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Welcome to the School of Arctic Security Studies.

Our courses are designed to prepare military, civilian, and international partners to better understand the Arctic’s unique operating environment and the strategic realities that define it. Our programs emphasize practical insight, interdisciplinary thinking, and cooperation across the joint force, government, allied nations, and Arctic communities.

We are proud to serve as a forum for shared learning and professional exchange, and we look forward to welcoming you into a growing community committed to security and defense in the Arctic.

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Director, Ted Stevens Center



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ABOUT US

The Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies (TSC) strengthens national, allied, and partner capabilities by cultivating regional expertise, building durable networks, and generating actionable insight for the warfighter. TSC is the Department of War's premier institution dedicated to Arctic-focused education, engagement, and research, empowering today's practitioners and preparing tomorrow's strategic leaders.



The School of Arctic Security Studies

The School of Arctic Security Studies delivers educational programs designed to strengthen U.S. and allied readiness, resilience, and strategic advantage in the Arctic. Rooted in the Center's mission to educate Arctic practitioners, these programs translate complex Arctic dynamics into accessible, mission-relevant learning for defense and security professionals. Through rigorous instruction, immersive scenarios, and engagement with Arctic experts and communities, the School cultivates a force that can anticipate challenges, capitalize on opportunities, and contribute to deterrence across the Arctic.

SASS programs span foundational Arctic literacy, advanced strategy and policy, operational planning, strategic foresight, and interagency coordination, ensuring students develop a holistic understanding of the factors shaping regional security. Whether participants are new to the region or seasoned Arctic practitioners, each program emphasizes real-world application, informed analysis, and collaboration across the joint force, federal agencies, allies, and Indigenous communities.

The Center's educational initiatives support homeland defense, enhance interoperability, and build a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities emerging in the High North. By fostering informed leaders and decision-makers, the Ted Stevens Center strengthens collective security and helps shape a stable and secure Arctic region.



COURSE CALENDAR OVERVIEW

Calendar Year 2026

JANUARY

Arctic Fundamentals Course 26-02 (p. 5)
January 2026

FEBRUARY

Arctic Multi-Domain Legal Course 26-01 (p. 6)
February 10-12, 2026
Arctic Contested Logistics Course 26-01 (p. 5)
February 24-26, 2026

MARCH

Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course 26-02 (p. 5)
March 09-13, 2026

APRIL

NATO in the North Course 26-01 (p. 6)
April 07-09, 2026
Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course 26-03 (p. 5)
April 20-24, 2026

MAY

Arctic Multi-Domain Legal Course 26-02 (p. 6)
May 05-07, 2026

JUNE

Warfighting Arctic Foundations Course 26-02 (p. 5)
June 22-26, 2026

JULY

Arctic Operational Risk Course 26-01 (p. 7)
July 13-17, 2026
Arctic Warfare History Course 26-02 (p. 5)
July 13-24, 2026

AUGUST

Understanding the Arctic Operating Environment Course 26-01 (p. 7)
August 04-06, 2026
Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course 26-04 (p. 5)
August 17-21, 2026
Arctic Lawfare, Counter Lawfare and Strategic Competition Course 26-01 (P. 7)
31 August -04 September 2026

SEPTEMBER

NATO in the North Course 26-02 (p. 6)
September 08-10, 2026

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course 27-01 (p. 5)
November 16-20, 2026
Arctic Multi-Domain Legal Course 27-01 (p. 6)
November 17-19, 2026

DECEMBER

Transatlantic Arctic Futures Course 27-01 (p. 7)
December 08-10, 2026
Warfighting Arctic Foundations Course 27-01 (p. 5)
December 14-18, 2026

Calendar Year 2027

JANUARY

Arctic Logistics in a Contested Environment Course 27-01 (p. 5)
January 19-21, 2027
Warfighting Arctic Foundations Course 27-01 (p. 5)
January 19-21, 2027

FEBRUARY

Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course 27-02 (p. 5)
February 08-12, 2027
Arctic Strategic Competition Dynamics Course 27-01 (p. 6)
February 23-25, 2027
Arctic Warfare History Course 27-01 (p. 5)
January 25- February 05, 2027

MARCH

Arctic Operational Risk Course 27-01 (p. 7)
March 08-12, 2027

APRIL

NATO in the North Course 27-01 (p. 6)
April 06-08, 2027
Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course 27-03 (p. 5)
April 19-23, 2027

MAY

Arctic Multi-Domain Legal Course 27-02 (p. 6)
May 04-06, 2027
Warfighting Arctic Foundations Course 27-02 (p. 5)
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JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

Understanding the Arctic Operating Environment Course 27-01 (p. 7)
August 03-05, 2027
Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course 27-04 (p. 5)
August 16-20, 2027

TO BE ANNOUNCED

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



COURSES

Arctic Regional Security Orientation Course (ARSOC)

ARSOC is a five-day, 35-hour, virtually presented executive education course designed as an Arctic fundamental program for U.S. and Allied & Partner nation's mid- to senior-career security practitioners. The course supports and creates communities of interest to provide opportunities for personnel to achieve a basic understanding of the current challenging Arctic security dilemmas and shape internal U.S. and international thinking.

