

Mission

DIILS conducts mobile education and training, resident courses, and other engagement programs to foster the rule of law, including equitable and accountable security and justice sectors, and civilian control. of the military.

DIILS Resident Courses in Newport, Rhode Island:

These courses feature: classroom lectures, interactive exercises and case studies, professional field trips (e.g., to New York City and/or Washington, D.C., and/or Boston), and cultural activities.

Legal Aspects of Defense Support of Civil Authorities (LADSCA): This course covers various aspects of military support and cooperation with civil authorities (i.e., law enforcement, disaster relief, border security, counter-trafficking and combating armed gangs), and other domestic operations. LADSCA also covers legal, operational, and policy aspects of ROE and rules for the use of force, including the challenges faced by deploying forces involved in conflict areas throughout various AORs. CTFP funds may be used for this course with concurrence from the COCOM CTFP manager.

Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights (LCHR): This 3 week course prepares commanders and staff officers to conduct operations, including multinational operations, in accordance with the law of armed conflict and human rights law. Participants analyze the application of international humanitarian law (law of armed conflict) and human rights law to a variety of domestic and international operations, (e.g., NATO, UN peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance/disaster relief, border security, internal security, and counter-terrorism).

Military Law Development (MLDP) I and II:

MLDP-I: This 10 week course offers military justice personnel (judges, prosecutors, or investigators) a comprehensive military justice and operational law curriculum, which includes attending the DIILS Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights (LCHR) and Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC) courses.

MLDP-II: This 6 week course is for staff legal advisors qualified to practice law. It offers a comprehensive curriculum of military justice and advanced study of international and operational law that includes attending the LCHR and ILOMO courses.

International Law of Military Operations (ILOMO): This 3 week course equips military legal advisors to advise commanders on the legal aspects of operations and play a more constructive role in operational planning. ILOMO is an advanced course designed mainly for military legal advisors, but is open to and may be useful for commanders and staff officers who seek increased knowledge of legal issues attendant to military operations. ILOMO participants learn alongside U.S. judge advocates preparing for operationally-focused assignments.

Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism (LCT): The goal of this 3 week course is to explore effective means for combating terrorism within the rule of law, with emphasis on interagency cooperation. LCT is designed for military officers and civilian officials who are, or plan to be involved with combating terrorism through law enforcement or military means. LCT covers the international law that applies to combating terrorism in three contexts: internal disturbances (domestic crime); internal armed conflict (a common tactic of insurgents); and international armed conflict.

Legal Aspects Combating Corruption: (LCC): This 3 week course focuses on building transparency in the defense sector. It contrasts U.S. and international lessons learned and best practices as a means to improve national mechanisms to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute corrupt practices in accordance with international legal standards.

Military Justice (MJ): This three week Military Justice course provides a comprehensive overview of the U.S. military justice system and comparative analysis of other military justice systems. Topics include substantive and procedural due process, evidentiary practice, trial advocacy, non-judicial alternatives to courts martial, appeals, the role of judges and transparency. Participants will be able to determine best practices in military justice based upon comparison of the U.S. and other military justice systems. Participants visit U.S. military prosecutors, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C. and discuss military law with practitioners.

Legal Aspects of Peace-Keeping Operations (LAPKO): The LAPKO resident course offers a comprehensive analysis of the legal aspects of United Nations-sanctioned peacekeeping missions. It details the practical implications of the agreed legal basis for action on the mission, the rules of engagement challenges that derive from the respective UN authorities, and the development of international agreements associated with peacekeeping missions. In addition, case studies and practical exercises will enable participants to exchange ideas and experience. Upon course completion, participants are prepared to plan and execute the full spectrum of UN peace operations in accordance with international legal standards.

Legal Aspects of Maritime Security Operations (LAMSO): This comprehensive overview of the legal aspects of maritime security operations aims to enhance familiarity with international law of military operations and maritime law enforcement. Participants will analyze U.S. maritime law enforcement regulations and procedures and consider their potential applicability as a model for capacity development in their respective countries.

