



**Hellenic National  
Defense General Staff**



**Hellenic National  
Defense College**

**6th Senior Course on Defense Studies: International Senior Course in Applied  
Strategy and Defense Diplomacy**

**Athens, Greece**

**09 September 2021 – 03 December 2021**

**OVERVIEW**

**AIM OF THE COURSE**

The preparation of students so they are able, in the performance of their duties as flag officers of their countries, to cope with the rapidly changing situations of the geostrategic environment and to become defense staff officers who stand out for their level of strategic thinking and critical analysis. The goals of the course are achieved by building (development – expansion) on existing knowledge of students, on subjects related to strategy, history, international relations, defense Diplomacy and countering terrorism.

**DURATION: 13 weeks**

**FREQUENCY: 1 course per year**

**PARTICIPATION ESSENTIALS**

- This course is suitable for officers (or other public services equivalent) who, at minimum, successfully graduated from a Joint War College or equivalent. Graduation from a National Defense College or equivalent is desirable. The course is open to all international partners.

- English language proficiency is necessary, at least at level 3333, IAW STANAG 6001 (Professional level for: listening/ speaking/ reading/ writing). No additional language training or translation will be provided throughout the course.

- Students must have basic level computer skills in the Microsoft Office package (mostly Word and Power Point).

**RANK LIMITATION:  
OF4 (Lt Colonel) – OF5 (Colonel) and equivalents from all services**

### **OUTLINE SYLABUS**

- Research Methodology, Critical Thinking in Strategic Studies (RMCT 1-4) (4 days).
- Thucydidean Approach to Applied Strategy (TAAS 1-8) (1 1/4 weeks).
- Managing Maritime Security Threats (MMST)– Held at NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre, Crete (1 week).
- Strategic Leadership (SL 1-5) (1 week).
- Applied International Relations & Foreign Policy (AIRFP 1-10) (2 weeks).
- Cultural Awareness-Negotiations and Defense Diplomacy (CANDD) (2 weeks).
- Regional Studies (RS 1-10) (2 weeks).
  - Block I. The Middle East and North Africa-South East Mediterranean (MENASEM) (RS 1 – 5)
  - Block II. Southeast Europe (RS 6-10)
- Introduction to Peace Support Operations – Held at Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center, Kilkis (1 week).
- Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism (CIT 1-4) (3/4 weeks).
- Individual Student Major Project (5.000 words).

Course Directive is posted on <http://setha.army.gr/en>

### **STUDENT EVALUATION**

- Participation in class to include Staff Rides/Study Trips and visits.
- Presentation on assigned case study/ies.
- Written essays.
- Individual (or team) Student Major Project.