



**Hellenic National
Defense General Staff**



**Hellenic National
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International Senior Course (ISC)

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Athens, June 2018.

INVITATION –International Senior Course – 4th Course, entitled:
“Senior Course on Defense Studies: International Senior Course in Applied Strategy”

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Hellenic National Defense General Staff (HNDGS) and the Hellenic National Defense College (HNDC) are pleased to extend an invitation to the International Senior Course on Defense Studies – 4th Course, entitled: **“Senior Course on Defense Studies: International Senior Course in Applied Strategy”** which will be organized in Athens, from 10th of September 2018 to 7th of December 2018, at the premises of the National Defense College.

The course, which will be delivered in English, is designed for selected international officers as well as a small number of Hellenic Armed Forces and other public services equivalent. It aims at the preparation of students so they will be able to cope with the rapidly changing situations of the geostrategic environment and become defense staff officers who stand out for their level of strategic thinking and critical analysis.

To achieve the aim of the course we have planned a curriculum that will build on already existing knowledge and experience and which induce the students in acquiring condensed and academically rich experience. The students will be exposed in the origins of the Hellenic strategic thinking and examine areas like the constructive strategic thinking, the critical thinking, the analysis of the National instruments of power, the challenges of the geopolitical environment along with the international relation theories analysis. Additionally the students will deepen in issues that challenge our world today like maritime and terrorism threats but will also address the challenges in participating in a multinational environment such as NATO's Peace Support Operations.

Furthermore, extensive and in detail evaluation criteria are set following analytic rubrics in a student centric approach. But most importantly, the course

will induce the students in being unbiased, willing listeners, constructive teammates, and committed to the common objective of academic excellence thus fostering, through understanding each other, long lasting friendship bonds that promote cooperation, peace and security.

HNDC in order to provide education in a higher standard has established a strategic co-operation with Plymouth University, UK. Under this co-operation the University will provide professors and lecturers throughout the course that will enrich the knowledge and the perspectives of the students, and will also give the opportunity, to those who want in a voluntary basis, to enroll in the University's MA programme in "Applied Strategy and International Security". More details for the programme can be found in the course directive in our site <http://setha.army.gr/en>.

Information documents to include, the training outline and draft program of the course, information and administrative issues, and personal administration form, are attached hereby.

We would be grateful if you could designate participants to this course, who would have to fill in the application form (Personal Administrative Form – PAF) and send it to the POC stated below, together with a photocopy of their passport and ID card, no later than the **29th of June 2018**. The course is offered free of tuition fees, however your government is requested to cover travel, accommodation and other administrative costs. 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. Military Lodge billeting service is available at participants' disposal. Students may enjoy the dining services at the Hellenic Armed Forces Officers' Club of Athens as well as at the "Agios Andreas" Military resort.

Point of contact (POC) for all administrative matters and for receiving the applications is Colonel Nestoras Vargemezis, ISC Coordinator, Hellenic National Defense College, Evelpidon 6 & Moustoxidi, GR 11362, Athens, Greece (tel.: 0030 210 8896530/6500, fax: 0030 210 889 6545, e-mail: International@hndc.mil.gr).

Yours sincerely
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Commander

