**The IDF Military Colleges – General Information**

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**The Israel National Defense College** **(INDC)** prepares senior IDF staff as well as defense and government officials for senior command and management positions. The INDC is a leading institution that trains, shapes, and empowers senior national security leadership of the State of Israel. The learning period lasts about 10 months and includes graduate studies (M.A.) in political science from Haifa University.

**Brigadier Generals’ Course** - A unique program launched in 2014 with trainees from all security arms of the State of Israel.Throughout the course, trainees and faculty conduct a systemic inquiry and study a contemporary strategic matter structured, planned and implemented by the participants themselves. The program is delivered over periodic sessions spread over a year, administered by the Commander of the IDF Collages along with a team of senior instructors.

**Command & Staff (PUM) “Afek” Course** - Intended for commanders and staff officers ranked Lieutenant Colonel and above of all military arms. The objective of the course is to train and prepare the officers for functioning in the high-ranking IDF environment. Over a period of 17 weeks, the trainees acquire a substantial knowledge base, tools and skills for staff work; expand their military concept and expertise as well as deepen the learning of IDF strategy. Inter-services integration is reinforced during the course and forms the basis for the officer's operation in the senior staff environment. In Addition, the course further aims to strengthen the officer's identity as a senior official as well as developing their command and leadership capabilities.

**The School for NCOs - as a result of an extensive staff work aimed to further build up and strengthen the IDF’s NCOs, the School for NCOs was established and began to operate in October 2017.** The school's mission is to serve as a uniform training center for NCOs from all arms and branches of the IDF for military command, further cultivating and nurturing their sense of pride and belonging to the IDF and the State of Israel.

The School holds two training courses:

* Transition to Full Tenure Course – a four-week course designed for NCOs entering their tenure as career military personnel with the goals to prepare and train the NCOs for command positions as part of the IDF’s organizational backbone.
* NCOs Command and Staff (PUM) Course – a six-week course designed for NCOs entering a senior track aimed to train the NCO as a senior commander and part of the IDF’s leading staff.

**MATZPEN (“Compass”) Program** – began to operate in the academic year of 2018-2019; a revolutionary step in training ground forces company commanders in which they study for a B.A combined with advanced military training after completing their first posting as company commanders.