ARSOC 26-01 December 08-12, 2025

ARSOC 26-02 March 09-13, 2026

ARSOC 26-03 April 20-24, 2026

ARSOC 26-04 August 17-21, 2026

ARSOC 27-01 November 16-20, 2026

ARSOC 27-02 February 08-12, 2027

ARSOC 27-03 April 19-23, 2027

ARSOC 27-04 August 16-20, 2027

Arctic Logistics in a Contested Environment Course (ALICEC)

ALIC is a three-day, 21-hour executive education course examining critical logistical challenges affecting warfighter effectiveness and operational capability in the Arctic domain. As the Arctic operational landscape changes rapidly, the region has become increasingly contested, requiring enhanced force readiness and logistical superiority to maintain strategic advantage.

ALIC 26-01 February 24-26, 2026

ALIC 27-01 January 19-21, 2027

Warfighting Arctic Foundations Course (WAFC)

AFC provides an asynchronous curriculum examining the operational environment of the Arctic region to enhance force readiness and strategic awareness. Through three mission-focused modules, participants develop capabilities essential for Arctic operations.

WAFC 26-01 December 15-19, 2025

WAFC 26-02 June 22-26, 2026

WAFC 27-01 December 14-18, 2027

WAFC 27-02 May 17-21, 2027

Arctic Warfare History Course (AWHC)

AWHC provides an asynchronous curriculum examining the history, challenges, and strategic significance of Arctic warfare, focusing primarily on World War II operations in the Arctic region. Through historical case studies, environmental analysis, and operational assessments, learners will explore how extreme conditions shaped tactical decisions, influenced logistics, and impacted the human dimension of conflict.

AWHC 26-01 December 01-12, 2025

AWHC 26-02 July 13-24, 2026

AWHC 27-01 February 25- 05, 2027



Arctic Multi-Domain Legal Course (AMLC)

AMLC is a three-day, 21-hour course that examines the most relevant Arctic legal frameworks, instruments, and concepts in the sea, air, space, and cyber domains. It situates the discussion in the context of current challenges, including Russian legal updates concerning the Northern Sea Route and continental shelf claims; search and rescue operations in the Arctic; marine pollution response; Chinese high-altitude surveillance balloons; intercepting aircraft; using space to control and secure operations in the Arctic; and cyberattacks.

AMLC 26-01 February 10-12, 2026

AMLC 26-02 May 05-07, 2026

AMLC 27-01 November 3-5, 2026

AMLC 27-02 May 04-06, 2027

Arctic Infrastructure, Technology, and Energy Course (AITEC)

AITEC is a three-day, 21-hour course that examines the strategic, environmental, and economic dimensions of Arctic development, focusing on energy resources, shipping routes, and the geopolitical landscape. It aims to equip participants with a nuanced understanding of Arctic energy dynamics, including the challenges of extreme conditions, the strategic importance of the region, and the role of international cooperation. Through a blend of theoretical analysis and practical case studies, learners will explore sustainable solutions, infrastructure projects, and the balance between military readiness and environmental stewardship.

Arctic Strategic Competition Dynamics Course (ASCDC)

ASCDC is a three-day, 21-hour executive education course that examines how strategic competition between major powers shapes Arctic security dynamics, with particular focus on the evolving nature of great power relations in the High North. The curriculum analyzes how China's "pacing challenge," Russia's expansive posture, and those countries' declared "no limits friendship" affect Arctic stability through activities across multiple domains - including military operations, economic initiatives, technological development, and gray zone actions. Special attention is given to how this partnership raises challenges and dilemmas for other Arctic states.

ASCDC 27-01 February 23-25, 2027

NATO in the North Course (N2C)

NATO in the North presents a bicontinental introduction to challenges and opportunities for the Alliance in this context. It prepares mid- to senior-level warfighters and other practitioners working Arctic security at the higher tactical, operational, and/or military-strategic levels. The course enhances understanding of the security situation and operating environment across NATO's northern area of responsibility, including unique demands of multinational cold weather deterrence and defense. It strengthens understanding of NATO's Western Flank (North America) practices and processes and promotes innovative thinking on regional capabilities.

