

# SENIOR MANAGER COURSE (SMC) IN NATIONAL SECURITY

## Program Information

Applications are now being accepted for the Senior Manager Course (SMC) in National Security (09 March-03 April 2009). This four (4) week George Washington University (GWU) residential course is designed for senior officials in national security at the GS-15/YA-3/YC-3 or equivalent, 0-6 level, and above. The Department of the Navy (DON) has been assigned 12 billets.

The SMC in National Security is offered through the Department of Defense's National Security Studies Program, which examines the full range of national and international security problems that Defense officials will have to contend with in the 21st century. This course provides participants a systematic examination of the forces that influence U.S. defense decision-making, including the interagency process, the wider policy community, and threats in the international arena. The course will develop and enhance defense management skills, foundational knowledge, and understanding of key issues. It will include site visits, briefings from policy-makers, and a field trip. The course will culminate in a simulation exercise where participants practice their newly-acquired skills and knowledge.

While this course is intended to be "residential", GWU will permit commuting to/from GWU. The name of the hotel that GWU has contracted for lodging will be provided at a later date. GWU will provide transportation to course participants to/from GWU and the hotel.

This course is one of the courses paid from centralized DON funds, which includes training, lodging costs, and the field trip. The participant's Competency will be responsible for the participant's travel, per-diem, and incidental costs to/from Washington. For additional information, please visit <http://www.gwu.edu/~nssp>.

***Nomination Deadline: 04 February 2009***

**Application Process:** A completed [SF 182, Authorization, Agreement and Certification of Training](#) (pages 1 and 2 only) must be submitted to:

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