



DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY
ACQ 401 - Senior Acquisition Course (SAC)
(Delivered by The Eisenhower School, National Defense University)

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*Course Learning/Performance Objectives followed by its
enabling learning objectives on separate lines if specified.*

	Prepare highly credentialed acquisition professionals for <u>senior leadership</u> in a complex and dynamic military, political, economic, national security environment and expose the student to a wide range of national and international technology and industrial base issues. The program endeavors to graduate broadly educated strategic thinkers who are well-attuned to the role of acquisition in the resources component of joint war fighting and national strategy, who are capable of making effective decisions, and who will render sound, enlightened policy advice. Applicable Joint Learning Areas, Objectives, Sub-Paragraph Directives include:
1.1	National Security Strategy Apply key strategic concepts, critical thinking, and analytical frameworks to the formulation and evaluation of U.S. national security strategy, to include resource requirements, constraints, and implications of that strategy.
1.2	National Security Strategy Evaluate the impact of defense acquisition policies on the US economy and industrial base, the scope of national security strategy, and the generation and adaptation of the military instrument of power.
2.1	National and Joint Planning Systems and Processes Evaluate the national economy and the national budget process, focusing on how the President, Congress, and the industrial base influence and prioritize federal and private resources to support the National Security Strategy and the nation's economy.
2.2	National and Joint Planning Systems and Processes Evaluate how resource limitations and prioritization shape national security strategies and policies, joint and interagency requirements, acquisition and budgeting processes, operational planning and joint warfare, and theater strategy and campaigning.
2.3	National and Joint Planning Systems and Processes Evaluate private sector practices for their applicability to DOD for improving organizational adaptation, change, innovation, and resource management effectiveness to support the national security strategy.
3.1	National Military Strategy Synthesize the art and science of developing, deploying, employing, and sustaining military resources of the Nation, in conjunction with other instruments of national power, to attain national security objectives.
3.2	National Military Strategy Synthesize the key considerations and emerging concepts that shape the development of national military strategy with emphasis on mobilization and logistics requirements across the range of military operations.
4.1	Integration of Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational Capabilities Evaluate the capabilities, limitations, and integration of joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational capabilities across the range of military operations and plans and their ability to support a comprehensive approach to achieve the desired strategic objectives, with emphasis on the resource component in peace and war.
5.1	Strategic Leadership Evaluate the skills, including strategic communication, needed to lead organizational change and transformation and to build and sustain innovative, agile, and ethical organizations in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational strategic environment.
5.2	Strategic Leadership Evaluate the ethical and legal ramifications of specific historic or contemporary national security decisions.