International Defense Acquisition Negotiations course immediately follows the November Principles of Defense Procurement and Contracting course. Please visit our website www.nps.edu/IDARM/ for a current listing of course dates and additional information.

The course can be exported and customized given a country’s specific requirements. In country MASL# is P309131.

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