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AGHMASHENEBELI
NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY
OF GEORGIA

NATO SELECTED COURSE
CTM-CT-37187

**COUNTER-TERRORISM AND
COUNTER-INSURGENCY**



ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The National Defence Academy is one of the leading military institutions in the Transcaucasus, dedicated to training competitive officers equipped with modern methods, theoretical knowledge, and practical skills. The primary focus of the Academy is to develop a successful and highly moral officer corps.



Situated on a modern, well-equipped campus, the Academy facilitates learning, development, physical fitness, and recreation. It offers a variety of sports sections and creative clubs, providing Junkers and students with opportunities to engage in both local and international activities.

Overall, the National Defence Academy integrates academic and military programs, supported by qualified academic and administrative staff, military instructors, high-standard infrastructure, and modern teaching methodologies and technologies. This solid foundation facilitates the delivery of high-level military and civilian education.

MISSION OF THE ACADEMY



THE MISSION OF THE ACADEMY IS TO PREPARE THE OFFICER CORPS OF WORTHY OF THE COUNTRY AND THE MINISTRY, WITH HIGH ETHICS, STRONG MORALE AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, EQUIPPED WITH A HIGHER ACADEMIC AND MILITARY EDUCATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS BASED ON HIGH ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS.



ABOUT THE DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER

The Distance Learning Centre is an educational unit of the Academy, established at the end of 2020. Its primary objective is to promote distance learning within the Ministry of Defence system by enhancing access to education and delivering high-quality, modern, and flexible learning opportunities grounded in contemporary technologies and the core principles of distance education.

Between 2022 and 2025, in pursuit of this objective, the Centre conducted 45 individual types of distance learning courses, comprising a total of 87 cohorts and engaging 2,033 participants. These courses were specifically designed to support the continuous professional development of military and civilian personnel serving within the Ministry of Defence system.

In 2026, the Centre expanded its portfolio by introducing 10 new distance learning courses. Overall, 20 courses will be conducted throughout the year, offered multiple times at varying intervals reflecting the Centre's continued commitment to broadening access to professional education.

In addition to its educational activities, the Centre has organized and successfully hosted the international conference "Distance/Advanced Distributed Learning Challenges and Future" on five separate occasions, establishing a platform for academic exchange, institutional cooperation, and best practice sharing in the field of distance education.

Since the inception of the course, the Distance Learning Center of the National Defence Academy of Georgia has been fully integrated into the course design, development, and delivery processes. The Center provides continuous academic coordination and comprehensive administrative support, ensuring effective course management, quality assurance, and compliance with NATO education and training standards. Its sustained involvement supports the consistent delivery of learning objectives and enhances the overall effectiveness of the course.

Since 2025, the center has been successfully supporting The course "Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Insurgency" and conducted two courses at the local and one course at international level.



ABOUT THE COURSE

The course "Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Insurgency" has been granted "Selected" status by NATO's Allied Command Transformation and is listed in the NATO Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC Code: CTM-CT-37187). The course is also registered in the Partnership Real-Time Information, Management and Exchange System (ePRIME).



AIM OF THE COURSE

The course aims to provide participants with theoretical knowledge and strengthen practical skills to successfully deal with the large-scale nature of the threats posed by terrorism and insurgent's movements.

The course also aims to introduce students to effective counterterrorism and counterinsurgency strategies which is based on the rule of law, human rights, and modern innovative strategies.

General description of the course

This course is designed for mid-level to advanced professionals involved in counter-terrorism efforts, including law enforcement and security personnel, military and intelligence officers, government policymakers, private sector security professionals, and academic researchers. Participants should have foundational experience in national security, law enforcement, or related fields and seek to enhance their expertise in strategic, tactical, and analytical aspects of counter-terrorism.

Target Audience

Participants should have foundational experience in national security, law enforcement, or related fields and seek to enhance their expertise in strategic, tactical, and analytical aspects of counter-terrorism.

The course employs interactive methodologies—including case-based learning, policy development exercises, tabletop simulations, and collaborative group projects—to foster analytical reasoning, leadership, and strategic decision-making within the NATO operational framework.

Within the framework of the course:

- Students will have to discuss individual cases and critically analyze them during group work.
- Students will prepare a Policy paper related to the course topic, in agreement with the course instructor.
- Students will prepare a presentation related to the course topic in groups, in agreement with the course instructor.
- After completing the course, a closed-ended exam will be administered to graduates.

