

**Academic Year 2012-2013**  
**Senior Acquisition Course Program (For Acquisition Personnel Only)**  
**August 2012-June 2013**

## **Program Description**

The Senior Acquisition Course (SAC) is the preeminent course for members of the Acquisition Corps. The course is designed to prepare selected military officers and civilians for senior leadership and staff positions throughout the acquisition community.

The Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) has been designated by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD [AT&L]) to present the SAC for selected students as part of the Defense Acquisition University. ICAF conducts the Senior Acquisition Education Program for members of the Department of Defense's Acquisition Workforce. This program is required by the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (Title XII Public Law 101-310). Fifty-seven acquisition professionals (*24 military officers and 33 civilians*) are being invited to participate in the 2012-2013 program. In order to fulfill the objectives of the course, your SAC nominee(s) must be certified in or have senior level experience in at least one of acquisition career fields.

Students completing the Senior Acquisition Course are considered graduates of both the Senior Acquisition Course (DAU-ACQ #401) and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. All students successfully completing the Senior Acquisition Course and ICAF are awarded a Masters of Science degree in National Resource Strategy.

ICAF has expanded the acquisition portion of its curriculum for Senior Acquisition Course students. They will be offered a wide choice of research and elective opportunities, as well as a common core curriculum and two mandatory electives in Acquisition Policy. Students will be fully integrated into the ICAF student body for most of their studies. Separate attention will be provided in acquisition course work, while retaining the benefits of intermingling with students from the operational and other functional communities.

## **Course Curriculum**

The Senior Acquisition Course consists of the entire ten-month ICAF curriculum, enhanced for designated acquisition students through four major elements:

### **1. CORE CURRICULUM**

The multi-disciplinary core curriculum includes major acquisition management issues distributed throughout studies in such courses as Leadership and Information Strategy, National Security Studies, Military Strategy and Logistics, Economics, and Industry Studies. A concentrated course in acquisition management is conducted in the spring in conjunction with the other core curriculum studies. Seminars, lectures and

case studies have been designed to challenge the students to assess current acquisition policy and practices in the context of National Security Strategy, with an emphasis on acquisition management in a changing world. Students in the Senior Acquisition Course participate in the core curriculum with all other ICAF students.

## **2. MANDATORY ACQUISITION POLICY ADVANCED STUDIES**

Two mandatory Acquisition Policy electives, for Senior Acquisition Students only, provide the students with focused, in-depth lectures, seminars, and field trips on key acquisition topics and policy issues. Students meet in small group settings with senior level policy makers from DOD, industry, and government, where they discuss issues face to face on a non-attribution basis. A short research paper on an acquisition topic is required.

## **3. ELECTIVE COURSES**

A wide array of elective courses covering all aspects of acquisition management is available. Students select one regional study, one industry study, and two other electives courses during the 10-month ICAF program.

## **4. RESEARCH**

All students are afforded the opportunity to undertake a major research project and produce a fully documented, scholarly paper. Acquisition students are encouraged to work on projects that have current critical interest in the defense community. A faculty research advisor oversees each project. Topics of timely interest are solicited from throughout the acquisition community and the national security community at large for student research. Acquisition students completing particularly exceptional research compete for an array of research awards -- both honorary and monetary-- to include an award sponsored and presented by the Defense Acquisition University.

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***Tuition: There is no tuition for this program. However, competencies must fund selectees' travel and per diem when relocation to the Washington, D. C. area is required.***

## **Applications**

Complete applications must be submitted to:

Developmental Programs Coordinator  
Employee Development Center (Frank Knox)  
Building #2189, Room 150  
Phone: (301)757-4125  
Fax: (301)342-4523

Application Deadline: 28 February 2012

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