

AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE (ACSC) (Distance Learning)

WHO is Eligible?

The eligibility criteria for the eSchool's IDE/ACSC DL program are found in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2670, Total Force Development.

Military: The program is offered to O-4 selects and above. Persons may be active duty USAF/USSF, Air Force Reserves (AFRES), or Air National Guard (ANG); sister service active duty, Guard or Reserve or Civil Air Patrol. ANG and AFRES members have the opportunity to enhance their IDE experience during Air Reserve Component Seminars (ARCS).

DoD Civilians: DoD civilian employees in the grade of GS-11 thru GS-13 or equivalents with a bachelor's degree may also enroll. NH-II and FWS Civilians need to contact Air Force HQ/A1 for a determination of eligibility.

WHAT is the Opportunity?

The eSchool's Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) distance learning (DL) intermediate developmental education (IDE) curriculum is designed to produce a more effective field-grade officer serving in operational-level command or staff positions. The IDE/ACSC DL program emphasizes applying airpower in joint campaign planning and the operational art of war. Students explore national security issues, strategy and war theory, airpower and spacepower history and theory, expeditionary Air Force force employment concepts, and the capabilities and limitations of air forces and space forces, and its sister services contributions to joint force commanders.

All curriculum is web based and accessed through an online learning management system. In addition to readings, the program includes a variety of computer-based interactive learning activities and exercises and leverages social media tools to enable peer-to-peer interaction and learning. Self-paced study is enhanced by a national security paper and three multiweek, collaborative, online-facilitated seminars.

The program's student-centered approach for learning is focused on measuring a student's ability to think critically, analyze, and apply knowledge, often to real-world situations. During the facilitated online seminars, students have the opportunity to engage with peers and instructors and discuss and debate the ideas presented in the curriculum, contributing to overall mastery of the course and higher-order thinking.

All eSchool IDE/ACSC DL graduates receive joint professional military education (JPME) phase I credit. Phase I emphasizes the fundamentals needed for a sound basis in joint operations and provides a foundation for follow-on study for phase II education. Students interested in earning a Master's degree, in addition to IDE and JPME Phase I credit, should refer to the eSchool's Online Master's Program (OLMP) information page.

WHAT is the Outcome?	Certificate
WHEN do I Apply?	Check the Air University website for schedules
WHERE is it Located?	Online
HOW do I Apply?	https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/eSchool/ACSC/

Points of Contact

Hill	Air University AU@ASU Student Portal (https://au.asu.edu/)
Robins	Air University AU@ASU Student Portal (https://au.asu.edu/)
Tinker	Air University AU@ASU Student Portal (https://au.asu.edu/)