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**Senior Course on Defence Studies:  
International Senior Course in Applied Strategy and Defence Diplomacy  
(Sep 15 - Dec 9, 2022)**

			<b>Cycle 1: Research Methodology, Critical Thinking in Strategic Studies (RMCT 1-4)</b>			
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Sep.12	Sep. 13	Sep. 14	Sep. 15	Sep. 16	Sep. 17	Sep.18
			In – processing (Orientation, IT, administrative instructions) <b>Ice Breaking (13:00-14:00h)</b>	Visit to Acropolis Archeological Site- Acropolis Museum		
<b>Cycle 1. (Cont)</b>			<b>Cycle 2:Thucydidean Approach to Applied Strategy (TAAS 1-8)</b>			
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Sep. 19	Sep. 20	Sep. 21	Sep. 22	Sep. 23	Sep. 24	Sep. 25
<b>RMCT 1-2</b> Identifying the functions and qualities of academic writing:- - Description, analysis and evaluation - Academic integrity: understanding referencing - Identifying appropriate literature: what makes a source credible?	<b>RMCT 3-4</b> Principles of Critical Thinking - Bloom’s taxonomy - Comprehension exercises - Creative thinking and Visualization	<b>TAAS-1</b> Theory, War and Strategy	<b>TAAS-2</b> Thucydides and the War	<b>TAAS-3</b> Thucydides and the War		Visit to archeological site of Apollo Oracle, at Delphi.

**Cycle 2: Thucydidean Approach to Applied Strategy (TAAS 1-8) Cont.**

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Sep. 26	Sep.27	Sep.28	Sep.29	Sep.30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2
<b>TAAS-4</b> Geopolitics	<b>TAAS-5</b> Clausewitz and the War	<b>TAAS 6</b> Power	<b>TAAS 7</b> Airpower (class held at H.A.F. museum)	<b>TAAS 8</b> Seapower (class held at Georgios Averof Armored Cruiser floating museum)		

**Cycle 3: Managing Maritime Security Threats (MMST) (Field Study Trip 1)**

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9
<b>Departure to Crete</b> Visit to NMIOTC -The Maritime System -Transnational Organizations -Multinational Responses -Defending the Global Commons	<b>NMIOTC</b> NATO Intelligence Cycle of Maritime Security Operations Visit to Souda Naval Base	<b>NMIOTC</b> Evidence collection principles in Maritime Security Operations Visit to NATO Missile Firing Installation (NAMFI) and Air Defence Center of Excellence	Visit to Knossos Archaeological site and museum  Visit to Heracleon Archaeological museum	<b>NMIOTC</b> NATO's Alliance policy and decision making process NATO's Alliance partnership and cooperation programs NATO's Alliance concept NATO Operational Planning Process Visit to 115 CW <b>Departure to Athens</b>		

**Cycle 4: Strategic Leadership (SL 1-5)**

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct.15	Oct. 16
<b>SL-1</b> Theories of Leadership and Military Leadership	<b>SL-2</b> Theories of Charismatic and Transformational Leadership	<b>SL-3</b> Theories of War and Ethics	<b>SL-4</b> Theories-views regarding PTSD and War	<b>SL-5</b> Theories of Religion and Military Leadership	Visit to National Archaeological museum	

**Cycle 5: Applied International Relations & Foreign Policy (AIRFP 1-10)**

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23
<p><b><u>AIRFP-1</u></b> The Modern Structure of the International System: UN, NATO (and Global Partners), EU (and CFSP)</p>	<p><b><u>AIRFP-2</u></b> Aspects of Diplomacy (Economic, Military, Energy) Secessionism - National Minorities</p>	<p><b><u>AIRFP-3</u></b> Issues of National Security: Immigration, Environment, Energy etc.</p>	<p><b><u>AIRFP-4</u></b> International Law of the Sea Exclusive Economic Zone</p>	<p><b><u>AIRFP-5</u></b> The Structure of Peaceful Relations: International Justice System of Settlement of International disputes Recent Case Law on Palestine /USA, Iran /USA, Ukraine /Russia, Georgia /Russia, Philippines /China, Chagos Islands Opinion, Maritime Delimitation and Law of the Sea</p>		

**Cycle 5: Applied International Relations & Foreign Policy (AIRFP 1-10) Cont.**

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30
<p><b><u>AIRFP-6</u></b> General Principles of Foreign Policy “Soft” vs “Hard” Power, “Smart” Power</p>	<p><b><u>AIRFP-7</u></b> Great Power Politics 1 (USA, Russia, China)</p>	<p><b><u>AIRFP-8</u></b> Great Power Politics 2 (USA, Russia, China)</p>	<p><b><u>AIRFP-9</u></b> Introduction to Islam The Islamic Caliphate</p>	<p><b>National Day (No Class-Research)</b></p>		

