

# Command and General Staff College



## Department of Distance Education

### Course Descriptions & Information

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### CGSOC-Distributed Learning Enrollment Process

As a prospective student of CGSOC-DL courses, the following provides you with basic eligibility and enrollment information.

**Step 1: Obtain an ATRRS Reservation** - All students **must** contact your local ATRRS Operator, Unit Training Officer, or HRC to obtain a reservation in ATRRS before filing an application. All 3 Phases of CC and AOC require a separate ATRRS reservation in a current FY. The following is needed for reservations:

1. DL ILE- CRS: 701-1-250-ILE-CC (DL) Online
2. TASS ILE- CRS: 701-1- 250-ILE – CC Resident
3. AOC- CRS: 1-250-C3B (DL) Online

**Step 2: After Receiving an E-Mail of your valid ATRRS Reservation** - Before you can officially enroll into any course, review the Ethics of Writing slides. CGSC policy is that any student “attending” understands and abides by the legal requirement to properly cite reference material not their own. By reviewing the Academic Ethics, you acknowledge that you understand this ethical/legal requirement. **Compliance is mandatory.** Complete, and sign the Academic Ethics SF 11. Submit *after* application completion. **Application**—Before beginning, have the following information; DOR to CPT and MAJ, date of Commission, CCC/OAC grad date, and Reserve only, Mandatory Retirement date. Complete the online application at the DDE website. Applications time out after 15 minutes. Complete, submit, upload the SF 11. If unable to upload, fax to **913-758-3402** or DSN **585-3402** Attention: "Enrollment-Student Operations".

**Step 3: Receiving confirmation to CGSOC** - Next, Allow 10 business days for processing. DDE will contact with a decision once eligibility is determined.

**Step 4: Email with Login Instructions to [cgsc.blackboard.com](http://cgsc.blackboard.com)** Finally, you will receive an email from the Student Management System with your login instructions for Blackboard.

For additional information on the CGSOC-DL enrollment process, call 913-758-3401, and request to speak the *Student Operations Division*.

### Advanced Operations Course—DL (Continued)

Collaborate web conferencing provided by the Department of Defense.

Students typically collaborate one night a week and participate in collaborative end-of-block exercises. Students complete the same learning objectives of resident AOC students through online lessons, exams, written assignments, and online collaboration for tactical and operational exercises

#### Advanced Operations Course DL

DDE AOC Curriculum AY 14-15



TOTAL of 57 lessons, 312 credit hours  
(41 exams, 20 group PEs, 11 written assignments, 10 DBs)

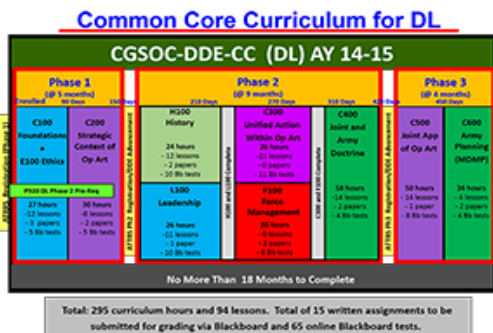
#### Advanced Operations Course Instructional Blocks

- CFLCC Operational Planning
- Decisive Action: Division Operations
- Decisive Action: Brigade Operations
- History: Military Innovation in Peace & War
- History: Roots of the Contemporary Operational Environment
- Leadership Applied

#### General John Pershing Award

The DDE nominates a distinguished student from each AOC-DL class. The distinguished graduate may come from any component and must meet the Directorate's rigorous selection criteria. The award is a gold-plated medallion with a raised-relief bronze of the CGSC crest, engraved with the name and class of the Distinguished Graduate. The names of the recipients are engraved on the General John J. Pershing Award plaque perpetually displayed at the Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

CGSOC Common Core students have the ability to transfer between the DL and TASS options during specific windows in the course. This provides additional flexibility to students as they work to complete the Common Core course.



