



AWC ARCS - MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

2 -13 JUNE 2025

AWC ARCS is a two-week in-residence experience with fellow Guard and Reserve students to work through a section of the distance learning (DL) AWC curriculum via small group discussions, guest lectures, workshops, and exercises facilitated by Air University's academic and military faculty. Upon completion of AWC ARCS, students will be 45% minimum complete with their AWC DL.

RE: AWC DISTANCE LEARNING, DO YOU WISH YOU COULD:

- Do more than click-through slides and take progress checks?
- Practice critical and creative thinking in self-directed groups with your peers?
- Meet and network with other Lt Cols at the same point in their PME journey?

DESCRIPTION

AWC ARCS students will attend enrichment lectures, in-person seminar discussions and complete the Global Security *AWC DL facilitated NSP 850A course*. Upon completion of AWC ARCS, students will be a minimum of 45% complete with their AWC DL.

BENEFITS

- Ability to focus exclusively on coursework
- Access to Air University experts
- Networking with peers
- Hear directly from Reserve Component Senior Leaders
- Real-time discussions/collaboration
- Informative presentations on current and relevant topics

MANDATORY PREREQUISITES

- Students must be enrolled in AWC DL and complete the courses listed below **BEFORE** attending AWC ARCS. Please note that courses ending in "A" are facilitated and are offered monthly, requiring advanced registration. You can find the facilitated schedule on the [Global College of PME website](#) and click on the schedule icon.
 - ORN 701S
 - ISS 700S
 - SPC 700S
 - AIR 700S
 - AIR 701A

AT A GLANCE

AWC ARCS IS FOR:

- Guard and Reserve O5/O5 selects that are enrolled in AWC 19.0
- Students that would enjoy AWC in-residence but just can't make the year-long PCS make sense right now
- Students wanting more from the online curriculum
- Those that are prepared to accomplish a significant amount of coursework during the two weeks and can work well in a group setting

AWC ARCS IS NOT FOR:

- Students that cannot work in self-directed/ambiguous environments
- Those that don't enjoy learning, critical thinking, and discussing opposing viewpoints
- Students that want to skip readings and click through slides as fast as possible without engaging with the material
- Those planning to retire or leave the ANG in the near future

"Almost without exception, I found the AWC lectures to be some of the highest quality professional learning I have received."



AWC ARCS TIMELINE

1 Nov - 31 Jan 2025: Application window open

21 Feb 2025: Applicants notified if they have a slot or are on the waitlist

30 May 2025: AWC ARCS last day to move from waitlist to slot

2-13 June 2025: AWC & ACSC ARCS

HOW TO APPLY

RESERVE: You must apply via the Fall RSSB through MyVector.

GUARD: Due to the increased demand for participation in ARCS, we are no longer accepting applicants on a first come first serve basis. The following outlines the application and selection process for 2025.

GUARD: TO APPLY FOR THE AIR RESERVE COMPONENT SEMINAR (ARCS), FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. Obtain Endorsement: Your Wing Commander or equivalent must sign an endorsement letter ranking all ARCS applicant as #X out of X candidates from their unit. *You must use template provided on ARCS Webpage.* Members on stat tours: please reach out to the ARCS POC for information on who will sign your endorsement letter.
2. Apply online: Each applicant must complete an online application form where they will upload their endorsement letter. (requires CAC login)

GUARD SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Available slots will be filled with #1 ranked candidates first. If there are more #1 applicants than available slots, a lottery will be conducted to randomly select from the #1 candidates. If there are more slots than #1 candidates, we will then select from the #2 ranked candidates, and then the #3 ranked and so forth, following the same lottery process.
2. Waitlist: All applicants not selected will be placed on a randomized waitlist with #1 ranked candidates above #2 ranked candidates above #3 ranked ...etc.

NOTES:

1. All applications must be submitted by **January 31, 2025.**
2. AWC ARCS has 30 slots.

ARCS webpage: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/GCPME/ARCS/>

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“[these] two weeks were the best PME I have ever had. It was an amazing opportunity to have real, honest, insightful discussions with a wide range of backgrounds and experience. “