2017-2018 Resident Course Calendar

LADSCA
(P176042)
24 July - 10 Aug 2017
23 Jul - 09 Aug 2018

LCHR
(P176019)
09 - 26 Oct 2017
16 April - 03 May 2018

MLDP-I (LCHR, MJ & LCC)
(P176026)
09 Oct - 14 Dec 2017

MLDP-II (LCHR, MJ & ILOMO)
(P176029)
17 April - 22 June 2017
16 Apr - 21 Jun 2018

ILOMO
(P176027)
5 - 22 Jun 2017
4 - 21 Jun 2018

LCT (P176028)
20 Mar - 6 Apr 2017
19 Mar - 5 Apr 2018

LCC (P176040)
17 Nov - 7 Dec 2017

MJ (P176003)
27 Oct - 16 Nov 2017
04 - 24 May 2018

LAPKO (P179619)
11 - 18 SEP 2017

LAMSO (P176009)
10 - 27 Sep 2018

Note: Participation in DIILS programs is arranged by official government request to the local U.S. embassy. English language requirements apply.



Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC)

This seminar is for military officers and civilian officials involved in the fight against public corruption, including government executives and policy-makers, investigators, prosecutors, legislators and staff, NGOs, and journalists. It underscores that public corruption is a universal problem. It can be tailored to address one or several themes: the international legal framework for fighting corruption, standards of conduct in public institutions, transparent public sector management, effective investigation and prosecution of corruption offenses, and international cooperation.

Operational Law (OpLaw)

By examining relevant international human rights law and the law of armed conflict, this seminar prepares operational commanders and staff officers, civilian policy-makers, and their lawyers, to conduct effective domestic and international military operations within the rule of law. The seminar focuses on the identification of complex contemporary operational challenges and the development of effective and lawful solutions. Highlights include the benefits of an effective military justice system, training programs on human rights and the law of armed conflict, and the creation of practical rules for the use of force and rules of engagement.

Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism (LCT)

This seminar for mid-grade to senior service-members and civilians explains the international law of human rights and law of armed conflict rules applicable to combating terrorism. It focuses on interagency cooperation and effective methods that comply with international norms. For example, an evolution for law enforcement officials featured U.S. Department of Justice lawyers and investigators explaining U.S. laws and techniques for information-sharing, investigating, and successfully prosecuting terrorist suspects.

Legal Aspects of

Defense Support of Civil Authorities (LADSCA)

This course covers various aspects of military support and cooperation with civil authorities (i.e., law enforcement, disaster relief, border security, counter-trafficking and combating armed gangs), and other domestic operations. LADSCA also covers legal, operational, and policy aspects of rules of engagement and rules for the use of force, including the challenges faced by deploying forces involved in conflict areas. CTFP funds may be used for this course with concurrence of the COCOM CTFP manager.

Developing a Professional Military Force (MLDP)

This seminar examines the legal framework for developing and maintaining a professional military, a cornerstone of an effective defense sector. For example, in countries considering structural changes in recruiting, retaining, and maintaining a professional military, senior military officers and civilian officials (executive, legislative and judicial branches), and related civilians (e.g. NGOs, media) may be interested in discussing U.S. military standards in these areas.

Maritime Law Enforcement and Law of the Sea

This seminar for military officers and civilian officials engaged in maritime law enforcement or coastal and border security aims to enhance institutional capacity in the areas of international law of military operations and maritime law enforcement. It addresses the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and focuses on more specific regional issues.

Defense Institution Building (DIB)

Establishing transparency, accountability and oversight, the components of legal capacity, is critical to achieving effective defense institutions. The objective of DIILS legal DIB engagements is to build international partner capacity to administer and carry out legal functions at MOD, Defense and Service HQ and major unit levels, and to sustain a cadre of effective legal advisors.

Legal Aspects of Peace/Stability Operations

This seminar for senior policy-makers, legal advisors, commanders and staff officers covers the legal issues arising in coalition stability operations and in United Nations (UN) and other multinational peace operations. The goal is to enhance awareness of the means available to address all manner of legal challenges that arise during these operations. Topics may include the functions of the UN offices working with Troop Contributing Nations and pertinent legal issues, or the immunities and privileges of peacekeepers under UN Status of Mission Agreements.

Border Security Law—Land and Maritime

This seminar is for military and civilian officials who secure national borders against transnational threats. The focus is on developing effective means to address border security challenges within the rule of law by examining the legal issues, international human rights standards, and relevant international agreements.

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Military Justice

This seminar is for nations seeking to modify or improve their system of military justice. For example, if the objective is to increase the professionalism of the force, the seminar focuses on the U.S. military system of administrative discharges and non-judicial punishments. For a military transitioning from an inquisitorial to an adversarial trial system, the seminar would focus on the roles of U.S. military judges and trial advocates, as well as court-martial procedures and practices.