Rank Level:

OR-6, OR-7, OR-9, OF-2, OF-3, OF-4, OF-5 and civilian equivalent (Law enforcement, security/intelligence officers, academics, experts).

Language Proficiency:

English STANAG 6001 – Level 2/2/2/2 (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing)

CEFR Level: B2

Course Requirements:

Attendees of the course must meet one of the following condition/conditions:

- Must serve in a relevant unit with military intelligence or security functions;
- Must serve in a special operations unit whose goals include combating terrorism and conducting counter-terrorism operations;
- Must serve in brigade headquarter, general staff, Ministries of Defense, interior and foreign affairs, security and intelligence services.
- Must serve in one of the state agencies implementing counter-terrorism policy;
- Must work/serve in the brigade headquarters, the General Staff, the Ministries of Defense, Interior, Justice and Foreign Affairs, security and intelligence services, the Prosecutor's Office, and agencies involved in counter-terrorism activities in relevant areas.
- The civilian must work and have at least 2 years of professional experience in the brigade headquarters, general headquarters, the Ministries of Defense, Interior and Foreign Affairs, security and intelligence services, counter-terrorism agencies, the Ministry of Justice and the Prosecutor's Office, as well as in educational/scientific institutions of defense, interior, security and intelligence in relevant areas.

Course Duration and Number of Students

It is a five-day residential course;

Minimum- 8 personnel;

Maximum - 30 personnel;

Course seats will be allocated in the order in which applications are received.

Course Director

PROFESSOR
KAKHA
PUTKARADZE



Kakha Putkaradze holds a Ph.D. in Social Sciences and Master's degrees in Conflict Analysis and Management (with a specialization in Security Studies) and Law.

He serves as an Associate Professor in the Department of Defense and Security at the David Aghmashenebeli National Defense Academy of Georgia (LEPL). He is also an Assistant-Professor in the Department of International Relations at Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University.

Dr. Putkaradze has more than eleven years of professional experience in both the public and private sectors, specializing in legal affairs, security analysis, research, and higher education.

He is the author of more than 27 scholarly publications focusing on national and international security, terrorism, radicalization, extremism, and conflict studies. His research has been published in internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals and indexed scientific databases in Georgia and abroad.

Dr. Putkaradze has actively participated in numerous international scientific conferences and collaborative research projects with academic institutions in Georgia and internationally. He has also served as the author, principal investigator, and coordinator of several academic research projects and is the author of multiple books in the fields of security and international relations.

His research interests include national and international security, terrorism, radicalization, extremism, hybrid warfare, conflict analysis and contemporary security challenges.

Course Fees, Accommodation and Meals

The course will be conducted at the premises of the National Defence Academy.

COURSE FEE

There is no course fee. Participation in this course is free of charge.

Travel Costs:

Participants are responsible for covering the cost of their international travel.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Standard Accommodation All course participants will be accommodated at a hotel on the Academy premises (if the candidate wishes to stay on the base). Three meals per day, as well as coffee breaks during the course, will be provided throughout the duration of the course.

Participants who prefer to arrange their own accommodation outside the Academy may do so at their own expense. In this case, the Academy will provide transportation between the hotel and the Academy.

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Transportation:

The Academy will arrange airport transfers for all international participants, including both arrival pick-up and departure drop-off coordinated with individual flight schedules.

For local participants, shuttle service will be available between Tbilisi and Gori.r. Each day, participants will be picked up by a minibus from Dimitri Uznadze Street, at the Ministry of Defence's external parking area, and after the completion of the lectures, transportation will return them to the same location in Tbilisi.

Transportation Point of Contact:

Civilian Lekso tchotcheli
WhatsApp: +995 59955 78 66



Electronic Devices / Wi-Fi:

It is highly recommended to bring your personal devices for this course. Open Wi-Fi is available. If you wish to borrow a tablet from NDA, please let the course administrator in advance.

Healthcare:

A Medical Centre is located within the NDA area and provides Role 1–1+ medical support, including first aid, emergency medical care, and urgent dental services.

Dress Code:

All military participants are required to wear normal working dress or Combat/Camouflage Uniform. Class A Uniform is not required.

The dress code for civilian participants and guest speakers is Business Casual, which consists of a sleeved shirt and trousers, with or without jacket and tie. Ladies are expected to wear equivalent professional attire.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE, PLEASE
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