### CGSOC Advanced Operations Course

AOC is the next step after completion of CC. It is the second half for completion of MEL 4 and JPME 1. AOC provides basic branch career field officers with an asynchronous and synchronous course focusing on conducting unified land operations in Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multi-national environments, and to educate officers so they have the requisite competencies to serve as division through echelon-above-corps-level staff officers.

### Advanced Operations Course—DL

- Resident AOC Curriculum – conducted via synchronous and asynchronous means
- Not a self-paced course; scheduled sessions
- 52 week facilitated course
- DDE AOC Instructors facilitate small group sections comprised of 16 officers
- USAR, NG, AC

Officers attend AOC by DL in a 12-month online program offered through DDE. Students are assigned to a 16-officer staff group led by a full-time AOC instructor. Similar to resident CGSOC, the staff groups have a diverse selection of branches from all three components, though they are geographically dispersed. The coursework is a blend of group practical exercises and individual assignments completed through Blackboard

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There are two options for completing the CC Course. The first is by completing the CGSOC-CC by DL. In this option, students work online through three phases of the course. Common Core DL students are assigned a DDE faculty advisor who works with students through course completion.

### Common Core – DL Option

- Resident Curriculum – computer based
- Independent study - online
- Conducted in three phases
- Up to 18 months to complete the course
- Assessments submitted and graded
- Student driven
- Faculty advisors and mentors in the loop
- USAR, NG, AC, Sister Service, DA Civilians, and International Students

The CC-DL course is completed through independent study. Students are given access to the three (3) phases and nine (9) blocks of non-facilitated instruction to work through independently on Blackboard Learning Management System. Each phase represents a separate “course” in ATRRS, to be completed sequentially. Students are assigned faculty advisors who monitor and support their progress through the course. Students are authorized up to 18 months to complete, but most complete in less than a year, depending largely upon time invested. The asynchronous, self-paced approach conforms to CGSS’s philosophy towards developing agile and adaptive leaders who must be self-motivated for active participation in our diverse and ever-changing professional body of knowledge

Second option for the CC-DL course is the Total Army School System (TASS) option, where students complete Phases 1 and 3 at scheduled 2-week ADT periods and Phase 2 through 8 IDT periods over 8 months time, facilitated by the Army Reserve Training Brigade.

### Common Core – TASS Option

- Resident Curriculum
- Conducted in 3 phases – ADT, IDT, ADT
- 18 months to complete the course
- Classroom experience with some computer based instruction
- TASS BDE faculty conduct classes—CONUS and OCONUS (Germany & Hawaii)

## Command and General Staff Officers Course - Distributed Learning

### CGSOC-DL

In 2011, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) released its vision for Professional Military Education in *The U.S. Army Learning Concept for 2015*. This publication challenges the Army to deliver knowledge to leaders at the “operational edge” by developing adaptive Soldiers whose cognitive, interpersonal, and cultural skills ensure sound judgment in complex environments; and develop an adaptive knowledge delivery system that is responsive, allows rapid updates to learning content, and not bound by brick and mortar.

The Department of Distance Education (DDE) at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College offers the CGSOC via Distributive Learning (DL) to Active, Reserve, National Guard, Sister Service, Interagency, and International Officers. CGSOC-DL consists of the Common Core (CC) and Advanced Operations Course (AOC). **Completion of both CC and AOC meets the requirements for MEL 4 and JPME 1 certification.**

### CGSOC Common Core

The mission of CC is to prepare field grade officers with the knowledge and skills to adapt and dominate in Unified Actions in a range of operational environments. It is the first portion of CGSOC and provides 50% completion of the MEL 4 and JPME 1 requirements. CC assists junior field grade officers moving from a tactical-level focus to an operational-level perspective.

### Common Core Course Instructional Blocks

- Foundations/Ethics
- Strategic Context of Op. Art
- JIIM Capabilities
- Joint and Army Doctrine
- Leadership
- Force Management
- History
- Joint Planning
- Army Planning