



**Hellenic National
Defence General Staff**



**Hellenic National
Defence College**

**8th Senior Course on Defence Studies
International Senior Course in Applied Strategy and Defence Diplomacy
Athens, Greece
(Sep 14 - Dec 15, 2023)**

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

1. INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Location of HNDC

The Hellenic National Defence College (HNDC) was founded in 1950 in Thessaloniki but in 1952 re-deployed in Athens, the capital of Greece and since 1984 it operates in the former Military Academy HQ building (the Averof Mansion). The camp address is “Evelpidon 6 & Moustoxidi St, Kipseli, GR 11362, Greece” and it’s 3,5 km or 2 miles (11 min) far from the city center, and 34 km or 22 miles (35 min) from the “Eleftherios Venizelos” Athens International Airport.

b. Arrival

The students should arrive in Athens not later than 14.00 local time, on **September 13, 2023**. Transportation from Athens International airport to students’ accommodation can be provided upon request, by the College.

c. Accommodation and meals

(1) The Hellenic National Defence College (HNDC) provides the opportunity for the students to be accommodated in the military resort area of “Agios Andreas”, ([KAAY in Agios Andreas](#), Agiou Andreou Avenue, Nea Makri, GR 19005). For this reason, 24 apartments have been renovated. A **limited number of scholarships**, covering accommodation and dining expenses, will be offered based upon timely received requests by interested countries and final approval by the HNDGS.

(2) The officers that come from countries that are not granted scholarships have two options:

(a) They can either select to stay in “Agios Andreas” covering the relevant expenses or,

(b) They can stay at accommodation of their preference.

(3) The facilities of “Agios Andreas” are located 35 km from the College; on the East side of the Attica prefecture (average time to reach the Athens city center or HNDC Camp is about 40’ -45’). The commodities that are provided are as follows:

(a) 24/7 provided security in a military camp. Access in the facilities will be granted by issuing the relevant security card.

(b) Furnished rooms with air condition. Water and electricity are free of charge.

(c) Limited rent expenses in comparison with regular Hotel prices.

(d) Sports facilities.

(e) Wi-Fi (in case that availability is limited students will be provided with a wi-fi router with preset data limit, for educational purposes).

(f) First aid medical assistance.

(4) Given into account the distance of the facilities of “Agios Andreas” to the city center and the limited options of public transportation means, those who will choose to stay at “Agios Andreas” are strongly recommended to acquire or rent a car for their transportation during non-working hours.

(5) The students may choose to have meals in the facilities of “Agios Andreas,”. Lunch at “Agios Andreas” is scheduled from 14.00 till 15.30 and students have to inform the relevant personnel one day in advance.

d. Access to HNDC Facilities

The HNDC Facilities can be easily reached by taxi or by bus. For the students who choose to be accommodated in the military resort area of “Agios Andreas”, a shuttle bus will be available during working hours. In order to facilitate their access, a security entrance card (pass) is mandatory. Therefore, they need to send us along with the application form, a copy of their passport (page with the picture and personal data) or a copy of their national ID card.

e. Laptops

It is obligatory for participants to use their personal laptops or tablets in HNDC in order to fulfil their educational tasks.

f. Security

In the College, participants have to carry their Entrance Card, which will be received from the security office.

g. Health - Insurance

All participants and accompanying family members must follow health instructions on <https://travel.gov.gr/#/>. The HNDC will not cover any health care expenses. All participants and any accompanying family members are responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of a valid and adequate health insurance (accident, repatriation, liability and health - pharmaceutical).

h. Visa request

According to the international regulations certain foreign nations need valid passports and a visa to enter Greece. If a visa is required, it is the responsibility of the guest nation and of the individual student to apply for it, in advance for himself / herself and any accompanying dependents. All the participants should be aware of the valid international regulations.

i. Transportation

Transportation from the accommodation in the "Agios Andreas" military resort to the HNDC Camp and vice versa will be provided during the working days and is free of charge.

j. Social program and weekend

(1) An official ice breaking event will be held at the HNDC at the first day of the course as well as an Official Graduation Ceremony on the last day of the course, followed by a small reception.

(2) During the weekends students are free to arrange their own schedule. However, if a special event arises that requires their presence, they will be informed well in advance.

k. Fees

No participation fees are applicable. Guest nations will have to bear accommodation and dining costs. Nevertheless, a limited number of scholarships will be offered exclusively on military facilities, based upon timely received requests by interested countries and final approval by the HNDGS.

l. Families

Foreign students' families are welcome.

m. Absence is allowed upon an important reason. If a student misses more than 10% of the total number of classes, the school initiates the process for his failing the course.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Course graduates are awarded the Crest of the Course to wear with their uniforms Class A, and B.

b. The Hellenic National Defence College has established a strategic co-operation with [Plymouth University](#), UK which leads to the MA program in “Applied Strategy and International Security”.

c. The University awards a total of 180 credits (which are required for the successful completion of the MA) to willing graduates of the ISCAS as follows:

(1) 60 credits for the students' previous academic qualifications (Defence Colleges/Universities, equivalent to HNDC), through accreditation of prior certificated learning (APCL).

(2) 60 credits for the academic modules taught at the ISCAS. The MA students will be required to submit additionally three essays of 5.000 words each (one of which could be the major project)*.

(3) 60 credits for a dissertation of 18.000 words*.

*The submission of the essays and the dissertation will be supervised by University of Plymouth academics.

d. The MA program will be completed in one year after graduation from the course.

e. The enrolment in the MA program is optional and the fees/expenses are covered by the individual. A detailed presentation for that opportunity will be provided at the beginning of the course.