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The resident USAWC Class of 2018 is underway with 79 international officers, from 77 countries, below. These International Fellows will integrate into the 24 seminars, or cohorts, that study together for the six-month core courses of the Army War College.



Each seminar includes representation from the Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps, Reserve forces and National Guard, federal agency civilians associated with national security, and international officers. No more than 60 percent of students or faculty are Army, so as to incorporate diverse perspectives in discussions, case studies, and exercises. Because the Army War College has the largest body of international officers among the senior service colleges,

each seminar benefits from the perspective of 3-4 International Fellows.

Col. Ahmed Ambu Saidi carries on a discussion with Carlisle City Mayor Tim Scott as international fellows Norwegian Col. Frode Kristofferson and Col. Saleh Hadeed from Qatar listen in during their visit to the Carlisle City Borough.

The war college refers to the international officers as Fellows, acknowledging the significant contributions they can make to enrich the educational environment.

The International Fellows provide insights representing their countries' interests and regional perspectives, as well as insights from professional military experiences. In turn, the IF benefit from opportunity to establish mutual understanding and rapport with each other and with senior U.S. officers.

The Field Studies Program for International Fellows ensures that dual objectives are met for the IF.

The goals of International Military Education & Training (IMET) include not only the war college-based professional military education and rapport, but also a better understanding of the United States.

U.S. Army War College International Fellows
Australian Col. Todd Ashurst and Malaysian Brig. Gen. Chapiti Redzwan lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.



The International Fellows Program Office, at the war college, sponsors a six-week orientation for the international officers, initiated prior to the start of classes. The course exposes the Fellows to 11 facets of American life and values. Through local engagements and field trips to Philadelphia and Washington D.C., they learn of American perspectives on human rights, diversity in American life, US governmental institutions, political processes, judicial system, free market system, education, health and human services, international peace and security, and the law of war.

Briefings, discussions, visits and official engagements create an experience-based introduction to American life – one that will be deepened through seminar experiences; social, sports, and other events at Carlisle Barracks; and everyday life in the Carlisle area. Among early experiences are their visits to Hershey Medical Center and the Milton Hershey School; visits to Philadelphia's Independence Hall and National Constitution Center; and meetings at the Department of State, Pentagon; and honors to fallen Soldiers at Arlington Cemetery.

The international composition of the resident class is shaped by national alliances, partnerships and emerging relationships as determined by the Secretary of State, for Defense Department execution. (There are international officers in the distance education program, the Combined/Joint Land Component Commander Course, and the Strategists' Course.) For Academic 2018, these countries are represented in the resident student body:

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Bangladesh; Benin; Bosnia-Herzegovina; Brazil; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Cambodia; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Croatia; Czech Republic; Egypt; El Salvador; Estonia; Ethiopia; Georgia; Germany; Greece; India; Indonesia; Iraq; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kenya; Korea; Kosovo; Kuwait; Lebanon; Lithuania; Malaysia; Mali; Mexico; Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand;

Niger; Nigeria; Norway Oman; Pakistan; Peru; Poland; Qatar; Romania; Rwanda; Saudi Arabia;
Senegal; Serbia; Slovenia; south Africa; Spain; Sweden; Taiwan; Tanzania; Togo; Tunisia; Uganda;
Ukraine; united kingdom; Vietnam; Zambia

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