

WHY HIGH PERFORMING MAJORS CHOOSE SAMS:

- Pursue intellectual challenges
- Foster discipline, personal resilience, and problem-solving skills
- Become part of a network of warrior-scholars and lifelong learners



SAMS GRADUATES:

- Are awarded a Master of Art in Military Operations
- 6S Officer Additional Skill Identifier
- Serve a utilization tour within a Division, Corps, or Army Service Component Command (Tier I / O1A)
- Drive the operations process at division, corps, and higher headquarters
- Anticipate risk, identify decision points, and generate options
- Integrate doctrine, history, theory, and practice into war-winning solutions



“SAMS doesn’t teach you what to think. It teaches you how to think.”



MISSION:

The School of Advanced Military Studies educates select Armed Forces, Interagency, and Allied members to become critical and creative thinkers, agile and adaptive leaders, and skilled practitioners of doctrine and operational art; enabling senior leaders to drive the operations process and achieve favorable strategic, operational, and tactical outcomes.



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THE MIND IS THE KEY TO VICTORY



WHAT AMSP DEVELOPS:

Skilled practitioners of doctrine and operational art



GRADUATE OUTCOMES:

- Engage senior leaders to enable decision making and their ability to visualize, describe and direct
- Analyze and assess complex ambiguous operational environments
- Understand, anticipate and adapt to emerging missions
- Teach, coach, mentor, and lead planning teams



CORE ATTRIBUTES:

- Intellectual curiosity
- Moral courage and integrity
- Humility and interpersonal skills
- Physical and mental stamina

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THE AMSP EXPERIENCE:

SEMINAR-BASED EDUCATION



- Seminars of 14-15 students
- Led by former battalion commander paired with PhD faculty member
- Daily coaching, teaching, and mentoring
- Adult learning model

ACADEMIC COURSEWARE



- Theoretical Foundations
- Reflections on Operational Warfare
- Operational Art & Multidomain Operations
- Design & Systems Thinking
- Great Power Perspectives
- Future Operational Environments
- Research, Writing, & Communication
- Applied Integrated Planning
- Western Theater Staff Ride

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENTS



- Individual monograph (9,000 - 11,000 words)
- 3-hour oral comprehensive exam



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

AMSP seeks high-performing individuals with the potential to operate at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels of war.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Majors in Year Group (YG) 2015 or earlier who are KD complete
- Officers in YG 2016 and forward
- Successfully complete Service ILE prior to 22 June 2027
- Joint service officers
- International military officers screened by CGSC IMSD
- DoD Civilians (GS-13/14 equivalent)
- Interagency Partners
- Officers in the following branches: AD, AG, AR, AV, CM, CY, EN, FA, IN, LG, MI, MP, MSC (Only 67A, 67J), SC, SF, CA, & PSYOP. Functional areas 30, 40, 49, and 59.



APPLICATION WINDOW:

- MILPER NLT 01 JUN 26
- Application window: 01 JUN - 15 AUG
- Examination window: 04 - 16 AUG
- Interview window: 01 - 28 AUG
- Selection board: 08 - 12 SEP
- List release: NET 23 SEP & NLT 15 OCT

**See MILPER (1 JUN 26) for a full list of eligibility requirements