ACSC Air Reserve Component Seminar (ARCS)

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve majors have the opportunity to enhance their Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) distance learning (DL) professional military education (PME) during the Air Reserve Component Seminar (ARCS). ACSC ARCS is a blended-learning program consisting of two, two-week seminars (phases) conducted in June of two consecutive years at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The ACSC ARCS offers an in-resident experience to those total force officers without the opportunity or time to attend a resident PME program.

ACSC ARCS participants follow the ACSC 6.0 DL curriculum and are required to complete certain pre-requisites before they participate in Phase I. During the period between seminars, members are expected to complete certain curriculum requirements at home station. These requirements are pre-requisites for attending Phase II the following year.

Upon successful completion of the ACSC ARCS program, students will have satisfied their IDE requirement and earn JPME Level-1 credit. Only non-resident IDE credit will be reflected in ACSC ARCS student personnel records.

The ACSC ARCS program provides an enriched learning environment that uses a combination of student-led seminars, guest lectures and exercises facilitated by AU resident and distance learning faculty.

For ANG and full-time Reservists, the ARCS TDYs are completely unit funded. For IMAs and other Reservists, ARCS attendance is centrally funded by AFRC.

**ACSC DL students currently enrolled in ACSC DL who have already completed the Applied Leadership in Command (ALC) course are ineligible to apply for Phase I ARCS.**

**ACSC ARCS PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

- New ACSC ARCS (Phase I) students must complete the ACSC 6.0 Student Orientation and the self-paced Leadership and Command (LC) courses BEFORE attending Phase I at Maxwell AFB. These are pre-requisites to attend Phase I. Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin working on their ACSC pre-requisites BEFORE official ARCS selection notification. During the
Phase I TDY, students will complete the Applied Leadership and Command (ALC), the self-paced National Security (NS) and the Applied NS courses.

- Phase II students must successfully complete the Warfare Studies (WS), Airpower Studies (AP), and Applied Warfare Studies (AW) courses before attending Phase II. These are prerequisites to attend Phase II and must be completed **NLT 1 Mar** in order to attend Phase II. Phase II students will complete the Joint Forces (JF) and Joint Planning (JP) courses while at Maxwell and then will complete the Joint Air (JA) and Applied Joint Warfare (AJW) courses at home station to complete the ACSC DL 6.0 program. Phase II students **DO NOT** need to re-apply to the ARCS program the following year. Once selected for the ARCS program, students are considered accepted into both phases of the program.

**ACSC ARCS eligibility information:**

* Open to all ANG and AFRC O-4s
* Major selects must pin-on prior to class start date
* TFCSD must not exceed 18 years by application date

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