N2C 26-01 April 07-09, 2026

N2C 26-02 September 08-10, 2026

N2C 27-01 April 06-08, 2027



Arctic Lawfare, Counter Lawfare and Strategic Competition Course (ALSCC)

ALSCC is a five-day, 35-hour course that specifically addresses how state and non-state actors use law as an instrument of warfare (lawfare) in the Arctic region and highlights potential counter lawfare strategies of the U.S. and its allies and partners. Competition in the legal environment is fundamentally a contest for legitimacy. Joint doctrine establishes legitimacy as a “decisive” principle of joint operations—a principle that is threatened in the Arctic through lawfare tactics (e.g., China).

ALSCC 26-01 31 August -04 September 2026

Transatlantic Arctic Futures Course (T AFC)

T AFC is a three-day, 21-hour executive education course that examines potential trajectories of Arctic change through 2035, focusing on disruptive shifts across multiple domains that will shape rebalancing transatlantic security relationships. The curriculum analyzes how converging factors - including the changing operational environment, technological advancement, resource development, changing maritime means of entry, and evolving geopolitical dynamics

T AFC 27-01 December 08-10, 2026

Arctic Security Primer

This executive-level primer delivers essential Arctic security knowledge to include emerging Arctic issues to senior leaders in a condensed, high-impact format. Designed for flag officers, senior executives, and Congressional personnel, this course distills critical Arctic security concepts into focused 90-minute sessions. The curriculum gives senior decision-makers a fundamental understanding of Arctic dynamics, security challenges, and policy implications.

On demand

Understanding the Arctic Operating Environment Course (UAOEC)

UAOEC is a three-day, 21-hour executive education course specifically oriented to support Arctic security and defense practitioners in better understanding the physical and geopolitical ramifications of the Changing Operational Environment in and across the Arctic region. It describes the impact of the Changing Operational Environment on Arctic resources and its effects on the political balance in the Arctic.

UAOEC 26-01 August 04-06, 2026

UAOEC 27-01 August 03-05, 2027

Arctic Operational Risk Course (AORC)

This five-day, 35-contact hour executive education course examines the complex operational risks inherent in Arctic security activities across all domains. It focuses on how practitioners can assess, prevent, mitigate, and manage risks unique to the Arctic's challenging environment, characterized by extreme weather conditions, limited infrastructure, and constrained transportation networks. The curriculum incorporates local and place-based knowledge to enhance risk assessment and decision-making capabilities.

AORC 26-01 July 13-17, 2026

AORC 27-01 March 08-12, 2027



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

Alumni-Affiliate Outreach Engagement

Alumni outreach and engagement cultivates and builds on networks previously established through TSC's educational programs and/or TSC-led (or partnered/supported) workshop, seminars or conferences. Secondly, these activities aim to provide critical updates on relevant and emerging security issues in/around the Arctic, report on TSC's program effectiveness, & share information regarding future activities. Engagements include half-day briefs, senior-level round table discussions, presentations of TSC Alumni works and accomplishments, as well as an Annual "Arctic Raven" award presentation for accomplished Alumni.



Arctic Security and Defense Dilemma

The TSC "Arctic Security Dilemma" addresses the strategic implications of Arctic and regionally associated operational environment security challenges through an interactive tabletop developmental experience, scoped for a small interactive group or as a desk-side experience, designed for the senior leader with limited opportunities and time to engage on the Arctic.

Fellows, Fellowships, Internships, Scholarships, Honoraria for Education & Research (FISHer)

The FISHer Program establishes TSC as a premier educational institution for Arctic security studies by bringing together diverse expertise through fellowships, internships, scholarly research, and honorary academic affiliations. This comprehensive program supports TSC's educational mission by facilitating knowledge exchange, conducting research, and developing future Arctic security professionals. Undergraduate and graduate student interns gain practical experience in Arctic security affairs, scholars conduct focused research on critical Arctic security topics, and distinguished honorary academic affiliates provide expert knowledge and guidance to TSC initiatives.

Arctic Military Fellows

The Arctic Military Fellow program is a professional development initiative that develops military leaders with a comprehensive understanding of Arctic security dynamics and civil-military affairs. Through a combination of hands-on experience at the Ted Stevens Center and advanced academic opportunities via the University of Alaska Anchorage, fellows from the Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard engage in research, executive education programs, and outreach activities while developing expertise in Arctic security affairs. The program enables TSC's mission, as it builds a cadre of future military senior leaders who are well-versed in Arctic geostrategy, geopolitics, security challenges, and security cooperation.



THE TED STEVENS CENTER EXPERIENCE



LCDR SAMUEL
KRAKOWER

“Our Fellowships at TSC will make us better officers attuned to the security needs of the Arctic region, with each of us returning to our respective services prepared to lead our service members in the high north.”

LCDR Samuel Krakower, USCG, 2025 Arctic Military Fellow

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