

Intermediate-Level Certification

The Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU) is the Department of Defense's (DoD) Center of Excellence for Security Cooperation (SC) education and training. DSCU supports the Defense Security Cooperation Agency's mission of training, educating, and providing for the long-term development of the Security Cooperation Workforce (SCW).

BENEFITS OF INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL CERTIFICATION

Security cooperation is at the forefront of our National Defense Strategy. An educated SC workforce will enable the U.S. to continue to be the partner of choice for our allies and partners. The intermediate-level certification courses build on the baseline of SC knowledge developed in the Basic level, and focuses on developing technical knowledge and understanding of one Area of Concentration (AoC) in the context of broader SC.

WHO QUALIFIES?

All members of the DoD Security Cooperation Workforce (SCW) are required to obtain an appropriate SC professional certification level based on the position's certification requirement, and they must maintain certification as long as they remain in an SC position (a condition of employment for civilians and an order for service members). This includes DoD military and civilian personnel...

1. working in the security cooperation organizations of U.S. Missions Overseas.
2. in the geographic and functional COCOMs responsible for planning, monitoring, or conducting security cooperation activities.
3. in the military departments and Services performing security cooperation activities, including activities in connection with acquisition, the development and implementation of technology-release and foreign-disclosure policies, and planning, monitoring, evaluating, and conducting SC activities.
4. of Defense Agencies and Field Activities who perform SC activities.
5. who perform assessments, monitoring, or evaluation of SC programs and activities.
6. who contribute significantly to DoD SC programs and activities. This includes military and civilian personnel in the OSD and the Joint Staff who perform SC planning, policy oversight, or program management functions.

SC-250 series are tailored to regions. SC 254 - Colleagues said this was excellent, it is regional studies (AFRICOM) - a very challenging course

—DoD Senior Leader



WHERE TO ACCESS COURSES

Visit the DSCU website at www.dscu.mil to view your certification requirements, register for courses, and track your learning path. The website will provide the DSCU course schedule for courses in your AOC. Many courses are administered via self paced virtual learning and/or online course instruction.

INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

SC Planning, Oversight, & Execution Management

120 hours of training

POE-201 Intermediate SC Planning, Oversight, and Execution

POE-211 Intermediate Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation

Intermediate Cross Cultural Competence/Regional Orientation: Either SC-250 (Regional Survey), SC-251 (CENTCOM), SC-252 (INDOPACOM), SC-253 (EUCOM), SC-254 (AFRICOM) or SC-255 (SOUTHCAM)

SC Case Life Cycle Management

124 hours of training

CASE-201 Intermediate SC Case Life Cycle Management.

One of the following is required:

- **CASE-211** Intermediate SC Sustainment Management
- **CASE-212** Intermediate SC Case Financial Management
- **CASE-213** Intermediate SC Case Management

Elective: CASE-214 Intermediate SC International Training Management

Intermediate Cross Cultural Competence/Regional Orientation: Either SC-250 (Regional Survey), SC-251 (CENTCOM), SC-252 (INDOPACOM), SC-253 (EUCOM), SC-254 (AFRICOM) or SC-255 (SOUTHCAM)

Security Cooperation Office (SCO) Operations & Management

240 hours of training

SCO-201 Security Cooperation Organization/Officer

SCO-262 SCO Operational Engagements

SCO-271 SCO Operational Capstone

SC Acquisition Management

63 hours of training

ACQ-230 Intermediate International Acquisition Integration

- **DAU Prerequisites for ACQ-230:** ACQ-1010 Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management

ACQ-380 Advanced International Acquisition Management

- **DAU Prerequisites for ACQ-380:** ACQ-230 Intermediate International Acquisition Integration

Intermediate Cross Cultural Competence/Regional Orientation: Either SC-250 (Regional Survey), SC-251 (CENTCOM), SC-252 (INDOPACOM), SC-253 (EUCOM), SC-254 (AFRICOM) or SC-255 (SOUTHCAM)

SC Execution Support Management

58 hours of training

One of the following is required:

- **CASE-201** Intermediate SC Case Life Cycle Management
- **POE-201** Intermediate SC Planning, Oversight, and Execution
- **XSPT-211** Intermediate SC National Guard Program Management
- **XSPT-221** Intermediate International Military Student Office (IMSO)
- **XSPT-231** SC Funding and Budget Process Management

Intermediate Cross Cultural Competence/Regional Orientation: Either SC-250 (Regional Survey), SC-251 (CENTCOM), SC-252 (INDOPACOM), SC-253 (EUCOM), SC-254 (AFRICOM) or SC-255 (SOUTHCAM)

BY WHEN DO I NEED TO COMPLETE MY INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL CERTIFICATION?

SCW members who joined the SCW on or before May 7, 2021 have one year from that date to complete their basic-level certification courses. Upon completion of their basic-level certification, SCW members will then have two years to complete all required intermediate-level courses.

CAN I RECEIVE CREDIT FOR COURSES PREVIOUSLY TAKEN AND/OR CAN I “TEST-OUT” OF COURSES?

Students will be given course credit for required courses already taken from DAU. A limited number of legacy Defense Institute of Security Cooperation Studies (DISCS) courses are considered equivalent to the new Certification Program courses. Personnel who completed one or more of those legacy DISCS courses within a specified timeframe will receive credit for the equivalent Certification Program course. In addition, some Certification Program courses will have a “test-out” option. A student who scores high enough on the pre-test will automatically receive credit for having completed that course without needing to take the course. The “test-out” option will not be available immediately.