

Government Strategic Leader Certificate



Lead Information-Age Government

Implement Essential Strategies

Collaborate to Achieve Goals

Today, even the most seasoned government leaders are facing extraordinary challenges in managing resources, information and communication technologies, social networks, and globalization. As strategic leaders they must respond to rapidly evolving national priorities and a dynamic environment. The IRM College's Government Strategic Leader Certificate provides government managers and leaders with the essential tools and strategies required to lead dynamic, complex, and diverse 21st Century organizations. The curriculum engages participants in understanding their organization's unique role and those of others, and in collaborating to achieve organizational, interagency, and national mission and goals. Participants form a learning community to share knowledge, analyze, and leverage strategic resources (human, technology, and financial), and create and articulate a vision for themselves and their organizations.

Graduates of the Government Strategic Leader Certificate can:

- Evaluate the roles, challenges, and opportunities of their organizations within the context of homeland, national, and global security.
- Apply critical and innovative thinking to achieve results-oriented organizational goals.
- Collaborate across boundaries to leverage talent, resources, and opportunities to achieve mission outcomes.
- Create resilient, agile, and productive organizations to meet the needs and priorities of today's and tomorrow's government.
- Commit to lifelong development of self and others as reflective leaders.



To earn the Government Strategic Leader Certificate, students must complete eight (8) graduate-level courses in any order. Two core courses are required that focus on organizational mission and culture, and the dynamic landscape of government and national security. Students then select three courses in management and three in leadership to meet their professional and/or organizational needs.

Courses completed for the certificate may be taken in residence (full time for one week) at Fort McNair in Washington, DC, or over ten to twelve weeks online via the web. All eight courses must be completed over a four-year period.

*The IRM College anticipates that the new GSL Certificate will be worth 15 graduate credit hours toward selected Master's and Doctoral Degrees at academic partner universities across the U.S. (currently working on partnerships for this program). Courses in the GSL Certificate form the core of the college's proposed Government Strategic Leader Master of Science Degree Program (under review by the U.S. Department of Education).

The IRM College is a global learning community for government's most promising information leaders.

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The Information Resources Management College (IRM College)

Located at Fort Lesley J. McNair on the Washington, DC waterfront, the Information Resources Management College (IRM College) is one of five graduate-level colleges that comprise the National Defense University. The IRM College educates Department of Defense, federal agency, private sector, and international students in the following critical information management and leadership areas:

- Information Assurance and Information Operations
- Chief Information Officer Competencies
- Chief Financial Officer Competencies
- Information Technology Project Management and IT Acquisition
- Enterprise Architecture
- Organizational Transformation, Homeland Security, and Domestic Preparedness
- Government Strategic Leader

Strategic Leader Development - Prepare leaders to direct the information component of national power by instructing them on ways to leverage information and information technology for strategic advantage.

Learning that is Current, Timely, and Future-Focused - Focus the curriculum on tools, strategies, trends, and best practices to prepare managers and leaders to envision and create the future.

Just for You - Enroll managers from DoD (military and civilian), federal government agencies and organizations, foreign defense ministries, and the private sector.

Wherever you are - Provide education in a variety of formats, including classroom (eResident) and on-line.

Graduate Credit or Professional Development

Students can attend the IRM College to earn a graduate-level certificate, (which is accepted by a number of academic partner universities toward Master's or Doctoral study) or use their graduate credit toward the college's Master's Degree (currently seeking approval from the U.S. Department of Education). Students can also choose to attend for professional development (PD) purposes.

Other Educational Services

The IRM College offers seminars, symposia, and special programs to meet our stakeholders' needs. For government departments and agencies that require a customized approach, or whose students do not meet the IRM College's graduate admission criteria, the College is able to offer tailored "education in context" programs.



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