Agile ACSC – Student FAQs

What is Agile ACSC?
Agile Air Command and Staff College (Agile ACSC) is a blended PME modality that offers a structured, cohort-based way to complete IDE and JPME I credit. It combines instructor-facilitated online coursework with a two-week, in-person Capstone event.

Who is eligible for Agile ACSC?
Eligibility is the same as ACSC Distance Learning. Applicants must meet IDE eligibility requirements as defined by their component or service. This typically includes Majors, Major-selects, and eligible civilians. Additionally, due to the in-person requirement for the Capstone course, applicants must submit an endorsement memorandum from their Wing Commander or equivalent. Full eligibility information is available at https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/GCPME/Agile-ACSC.

What makes Agile ACSC different from traditional ACSC Distance Learning (DL)?
Agile ACSC is a cohort-based experience with a fixed timeline and consistent instructor engagement. While ACSC DL is mostly self-paced, Agile ACSC includes weekly pacing, active facilitation, and a required in-person Capstone at the end of the online phase. The content and credit are equivalent; the delivery model is different.

After I complete Agile ACSC will I need to do any additional courses?
All IDE & JPME I requirements are met with the completion of Agile ACSC. No additional DL courses are required, as all requirements are integrated into Agile ACSC curriculum.

What if I've already started and completed some of the ACSC Distance Learning (DL) courses?
You are still eligible to participate in Agile ACSC even if you've completed part of the traditional ACSC DL program. However, previously completed DL courses **do not transfer** into Agile ACSC. If selected, you will need to complete both online courses and the Capstone to receive IDE and JPME I credit.

How long does Agile ACSC take?
Agile ACSC takes approximately **4.5 months** to complete:

- 4 months of online coursework (two asynchronous, instructor-led courses)
- 10-day in-person Capstone, completed on duty time at a designated location

What's expected of me during the online portion?
You'll complete weekly modules, participate in discussions, and submit written and scenario-based assignments. Instructors are actively engaged throughout.

- **Estimated workload:** ~14 hours per week

The online portion is **asynchronous**, meaning you do not have to log in at a specific time. You'll complete work on your own schedule each week—but there are set deadlines and weekly expectations.**What happens during the Capstone?**

The Capstone is a 10-day, in-person seminar focused on:

- Interdisciplinary problem-solving
- Real-time collaboration
- Practical leadership scenarios
- Team-based strategic planning
- Senior leader engagement
- A regionally focused scenario

Attendance for the entire Capstone is mandatory to receive IDE/JPME I credit.

Is Agile ACSC another version of OLMP ?
No. This is a separate path. Unlike OLMP, it does not lead to a master's degree.

Do I have to attend the in-person Capstone?
Yes. The Capstone is required to complete Agile ACSC. It's where you will apply joint planning, mission command, national security, and leadership skills in a collaborative environment. A failure to attend the Capstone will result in not meeting all IDE and JPME I requirements.

Will I be in a class with people from my own unit?
Not necessarily. You'll be assigned to a cohort that includes officers from a variety of units, backgrounds, and components.

Is there any flexibility if I deploy or go TDY?
The timeline is structured, but instructors may work with you when mission requirements conflict during the online portion. During the in-person capstone, attendance is mandatory for course completion. Communication is key—reach out early if you foresee issues.

Is there a cost or service commitment?
No. Like other Air Force DL PME programs, it does not require a service commitment. If you are a Guard or Reserve member, your unit will be responsible for funding days for the Capstone attendance.

If I have to travel to attend the Capstone, who funds the travel?
Capstone attendance is unit funded.

Will I lose my progress in ACSC DL if I do Agile ACSC instead?
No. If you've completed ACSC DL courses before joining Agile ACSC, your progress will remain recorded

in the system. However, courses completed in ACSC DL do not transfer to Agile ACSC, and you must complete all of Agile ACSC to receive IDE/JPME I credit.

Can I switch back to ACSC DL if something comes up during Agile ACSC?
Yes, you may switch back to ACSC DL. Depending on how many Agile ACSC courses you complete, you may receive credit for some ACSC DL courses. However, once you switch back to ACSC DL, you will not be able to return to a future Agile ACSC course.

What if I have additional questions?
Please reach out to our team at Agile.Learning@au.af.edu