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 seminar discussions, guest lectures, workshops, and exercises facilitated by Air University's academic and military faculty. Upon completion of AWC ARCS, students could be 50% - 80% complete with their AWC DL.

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

- Do more than click-through slides and take progress checks?
- Discuss your self-paced course readings and share ideas with your peers in person?
- Meet and network with other Lt Cols at the same point in their PME journey?

DESCRIPTION

AWC ARCS students will attend enrichment lectures and in-person seminar discussions and complete the Global Security AWC DL facilitated course NSP 800-series.

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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

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

AT A GLANCE

AWC ARCS IS FOR:

- Guard and Reserve O5/O5 selects that are enrolled in AWC 19.0
- Students that think they 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 need/want focused time to work on PME and are prepared to accomplish a significant amount of coursework during the two weeks

AWC ARCS IS NOT FOR:

- Students looking for a replacement for the DL curriculum
- 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
PRE-REQUISITES:
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
- LDR 710S
- LDR 711S
- LDR 712A

AWC DL COURSE YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH DURING AWC ARCS:
- NSP 8xxA

AWC DL COURSES RECOMMENDED FOR COMPLETION PRIOR TO ARCS
- ISS 700S
- SPC 700S
- AIR 700S
- ISS 602A

HOW TO APPLY:
Interested students will submit their ARCS application to the POC listed below by 15 May 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/

POC:
Maj Sara Kerr, ANG Advisor to the Commander, Air University
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STUDENT REVIEWS
- "Being on campus helps to focus my attention to help me accomplish AWC. Especially important since my civilian workload is significant."
- A benefit of AWC ARCS is "Having structured focused time to read and then having it followed up (at some point) with lectures that enhanced the learning."
- "After being in the course for a week I feel the best aspects of the seminar are networking with other peers throughout the National Guard and Reserves as well as the highly informative lectures. A very positive experience."
- "Having access to AWC faculty was a true bonus of this seminar. Also interacting with peers (specifically ARC) was also beneficial. I also wasn’t thinking about the fact that we would have access to the AU Press - that was another bonus."