



Mission:

DIILS is the lead U.S. defense security cooperation resource for professional legal education, training and democratic rule of law programs for international military and related civilians globally.

DIILS conducts mobile education and training, resident courses, and other engagement programs to foster the rule of law, including equitable and accountable security and justice sectors, civilian control.

DIILS offers the following courses as resident programs in Newport, as well as a variety of mobile programs that can be tailored to meet security sector strategic and operational legal challenges. Resident courses feature speakers with recent and relevant field experience, interactive exercises and case studies, and include professional field trips (e.g., to New York and/or DC) and cultural activities.

Stability Operations: Legal Aspects of ROE/RUF Afghanistan (SOLARA): This 2 week course offers the latest lessons learned and real-world legal challenges faced by US, ISAF, NATO, and other forces combating terrorism in Afghanistan, with emphasis on developing and implementing rules of engagement and rules for the use of force. It is designed for deploying forces or forces continuing to deploy to Afghanistan or to other stability operations.

Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights (LCHR): This new 3 week course prepares commanders and staff officers to conduct operations, including multinational operations, in accordance with the law of armed conflict and human rights law. Participants analyze the application of international humanitarian law (law of armed conflict) and human rights law to a variety of domestic and international operations, (e.g., NATO, UN peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance/disaster relief, border security, internal security, and counter-terrorism).

Military Law Development Program 1 (MLDP-I): This 10 week course offers military legal advisors (judges, prosecutors, or investigators) a comprehensive military justice and operational law curriculum, which includes attending the DIILS Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights (LCHR) and Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC) courses. The operational law component covers international law, human rights law, law of armed conflict, and rules of engagement. Participants practice providing legal advice to commanders in role-playing exercises. The military justice component features advanced legal concepts in constitutional law, procedural due process, and use of legal codes through the study of international law and the comparative study of military law of other nations.

International Law of Military Operations (ILOMO): This 3 week course equips military legal advisors to advise commanders on the legal aspects of operations and play a more constructive role in operational planning. ILOMO is an advanced course designed mainly for military legal advisors, but is open to and may be useful for commanders and staff officers who seek increased knowledge of legal issues attendant to military operations. ILOMO participants also attend the Naval War College International Law Conference that attracts leading operational law scholars and practitioners from around the world.

Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism (LCT): The goal of this 3 week course is to explore effective means for combating terrorism within the rule of law, with emphasis on interagency cooperation. LCT is designed for military officers and civilian officials who are, or plan to be, involved with combating terrorism through law enforcement or military means. LCT covers the international law that applies to combating terrorism in three contexts: internal disturbances (domestic crime); internal armed conflict (a common tactic of insurgents); and international armed conflict.

Military Law Development Program 2 (MLDP-II): This 11 week course is for legal advisors whose legal training qualifies them to practice law in their nation. It offers a comprehensive curriculum of military justice and advanced study of international and operational law that includes attending the LCHR and ILOMO courses. Participants learn advanced legal concepts of constitutional law, procedural due process, and use of legal codes through the study of international law and the comparative study of military law of various nations.

2012 Resident Course Calendar

Stability Operations: Legal Aspects of ROE/RUF Afghanistan (SOLARA), P176017
23 July - 3 Aug

Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights (LCHR), P176019
16 April - 4 May & 8 - 26 Oct

Military Law Development Program (MLDP-I), P176026
8 Oct -11 Dec
(includes LCHR and LCC)

International Law of Military Operations (ILOMO), P176027
11 - 28 June

Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism (LCT), P176028
19 Mar - 6 April & 20 Aug - 7 Sept

Military Law Development Program (MLDP-II), P176029
16 April - 28 June
(Includes LCHR & ILOMO)

Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC), P176040
5 - 26 Nov

Note: Participation in DIILS programs is arranged by official government request to the local U.S. embassy. English language requirements apply.