

IDARM Site Survey and Principles of Defense Acquisition Management, MET and In Residence Course

IDARM Site Survey (MASL #P309130)

Course development begins with a survey of a nation's needs in a specific resource management area. This phase involves IDARM program team members visiting the host country to meet with those executives and managers responsible for determining defense requirements and qualifications for acquisition program managers and decision makers. During a week-long period, the team will work to develop an understanding of the host nation's defense priorities, policies and procedures and to establish relationships with acquisition managers in order to identify future course objectives and curriculum goals.

Principles of Defense Acquisition Management, MET and In Residence Course (MASL #P159200 and #P309131)

IDARM offers a EIMET course entitled "Principles of Defense Acquisition Management," conducted as a one-week MET or a two-week resident course (twice yearly). The key objectives 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; and assist countries in their efforts to develop and institutionalize transparent, efficient and effective defense acquisition and logistics systems. The course is taught by resident faculty from the School of International Graduate Studies and Graduate School of Business and Public Policy. Lectures are augmented by presentations from distinguished practitioners who are subject matter experts in various topics within acquisition and logistics. 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. 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.

Participants

This course is designed for U.S. and international military officers and civilian equivalents of grades 04-06, engaged in a broad range of acquisition fields (policy development, strategic planning, requirements definition, logistics, program management, procurement and contracting, budgeting and execution and systems engineering). For the resident course, countries are encouraged to nominate more than one participant.

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