# ARCS Agile ACSC MAXWELL AFB - 2026



Agile Air Command and Staff College (AGILE ACSC) is a blended learning IDE and JPME I modality offering a new way to deliver PME for non-resident students. It combines instructor-facilitated, interdisciplinary online courses culminating with a two-week, in-person Capstone. Students will experience an enriched learning environment, peer networking, and the opportunity to grow skills they and their commanders can use immediately through the application of leadership, airpower, national security, and joint planning concepts in a practical, mission-relevant setting.

# Why ARCS | Agile ACSC?

Air Force Global College recognizes that not all adults learn the same way. Agile ACSC was designed for the non-resident student to capitalize on the best practices of online and in-person learning to offer the "reps and sets" needed to build skills that apply in both strategic scenarios and daily operational environments. Unlike traditional distance learning, Agile ACSC gives students an opportunity to earn IDE and JPME I credit in 4.5 months. Agile ACSC aligns with the goals of ARCS to provide Guard & Reserve ACSC students with an in-residence experience.

# **MAXWELL AFB - ARCS | Agile ACSC Student Experience**

**LEADING IN THE AIR DOMAIN** 100 STUDY HOURS

**ONLINE FACILITATED DISTANCE LEARNING** 

STRATEGY IN JOINT WARFIGHTING 126 STUDY HOURS

**CAPSTONE** 

IN-PERSON

ACSC (IDE & JPME 1 COMPLETE

27 APR - 14 JUN 26

15 JUN - 16 AUG 26-

-17-28 AUG 26-(DUTY DAYS M-F)

## Focus Areas:

- Mission Command
- Leadership Foundations
- · Organizational Culture
- · Value-Driven Decision-Making
- Airpower and the Airman's Perspective
- Contemporary and Emerging Warfare
- Employing Airpower and Our Current Pacing Threat

#### **Key Deliverables:**

- Commander Interview
- **Growth Plan**
- Leadership Philosophy
- Mission Statement
- Commander's Intent Statement

## **Focus Areas:**

- War in Theory and Practice
- Contemporary Warfare and Dynamics of
- National Security Strategy and Strategic **Flashpoints**
- Linking National Strategy to Joint Planning
- **Red Teaming**
- Joint Planning Process Overview

#### **Key Deliverables:**

- Strategic Environment BBP
- Current and Desired Environments Position Paper
- **Problem Statement**
- Operational Approach Briefing
- Red Team Operational Approaches

### **Kev Activities:**

- Leadership Practicum
- US Strategy Brief
- **PRC Strategy Brief**
- Regionally-focused National Security Brief
- Mission Analysis Brief
- **COA Analysis Brief**
- Wargame Exercise
- Joint Planning Process for Air

## **Benefits**

- Enhanced educational experience
- Structured cohort design
- Peer networking and connections
- Practice and develop durable skills
- Meets Air Operations Planner SEI educational requirement

# ARCS | Agile ACSC is for the student that...

- wants to complete IDE and JPME I in a focused, accelerated timeline
- would benefit from structured guidance, instructor interaction, and team-based learning
- wants more than a self-paced experience-but can manage their
- has the bandwidth to consistently dedicate to online PME for 4 months

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## **ARCS | AGILE ACSC TIMELINE**

## **APPLICATION DATES**

1 Nov 25 - 12 Feb 26 Application window open

19 Feb 26 Primary and Alternates Notified

26 Feb 26 Final Student Enrollment

20 Apr 26 Last day to move from waitlist into class slot



## **COURSE DATES**

27 April – 14 June 2026 Facilitated Online Course - Leading in the Air Domain
15 June – 16 Aug 2026 Facilitated Online Course - Strategy in Joint Warfighting
17-28 August 2026 ACSC ARCS (In-person Capstone)

## **HOW TO APPLY**

**RESERVE:** You must apply via the 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 2026. To apply for the Air Reserve Component Seminar (ARCS), follow these steps:

- 1.Obtain Endorsement: A Wing Commander or equivalent must sign an endorsement letter ranking all ARCS applicant as #X out of X candidates from their unit. *Use the template provided on ARCS Webpage*. *Members on stat tours*: please reach out to your director with your intent to apply as your endorsement letter will be signed by the ANGRC/CC. There is also a ranking guidance MFR for commanders.
  - a.The rankings will be used to facilitate a merit-based selection process, aligning with the Air Force Global College's Agile ACSC selection strategy.
  - b. Applicants not selected will be placed on a waitlist based on their rankings, with higher-ranked candidates prioritized.
- 2.Apply online: Each applicant must complete the online application form (ARCS webpage) where they will upload their endorsement letter. (requires CAC login)

# **ARCS | AGILE ACSC POC**

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## ARCS WEBPAGE: <u>AirUniversity.af.edu/GCPME/ARCS/</u>

- Endorsement MFR
- Ranking Guidance
- Application Form (CAC required)