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**Senior Course on Defense Studies:
International Senior Course in Applied Strategy and Defense Diplomacy
(Sep 9-Dec 3, 2021)**

			Cycle 1: Research Methodology, Critical Thinking in Strategic Studies (RMCT 1-4)			
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Sep.06	Sep. 7	Sep. 8	Sep. 9	Sep. 10	Sep. 11	Sep.12
			<p><u>RMCT 1</u> In – processing (Orientation, IT, administrative instructions)</p> <p>Introduction to writing at M-level: -Exploring challenges and expectations -Identifying a research question: creating a research space Methodological considerations</p> <p><u>Ice Breaking</u> (19:00-22:00h) (at the Hellenic Armed Forces' Officers Club/LAED)</p>	<p><u>RMCT 2</u> Engaging in a literature review: - Synthesizing knowledge - Developing a critical stance: identifying assumptions/ acknowledging alternative perspectives - Contribution to knowledge: producing a new or useful insight</p>		<p>Visit to Acropolis Archeological Site-Acropolis Museum</p>

Cycle 1. (Cont)		Cycle 2:Thucydidean Approach to Applied Strategy (TAAS 1-8)				
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Sep. 13	Sep. 14	Sep. 15	Sep.16	Sep. 17	Sep. 18	Sep. 19
RMCT 3 Identifying the functions and qualities of academic writing:- Description, analysis and evaluation - Academic integrity: understanding referencing - Identifying appropriate literature: what makes a source credible?	RMCT 4 Principles of Critical Thinking - Bloom's taxonomy - Comprehension exercises - Creative thinking and Visualization	TAAS-1 Theory, War and Strategy	TAAS-2 Thucydides and the War	TAAS-3 Thucydides and the War	TTW 1 Theatre Training Workshop	
Cycle2:Thucydidean Approach to Applied Strategy (TAAS 1-8) Cont.						
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Sep. 20	Sep.21	Sep.22	Sep.23	Sep.24	Sep. 25	Sep.26
TAAS-4 Geopolitics	TAAS-5 Clausewitz and the War	TAAS 6 Power	TAAS 7 Airpower (class held at H.A.F. museum)	TAAS 8 Seapower (class held at Georgios Averof Armored Cruiser floating museum)		TTW 2 Theatre Training Workshop
Cycle 7: Regional Studies (RS 1-10)						
Block I. The Middle East and North Africa and South East Mediterranean (MENA-SEM) (RS 1 – 5)						
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Sep.27	Sep.28	Sep.29	Sep.30	Oct. 1	Oct.2	Oct.3
RS-1 Historical Development till Middle & Early Modern Ages	RS-2 The Age of Empires	RS-3 From 19 th c. until the Days of Independence	RS-4 The Arab-Israeli Conflict & Peace Process	RS-5 From 1990 until Today		Visit to Mycenae, Archaeological sites and Ancient theatre

						of Epidaurus, and Nafplion
Cycle 4: Strategic Leadership (SL 1-5)						
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Oct. 4	Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct.9	Oct. 10
<u>SL-1</u> Theories of Leadership and Military Leadership	<u>SL-2</u> Theories of Charismatic and Transformational Leadership	<u>SL-3</u> Theories of War and Ethics	<u>SL-4</u> Theories-views regarding PTSD and War	<u>SL-5</u> Theories of Religion and Military Leadership		Visit to archeological site of Apollo Oracle , at Delphi .
Cycle 5: Applied International Relations & Foreign Policy (AIRFP 1-10)						
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Oct. 11	Oct.12	Oct. 13	Oct.14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17
<u>AIRFP-1</u> The Modern Structure of the International System:UN, NATO (and Global Partners), EU (and CFSP)	<u>AIRFP-2</u> Aspects of Diplomacy (Economic, Military, Energy) Secessionism,- National Minorities	<u>AIRFP-3</u> Issues of National Security: Immigration, Environment, Energy etc. Visit to Joint Coordinating Center of Search and Rescue)	<u>AIRFP-4</u> International Law of the Sea Exclusive Economic Zone	<u>AIRFP-5</u> The Structure of Peaceful Relations: International Justice System of Settlement of International disputes Recent Case Law on Palestine /USA, Iran /USA, Ukraine /Russia, Georgia /Russia,Philippines /China, Chagos Islands Opinion, Maritime Delimitation and Law of the Sea	<u>TTW3</u> Theatre Training Workshop	