**Cycle 6: Cultural Awareness-Negotiations and Defense Diplomacy (CANDD)**

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6
<p><b><u>AIRFP-10</u></b> Asymmetric Threats and Cyber Warfare</p>	<p><b>DD-1</b> Main Actors</p>	<p><b>DD-2</b> Areas and Instruments</p>	<p><b>DD-3</b> Modes of Practice</p>	<p><b>N-1</b> Negotiation’s Theory I. Preparation of Negotiations</p>	<p>Visit to National Historical Museum</p>	

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Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13
<b>N-2</b> Negotiations Theory II: Strategic Conflict Management/ Negotiating Strategies-Tactics	<b>N-3</b> Negotiations Theory Synthesis/ Negotiation Exercise	Visit to the Hellenic Navy Fleet Headquarters at Salamis island.	<b>DD-4</b> The Role, Goals and Tasks of Defense Diplomacy – Cultural Awareness (Exercise)	<b>DD-5</b> Cultural Awareness (Exercise)		Visit to Mycenae, Archaeological sites and Nafplion
<b>Cycle 7: Regional Studies (RS 1-10)</b>						
<b>Block I. Southeast Europe (RS 1 – 5)</b>						
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Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20
<b>RS-1</b> European Union: An Introduction to the best practice model of Regional Integration	<b>RS-2</b> South East Europe: An Overview. East Southeast Europe: Focus: Romania and Bulgaria	<b>RS-3</b> East Southeast Europe I: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania, North Macedonia	<b>RS-4</b> Eastern Europe Focus I: Russia, Ukraine, the Caucasus Region, Turkey	<b>RS-5</b> Eastern Europe Focus II: Russia, Ukraine, the Caucasus Region, Turkey		
<b>Cycle 7: Regional Studies (RS 1-10) Cont.</b>						
<b>Block II. The Middle East and North Africa and South East Mediterranean (MENA-SEM) (RS 6-10)</b>						
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Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27
<b><u>Hellenic Armed Forces Day (No Class-Research)</u></b>	<b>RS 6-7</b> Historical Development till Middle Ages - The Age of Empires	<b>RS-8</b> From 19 <sup>th</sup> c. until the Days of Independence	<b>RS-9</b> The Arab-Israeli Conflict & Peace Process	<b>RS-10</b> From 1990 until Today		

<b>Cycle 8: Introduction to Peace Support Operations (PSO 1-3) (Field Study Trip 2)</b>						
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4
<p><b>Departure from Athens by bus</b></p> <p>Visits to Thermopylae, 1<sup>st</sup> Army HQs and EL.EU HQ</p> <p>Arrival at Thessaloniki.</p>	<p><b>PSO 1-2</b> <b>SJWC</b></p> <p>Peace Building Activities- Introduction to NATO STRATCOM- NATO STRATCOM Policy/Narrative</p> <p>Visit to NATO Rapid Deployable Corps, Greece</p>	<p>Visit to Roupel's Fort Military Museum</p>	<p><b>PSO-3</b> <b>MPSOTC</b></p> <p>Presentation-Hybrid Warfare</p> <p>Visit to 71<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division</p>	<p>Visit to Archeological Museum of Vergina (Macedonian Royal Tombs)</p> <p><b>Departure from Thessaloniki by bus</b></p>		
<b>Cycle 9: Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism (CIT 1-4)</b>						
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11
<p><b>CIT-1</b></p> <p>-What is Terrorism? History and Understanding of the phenomenon of Terrorism.</p> <p>-Terrorist Movements: a Profile of Terrorists and Their Organizations/ Tactics</p> <p><b>Major Projects Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>CIT-2</b></p> <p>-What makes a Terrorist?</p> <p>-Understanding Religious Terrorism</p> <p>-The rise of Al-Qaeda &amp; ISIS - The Strategy of the GWOT</p> <p><b>Major Projects Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>CIT-3</b></p> <p>-Addressing Islamic Fundamentalism in the Caucasus: The Russian Government response to the threat of Terrorism</p> <p>- Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)</p> <p>-Future prospects for Defeating Terrorism</p> <p><b>Major Projects Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>CIT-4</b></p> <p>Mission Design Exercise</p> <p>Course Conclusive Feedback</p> <p>Alumni Brief</p> <p>Out-processing</p>	<p><b>Graduation Day/Official Ceremony</b></p>		