

AWC ARCS

MAXWELL AFB 1-12 JUNE 2026



Air War College Air Reserve Component Seminar (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 approximately 65% 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?

AWC ARCS DESCRIPTION

AWC ARCS students will attend enrichment lectures, workshops, in-person seminar discussions to complete the Global Security AWC DL facilitated NSP 850A course and one Focused Studies Facilitated Course. Upon completion of AWC ARCS, students will be approximately 65% complete with their AWC DL.

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 [Air Force Global College website](#) and click on the schedule icon.

ORN 701S AIR 700S
ISS 700S AIR 701A
SPC 700S

Foundational Studies

Complete all courses.

PRE-REQS

Initial Course ↓
ORN-701S
Orientation 0 hrs

Leadership Series ↓
LDR-710S
Strategic Leadership 20 hrs
LDR-711S
Senior Leadership 20 hrs
LDR-712A
Applied Senior Leadership 25 hrs | 3 weeks

National Security Series ↓
ISS-700S
International Security Studies 15 hrs

SPC-700S
Strategic Space Foundations 5 hrs
AIR-700S
Airpower, Spacepower, and National Strategy 15 hrs
AIR-701A
Applied Security Studies 25 hrs | 3 weeks

Complete ORN-701S: Orientation to unlock Leadership Series, National Security Series, and Focused Studies.
Complete ISS-700S: International Security Studies to unlock Global Security.
The learner can choose the order, but must complete all requirements.

Global Security (Choose one to complete) ↓

NSP-810A
USAFRICOM 30 hrs | 4 weeks
NSP-820A
USCENTCOM 30 hrs | 4 weeks
NSP-830A
USEUCOM 30 hrs | 4 weeks
NSP-870A
USSOCOM 30 hrs | 4 weeks

NSP-840A
USNORTHCOM 30 hrs | 4 weeks
NSP-850A
USINDOPACOM 30 hrs | 4 weeks
NSP-860A
USSOUTHCOM 30 hrs | 4 weeks
NSP-880A
USSPACECOM 30 hrs | 4 weeks

Focused Studies

Minimum Requirement: Complete 45 hours including 1 Facilitated course. Only one suite is required.

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PRE-REQS + AWC ARCS = ~65% AWC DL COMPLETE

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

AWC ARCS is for the student that...

- demonstrates potential for leadership in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel
- would enjoy AWC in-residence but just can't make the year-long PCS make sense right now
- wants more from the online curriculum
- is prepared to accomplish a significant amount of coursework during the two weeks and can work well in a group setting

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



AWC ARCS 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

25 May 26 Last day to move from waitlist into class slot



COURSE DATES

1-12 June 2026 AWC ARCS (In-person at Maxwell AFB)

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 y candidates from their unit. *Use the template provided on ARCS webpage.* **Statutory Tour Officers: your director will sign your endorsement memo and provide your ranking.**
 - 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)

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ARCS WEBPAGE: AirUniversity.af.edu/GCPME/ARCS/

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