

The Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (TES)

(formerly the Industrial College of the Armed Forces)

Senior Acquisition Course (SAC)

National Defense University (NDU)

Eligible Grades	GS-14, GS-15, and Senior Executive Service
Program Length	10 months
Location	National Defense University, Ft. McNair, D.C.
Funding	Travel and per diem associated with attending TES is the responsibility of the nominating organization. There is no tuition fee.
Course Dates	August 2013 through June 2014

Course Description **TES Overview:** The Industrial College of the Armed Forces mission is to prepare military and civilians students for strategic leadership and success in developing national security strategy and in evaluating, marshalling, and managing resources in the execution of that strategy.

Reflecting this joint and interagency perspective, 58 percent of the student body is composed of military representatives from the land, sea and air Services, 32 percent from the Departments of Defense (DoD) and State and 10 other federal agencies, 8 percent international military officers, and 2 percent from the private sector and other memoranda of understanding (MOU). TES awards its graduates a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. In addition, at the direction of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics [USD (AT&L)], TES serves as the course provider for the Senior Acquisition Course directed by the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act. In this capacity, TES acts as a consortium college of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU). Both the USD (AT&L) and DAU provide oversight of the Senior Acquisition Course to ensure its relevance to acquisition personnel as the highest level acquisition course in the DoD.

The TES faculty is composed of military officers from all five Services and civilian academics who are experts in their fields. Military faculty normally holds the rank of colonel/captain and are highly qualified subject matter experts with specialized experience. Civilian faculty, who typically hold doctorates or the equivalent, include full-time academicians, state department representatives, and visiting professors from selected federal agencies.

Core Curriculum: The core curriculum covers National Strategy and Resources Management for National Security. In the fall, students study Military Strategy and Logistics, Strategic Leadership, National and International Economic Policy, and National Security Studies. In the spring, students study Acquisition, Economics of Industry, and Industry Studies. Regional Security Studies (RSS) and Electives supplement the core courses.

Senior Acquisition Course (SAC) Description: TES has been designated by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics to conduct the SAC for selected students as part of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU). The SAC is the preeminent course for members of the Acquisition Corps. The course is designed to prepare selected military officers and civilians for senior leadership and staff positions throughout the acquisition community. The SAC consists of the entire 10-month TES curriculum, complemented by two prescribed elective courses, which address contemporary and future policy issues in the field of acquisition. SAC students are fully integrated as part of the TES student body – a mix of war fighters, operators and joint specialists; plus support, diplomatic and federal agency personnel; international fellows; and representatives of American industry. [SAC description.](#)

Additional Information

- **Experience Requirement:** Nominees must have had substantial policy making and broad organizational management responsibilities
- **Educational Requirement:** Baccalaureate degree is the minimum educational credential accepted—a graduate degree is recommended
- **Security Clearance Requirement:** Secret is required
 - Top Secret (TS) is not required for most electives
 - If you chose to participate in an elective that requires a TS, you must wait until you have been formally accepted into TES (around May) before contacting DLA Personnel Security to request a TS background investigation.
 - TS electives require a Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI) within the past 5 years, and you must meet eligibility requirements for Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI).
- **Graduate Credit or Degree Earned:** Upon successful completion of the College's requirements, students earn a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. TES's academic program consists of two major components--core curriculum and electives/research.
- As part of the selection process, the DLA Executive Resources Board may interview nominees
- DoD-level Continued Service Agreement (CSA) is required for three times the length of the course—30 months

Nomination Process

Please refer to guidance on the [EDP home page](#). In addition to DLA nomination and executive sponsorship endorsement documents, the following items must be included in your nomination package to receive consideration. Please arrange in the following order:

- 1) [DLA Nomination Coversheet](#)
- 2) [NDU Checklist](#)
- 3) [NDU Student Nomination Form](#)
- 4) [NDU Senior Acquisition Course Nomination Form](#)
- 5) One-page biography or résumé—include education and career history
- 6) Two letters of recommendation
- 7) [NDU World-Wide Travel Statement](#)
- 8) Statement of career aspirations, goals, and suitability for the program (2-page limit)
- 9) [NDU Privacy Act Statement](#)

- 10) [NDU Education Release Form](#)
- 11) Photocopy of unofficial transcript (highest degree earned)
 - a. NOTE: If selected for TES, official transcripts (highest degree earned) must be provided upon selection notification.
- 12) Security clearance verification
- 13) Photocopy of highest-level DAWIA certificate
- 14) Copy of most recent Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action
- 15) [Statement of Planned Follow-On Assignment](#): A follow-on assignment is required for TES graduates. Graduates are expected to return to the Agency in a different capacity, not return to the same position. The assignment must enable the graduate to demonstrate leadership knowledge and skills developed at TES in a challenging **critical acquisition position**.
- 16) [SF 182](#), Authorization, Agreement, and Certification of Training). This training form must accompany the nomination package but will only be processed if the nominee is selected to attend the course.

Selection Decision

The DLA Executive Resources Board reviews nominations and makes selections at the DLA level. Nomination packages are then forwarded to NDU for acceptance.

Web Site

If you are interested in being nominated for TES, it is strongly recommended that you review information on the NDU web page at <http://www.ndu.edu/>.