



Air Force Installation & Mission Support Center

Combat Support Integrator Course

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The Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (AFIMSC) is developing the Combat Support Integrator Course (CSIC) to train leaders within Units of Action, or UoAs. These leaders will guide their squadrons through every phase of the Air Force Force Generation (AFFORGEN) model, advising on and leading training and exercises outlined in AFFORGEN 100-400 level events guidance. They will also serve as primary mission planners for initial deployments and provide ongoing contingency planning within their area of operations.

Tactical planners and advisors with a strategic focus

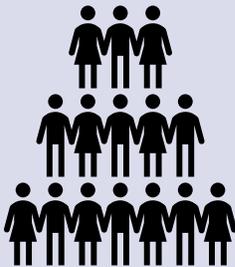
The CSIC develops joint-minded leaders and advisors focused on deployed airbase operations. Through rigorous academics and 240 hours of training, the course instills warfighting principles to support and ensure USAF combat power generation.

The curriculum includes the Air Force Tactics Development and Evaluation process, critical thinking, problem solving, and joint-and composite-force integrated employment training. CSIC graduates apply joint and Air Force doctrine, policies, and tactics, techniques, and procedures to assess and improve the effectiveness of combat support forces. They foster the execution of combat support operations in complex and uncertain battle space, enabling integrated land, air, space, and cyberspace power projection in contested environments.

Following a July 2024 beta course at Fort Bliss, Texas, AFIMSC refined the CSIC curriculum based on lessons learned. The refined curriculum extends the course from three to four weeks and places greater emphasis on mission planning and training plan development. A capstone project was also added, requiring students to create training and exercise plans and present them to their UoA leadership.



Personnel



30 Students
Open to UoA Members
E6-E8/O2-O3

Training



26 Blocks of Instruction
240 Hours

Location



Expeditionary Center
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-
Lakehurst, New Jersey

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CSIC DELIVERS

WEEK 1

- How to use Intel to Prep the Battlefield
- Force Presentation Model
- Critical Thinking
- Mission Command Ideology
- Mission Planning
- Joint Planning
- Air Force Planning Process
- Military Decision-Making Process/Troop Leading Procedures
- Time Phased Force Deployment Data Utilization

WEEK 2

- Sustainment Pillar Capabilities
- Protection Pillar Capabilities
- Port Operations Pillar Capabilities
- Airfield Operations & Site Surveys

WEEK 3

- Comprehensive Exercise Planning Course
- Debrief Fundamentals
- After Action Report Creation and Integration
- Air Force Tactics Development and Evaluation Process
- Detailed Training Plan Design/Execution
- White Cell Scenario Development Course

WEEK 4

- Two Full Mission Profile Exercises
 - White Cell Operations
 - Observer/Controller Operations
 - Debrief and AAR Development
- Complete & Brief Capstone Project
 - Robust Training & Exercise Plan for UoA
 - Ready to Deliver to UoA Commander Upon Return

CSIC GRADUATES DELIVER

IN GARRISON

- Operational advisor to CC (creating a multifaceted combat support force)
- Leads process for large scale training plan development (57 core tasks)
- Leads process for iterative exercise planning from checkpoint exercises to a 400-level certification event
- Leads cultural shift within UoA focused on resilient operations in contested environments

PRE-DEPLOYMENT

- Leads pre-deployment planning and preparation activities
- Conducts deployed AOR assessments for pre-deployment requirements
- Leads large scale mission planning requirements for deployment of UoA to initial deployment AOR

IN-DEPLOYED AOR

- UoA mission capability expert
- Lead planner for deployed mission planning (Main Operating Base>Forward Operating Site>Contingency Location Operations)
- Integrates with operational planners to advocate and represent combat support activities for contested environments
- Leads redeployment activities for UoA

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