

Agile Learning Pilot

ACSC ARCS is a 2-week program that replaces a significant portion of the traditional ACSC distance learning (DL) curriculum with in-residence courses. Students will participate in small group seminar discussions, guest lectures, workshops and exercises facilitated by Air University's academic and military faculty. Upon completion of ARCS, students will be 60% complete with their ACSC DL.

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

- Do more than click-through slides and take progress checks?
- Accomplish the most challenging DL courses in person with your peers vs. alone online?
- Meet and network with other Majors at the same point in their PME journey?

DESCRIPTION

ACSC ARCS for 2024 is a Pilot Test for Global College's Agile Learning initiative. The goal of Agile Learning is to enhance the distance learning student experience, by introducing an in-person PME alternative.

ARCS students will take select, newly developed Agile Learning courses in place of select ACSC 7.0 courses. Upon completion of ARCS, students will be 60% complete with their ACSC 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
- Direct input into the future of Distance Learning

AT A GLANCE

ACSC ARCS IS FOR:

- Guard and Reserve O4/O4 selects that are enrolled in ACSC DL
- Students who think they would enjoy ACSC in-residence but just can't make the year-long PCS make sense right now
- Students wanting more from the online curriculum
- Those who need/want focused time to work on PME and are prepared to accomplish a significant amount of coursework during the two weeks
- Those who want to test the future of DL and provide feedback to shape new initiatives.

ACSC ARCS IS NOT FOR:

- Those who don't enjoy learning, critical thinking, and discussing opposing viewpoints
- Students who want to skip readings and click through slides as fast as possible without engaging with the material

"Great course, I did it last year. It was just the motivation I needed to jumpstart ACSC and finish in 6 months!"

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MANDATORY PRE-REQUISITES:

Students must be enrolled in ACSC DL and complete the courses listed below BEFORE attending ACSC ARCS. Enrollment in ARCS will automatically enroll you into the Agile Learning (AL) prerequisites.

- ✓ Online Orientation and skills development course
- ✓ 5-week Agile Learning Joint Course. This course is an asynchronous online facilitated course taking place 22 April – 24 May 2024

COURSES YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH DURING ACSC ARCS:

- AL Joint Fundamentals (instead of JNT 601S)
- AL Joint Planning Suite (instead of JNT631S, 632S, 633S, & 634A)
- AL Leadership Suite (instead of LDR 601S & 602A)
- Focused Studies Elective courses

COURSES YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH OUTSIDE ACSC ARCS TO COMPLETE ACSC DL:

Warfighting Series ↓	Joint Series (All 8) ↓
ISS-601S 4 units 20 hrs National Security and Great Power Competition	AIR-601S 3 units 15 hrs Air and Space Missions
WAR-601S 2 units 10 hrs Warfare Studies	AIR-602S 3 units 15 hrs Air and Space in Joint Operations
ISS-602A 3 units 15 hrs 2 weeks Making Decisions: Strategy and War	AIR-603A 4 units 20 hrs 3 weeks Air, Space, and Joint Warfare

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested students will submit their ARCS application to the POC listed below by 8 April 2024. The application requires member's unit to acknowledge unit funding of the two-week TDY to Maxwell AFB. In addition, member will sign indicating they understand their requirement to complete the course pre-requisites prior to traveling to Maxwell AFB.

Additional course information:

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

STUDENT REVIEWS

- “Definitely a must, I did this and made so many friends. We motivated each other to complete ACSC and the course is great! If you are considering, I highly recommend it!”
- “A lot of the briefings were really informative. I'm more educated now about current operations than I was before I attended.”
- “ARCS... provided fantastic enrichment to the otherwise distance PME program.”

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