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Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23	Oct. 24
AIRFP-6 General Principles of Foreign Policy “Soft” vs “Hard” Power, “Smart” Power	AIRFP-7 Great Power Politics 1 (USA, Russia, China)	AIRFP-8 Great Power Politics 2 (USA, Russia, China)	AIRFP-9 Introduction to Islam The Islamic Caliphate	AIRFP-10 Asymmetric Threats and Cyber Warfare	Visit to National Archaeological museum	
Cycle 6: Cultural Awareness-Negotiations and Defense Diplomacy (CANDD)						
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATUR.</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Oct. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31
DD-1 Main Actors	DD-2 Areas and Instruments	DD-3 Modes of Practice	National Day (No Class-Research)	N-1 Negotiation’s Theory I. Preparation of Negotiations		TTW3 Theatre Training Workshop
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Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7
N-2 Negotiations Theory II: Strategic Conflict Management/ Negotiating Strategies-Tactics	N-3 Negotiations Theory Synthesis/ Negotiation Exercise	DD-4 The Role, Goals and Tasks of Defense Diplomacy	DD-5 Cultural Awareness (Exercise)	DD-6 Cultural Awareness (Exercise)		Sailing trip to Hydra-Poro- Aigina
Cycle 3: Managing Maritime Security Threats (MMST) (Field Study Trip 1)						
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Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14
Departure to Crete Visit to NMIOTC -The Maritime System -Transnational Organizations -Multinational Responses -Defending the Global	NMIOTC NATO Intelligence Cycle of Maritime Security Operations	NMIOTC Evidence collection principles in Maritime Security	Visit to Knossos Archaeological site and museum Visit to Heracleon Archaeological	NMIOTC NATO’s Alliance policy and decision making process NATO’s Alliance partnership and		

Commons	Visit to Souda Naval Base	Operations Visit to NATO Missile Firing Installation (NAMFI) and Air Defence Center of Excellence	museum	cooperation programs NATO's Alliance concept NATO Operational Planning Process Visit to 115 CW Departure to Athens		
Cycle 7: Regional Studies (RS 1-10) Cont.						
Block II. Southeast Europe (RS 6-10)						
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Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21
<u>RS-6</u> European Union: An Introduction to the best practice model of Regional Integration	<u>RS-7</u> South East Europe: An Overview. East Southeast Europe: Focus: Romania and Bulgaria	<u>RS-8</u> East Southeast Europe I: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania, North Macedonia	<u>RS-9</u> Eastern Europe Focus I: Russia, Ukraine, the Caucasus Region, Turkey	<u>RS-10</u> Eastern Europe Focus II: Russia, Ukraine, the Caucasus Region, Turkey	<u>TTW 5</u> Theatre Training Workshop	Hellenic Armed Forces Day
Cycle 8: Introduction to Peace Support Operations (PSO 1-3) (Field Study Trip 2)						
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Nov.22	Nov.23	Nov.24	Nov.25	Nov.26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28
Departure from Athens by bus Visits to Thermopylae, 1st Army HQs and	<u>PSO-1 SJWC</u> -Introduction to UN Peacekeeping	<u>PSO-2 SJWC</u> -NATO STRATCOM Policy	<u>PSO-3 MPSOTC</u> -NATO PA Policy /Media Awareness -NATO CIMIC	Visit to Archeological Museum of Vergina (Macedonian Royal Tombs)		

<p>EL.EU HQ</p> <p>Arrival at Thessaloniki.</p>	<p>-UN Security Council Mandates for Peacekeeping -Legal Framework for UN Peacekeeping -Civil and Child Protection, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse</p>	<p>-Digital Environment Assessment -Hybrid Warfare</p> <p>Visit to NATO Rapid Deployable Corps, Greece</p>	<p>Doctrine (CIMIC and Social Environment IO's, NGO's, GO's, Liaison) - Working with Language Assistance Visit to 71st Airborne Division</p>	<p>Departure from Thessaloniki by bus</p>		
<p>Cycle 9: Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism (CIT 1-4)</p>						
<p><i>MONDAY</i></p>	<p><i>TUESDAY</i></p>	<p><i>WEDNESDAY</i></p>	<p><i>THURSDAY</i></p>	<p><i>FRIDAY</i></p>	<p><i>SATUR.</i></p>	<p><i>SUNDAY</i></p>
<p>Nov.29</p>	<p>Nov.30</p>	<p>Dec. 1</p>	<p>Dec. 2</p>	<p>Dec. 3</p>	<p>Dec. 4</p>	<p>Dec. 5</p>
<p><u>CIT-1</u> -What is Terrorism? History and Understanding of the phenomenon of Terrorism. -Terrorist Movements: a Profile of Terrorists and Their Organizations/ Tactics</p> <p>Major Projects Presentation</p>	<p><u>CIT-2</u> -What makes a Terrorist? -Understanding Religious Terrorism: Terror mandated by God -The rise of AL-QAEDA & ISIS and the impact of 9/11:The Strategy of the 'War on Terrorism'</p> <p>Major Projects Presentation</p>	<p><u>CIT-3</u> -Addressing Islamic Fundamentalism in the Caucasus: The Russian Government response to the threat of Terrorism -The Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Nightmare: Can WMD Terrorists be Pre-empted? -Cyber-Terrorism in the 21st century: How real is the Threat? -Future prospects for Defeating Terrorism: Managing the Threat</p> <p>Major Projects Presentation</p>	<p><u>CIT-4</u> Mission Design Exercise</p> <p>Course Conclusive Feedback Alumni Brief Out-processing</p>	<p>Graduation Day/Official Ceremony (Hellenic Armed Forces' Officers Club/LAED)</p>		