

# **AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE**

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## AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE

(Affiliated with the Spaatz Center)

Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), the USAF's intermediate developmental education (IDE) institution, prepares field-grade officers to develop, employ and command air, space and cyberspace power in joint, multinational and interagency operations. Curricula in the ACSC programs are requirements-based to address Air Force and joint educational needs at the operational level of war.

Air University received congressional authority in 1999 to confer the Master of Military Operational Art and Science degree upon ACSC resident program graduates, and was accredited in 2004 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In 2007, the degree authority was extended to graduates of the Online Master's Program.

ACSC has both in-resident and distance learning programs recognized by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as an accredited Program for Joint Education (Phase I).

The ACSC resident program annually educates over 500 O-4s and civilian equivalents from the US armed services, other federal agencies and 65 countries through its 10-month in-resident program. The program involves 33 credit hours of research, core, and elective coursework. Students are exposed to a foreign language, and selected students participate in specialized programs such as the CSAF-directed Embassy Immersion program, exchanges with PME academies in Germany and Poland, and wargaming with the Army CGSC. ACSC sponsors the annual Gathering of Eagles, attended by internationally renowned air and space figures.

The ACSC distance learning (DL) program supports more than 12,000 students worldwide. At the heart of its effort is the IDE non-masters (correspondence) program, a seven-volume course focusing on aspects of leadership, joint force, national security and air, space and cyberspace power employment.

In 2006, the SECAF and CSAF directed production of an ACSC Online Master's program (OLMP). Fielded in 2007, this 33 semester-hour program is based on the same courses and objectives as the in-residence program and awards the same SACS accredited Master's degree. The first graduates emerged in 2008. The program is open to USAF majors (and major-selects) and to selected DoD civilians.

ACSC sponsors the internet-based "Commanders Connection" forum where current and former squadron commanders can electronically share ideas, information and support relevant to the practice of command in the Air Force. ACSC also conducts the 2-week Air Reserve Component Seminar program, helping selected Guardsmen complete portions of the correspondence program in an interactive, faculty-facilitated seminar format.

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