Comparative Defense Policy (US, China, Russia, NATO) Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Defense and Security	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the core principles guiding US, China, Russia, and NATO defense policies.
2. Analyze strategic competition dynamics using trending defense analytics tools.
3. Evaluate military doctrines and modernization strategies across major powers.
4. Compare force posture, capability development, and budgetary priorities.
5. Assess emerging threats, including cyber warfare, space militarization, and AI-enabled systems.
6. Examine geopolitical drivers influencing regional defense strategies.
7. Interpret defense procurement patterns and industrial base capacities.
8. Analyze alliance structures and multilateral security cooperation.
9. Identify hybrid threats, gray-zone tactics, and unconventional warfare tools.
10. Conduct comparative risk assessments for global security environments.
11. Evaluate defense readiness, resilience planning, and strategic deterrence mechanisms.
12. Strengthen analytical skills for defense policy decision-making.
13. Apply case-based insights to real-world defense and national security challenges.

Organizational Benefits

- Strengthened analytical capacity for evaluating global military competition
- Improved defense planning and policy formulation
- Enhanced ability to monitor geopolitical shifts and strategic risks
- Greater understanding of alliance dynamics and multilateral defense cooperation
- Increased preparedness for hybrid, cyber, and asymmetric threats
- Improved capability assessments across global military actors
- Better alignment of institutional priorities with global defense trends
- Strengthened interagency coordination and strategic foresight
- Enhanced organizational resilience through informed security planning
- Support for evidence-based decision-making in defense environments

Target Audiences

- Defense analysts and strategic planners
- Military officers and security practitioners
- Foreign policy advisors and diplomats
- Intelligence community professionals
- Researchers and geopolitics specialists

- International relations and security studies scholars
- Government ministries and defense agencies
- Staff of international organizations and alliances

Course Duration: 10 days

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Comparative Defense Policy

- Understand the purpose and structure of comparative defense analysis
- Explore key components of national defense strategies
- Examine global power competition frameworks
- Identify core variables influencing defense outcomes
- Assess methodological approaches in comparative military studies
- Case Study: Evolution of US–China strategic competition

Module 2: US Defense Policy and Strategy

- Review US national defense strategy priorities
- Analyze force posture across global combatant commands
- Explore modernization in the domains of cyber, AI, and space
- Study US defense budgeting and procurement patterns
- Examine alliance commitments and strategic partnerships
- Case Study: US Indo-Pacific strategy implementation

Module 3: China’s Defense Policy and Military Modernization

- Assess China’s national defense goals and strategic ambitions
- Explore PLA modernization, restructuring, and regional posture
- Evaluate China’s defense industrial base and technology acquisition
- Study security priorities in the South China Sea and beyond
- Analyze military-civil fusion strategies
- Case Study: Expansion of China’s maritime forces

Module 4: Russia’s Defense Policy and Military Doctrine

- Examine Russia’s strategic worldview and security drivers
- Explore modernization programs and readiness priorities
- Assess hybrid warfare and information operations capabilities
- Study nuclear doctrine and deterrence strategies
- Evaluate regional influence operations in Eastern Europe
- Case Study: Russia’s modernization of its missile forces

Module 5: NATO Defense Policy and Alliance Dynamics

- Explore NATO’s collective defense principles and structures
- Analyze capability alignment across member states
- Review NATO readiness initiatives and rapid response strategies
- Evaluate contributions from major alliance partners
- Study strategic challenges in Eastern Europe
- Case Study: NATO’s Enhanced Forward Presence

Module 6: Military Doctrines and Strategic Concepts

- Compare doctrines of major global powers
- Analyze strategic deterrence models
- Examine integrated warfare and multi-domain operations
- Study escalation management approaches
- Evaluate defensive and offensive operational concepts
- Case Study: Comparative doctrine review between US and China

Module 7: Defense Budgets, Procurement, and Industrial Capabilities

- Explore defense spending trends among major powers
- Study procurement cycles and decision-making practices
- Assess defense industrial base strengths and vulnerabilities
- Analyze arms exports and strategic dependencies
- Review global supply chain challenges and risks
- Case Study: Defense procurement reform in the United States

Module 8: Regional Defense Strategies

- Understand regional security environments across key theaters
- Compare Indo-Pacific, European, and Eurasian strategies
- Evaluate regional power balances and flashpoints
- Study maritime security and air dominance competitions
- Assess alliance networks influencing regional stability
- Case Study: Security challenges in the Taiwan Strait

Module 9: Cyber Defense and Information Warfare

- Study cyber capabilities of major global actors
- Identify offensive and defensive cyber strategies
- Analyze information warfare and digital influence campaigns
- Explore cyber deterrence models
- Review international norms in cyber conflict
- Case Study: State-sponsored cyber operations and their impact

Module 10: Space Security and Defense

- Explore military use of space and satellite networks
- Study space-based surveillance and targeting systems
- Assess anti-satellite capabilities and strategic risks
- Examine global competition for space dominance
- Review governance frameworks for space security
- Case Study: Satellite disruption in a modern conflict scenario

Module 11: Emerging and Disruptive Military Technologies

- Examine advances in AI, robotics, and autonomous systems
- Study hypersonic weapons and next-generation missile technology
- Analyze electronic warfare innovations
- Assess quantum computing implications for defense
- Review global competition in defense technologies

- Case Study: Development of hypersonic programs by major powers

Module 12: Hybrid Warfare and Gray-Zone Conflict

- Define hybrid threats and gray-zone tactics
- Examine influence operations and unconventional tools
- Study proxy warfare and covert actions
- Evaluate resilience challenges for targeted nations
- Explore integrated responses to hybrid aggression
- Case Study: Gray-zone tactics in Eastern Europe

Module 13: Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Policy

- Study nuclear doctrines of major global powers
- Analyze deterrence theory in contemporary contexts
- Examine strategic arms control frameworks
- Evaluate modernization of nuclear arsenals
- Study crisis stability mechanisms
- Case Study: Nuclear posturing during a geopolitical crisis

Module 14: Defense Diplomacy and Multilateral Cooperation

- Understand the role of diplomacy in defense strategy
- Study multilateral institutions and cooperative security mechanisms
- Examine military-to-military engagement programs
- Explore roles of defense agreements and partnerships
- Assess challenges to international defense cooperation
- Case Study: NATO–US–EU coordination strategies

Module 15: Future Trends in Global Defense Competition

- Examine long-term shifts in global military power
- Study emerging geopolitical hotspots
- Analyze acceleration of AI-enabled warfare
- Evaluate evolving alliance systems and strategic blocs
- Assess future risk scenarios for global security
- Case Study: Projected defense competition in 2035

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led lectures supported by comparative defense analysis
- Group discussions and peer-to-peer review of strategic scenarios
- Case study evaluations across US, China, Russia, and NATO contexts
- Practical analytical exercises using policy and capability frameworks
- Simulation-based assessments of geopolitical risk scenarios
- Course toolkits, readings, and policy templates for applied learning

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Certification

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a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
02 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Online	$2,000
02 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
02 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
02 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
02 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Physical	$12,000
02 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Physical	$9,000
02 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Physical	$12,000
02 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Physical	$12,000

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