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**Ghana Armed Forces
Command and Staff College
(GAFSC)**

GAFCSC IN PERSPECTIVE

Establishment of a Staff College for Ghana was conceived immediately after independence in 1957, to train indigenous officers to take over from British military officers. The idea was, however, shelved due to logistics and other administrative constraints. Ghana therefore continued to depend on the vacancies offered at the Staff Colleges of sister Commonwealth nations and other allied countries. In the early 1960s, more trained Staff Officers were required due to the ongoing expansion of the Ghana Armed Forces. In October 1963, the National War College (NWC) was subsequently established to train selected officers for intermediate Command and Staff appointments. In December 1963, the NWC was renamed the National Defence College (NDC). Due to training restructuring and the need to have focused training for the different segments of officers, in January 1964, the NDC was once again renamed the Junior Defence College (JDC).

In 1973, the JDC started admitting students from some allied African countries. After almost 20 years of the College's existence, the need for a Grade II Staff College, as the highest institution of learning to train midstream officers of the rank of Maj and Lt Col and its equivalents in the Navy and Air Force, was conceived. The United Kingdom and Canada supported the project by providing a Military Advisory Team made up of 6 officers from the United Kingdom and 3 from Canada to establish the Ghana Armed Forces Staff College (GAFSC) in July 1976 as a tri-service and a joint institution. The UK-Canada Military Advisory Team worked jointly with selected Ghanaian Officers to form the nucleus of the faculty of the newly-established GAFSC. In October of the same year, the JDC was placed under the Command of the GAFSC as its Junior Division, and the Course renamed the Junior Staff Course (JSC). On 10 January 1977,

Course 1 of the Senior Division of the Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAFCSC) assembled with a course capacity of 28 who were all Ghanaian Officers. The Course was successfully conducted and the first graduation held on 16 December 1977.

This demonstrated the capability of the Ghana Armed Forces, to train officers to meet international standards for placement into higher Command and Staff appointments. Since Course 1 assembled in 1977, some high-ranking officers have been at the helm of affairs and contributed immensely to the success story of the College. The GAFCSC has since had 22 past Commandants with the first being Lt Gen Joshua Mahamadu Hamidu.

Training at GAFCSC is continuously evolving to respond to the needs of global security and strategic national defence imperatives. This is to ensure that the College maintains its prestigious status as a regional centre of excellence and a preferred destination for military studies for officers from sister African countries. Apart from the regular military courses, GAFCSC has since 2014, established an academic division for post-graduate programmes. Currently, the College runs Master of Science in Defence and International Politics, Masters of Science in Security Studies programmes and the Doctor of Philosophy programme in Defence and International Politics. The College also organises other short and modular courses in Maritime Sector Governance, Multi-Domain Operations and Future Wars, Defence Management, Conflict and Crisis Management and the Counter Terrorism and Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Courses. The College hopes to further expand its capacity to attract a wide array of students across the globe into its faculties to undertake other specialised programmes.

G AFCSC LOGO



Description

The Crest of G AFCSC includes the colours of the three Services of the Ghana Armed Forces: Army, Navy and Air Force. The Crossed Sword and Staff represent the Ghana Army, the Fouled Anchor represent the Ghana Navy and the Wings represent wings of the Ghana Air Force. The five-pointed Black Star stands for the lodestar of African Freedom. It is a symbol for the emancipation of Africa and unity against colonialism. It is also a significant and revered symbol of Ghanaian independence and the country's role in African freedom struggles. Its place in the College's Crest is intended to indicate the exemplary illuminance of the country in African and World affairs. At the base is the Latin phrase 'Alite Flammam' meaning 'Fan the Flame' or 'Keep the Flame Alight' describes the College as the torch bearer of military education and also a recognized symbol of learning.

OUR MANDATE

Legal Mandate

The Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College is a constituent college of the National Defence University (NDU) and is accredited by the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC).

Vision

To uphold G AFCSC as a Centre of Excellence and as one of the leading Staff Colleges in Africa and the rest of the world.

Mission

To train selected middle and senior level officers of the Ghana Armed Forces, other security services, qualified civilians as well as officers of friendly armed forces for command, staff and leadership functions in joint, combined and multi-agency operations. To provide higher studies within the national and international environment.

Milestone

Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College has trained selected middle and senior level officers and civilians from over 20 African countries.

CONTROL BOARD

- » Minister for Defence (Chairman)
- » Chief of the Defence Staff
- » Chief of the Army Staff
- » Chief of the Naval Staff
- » Chief of the Air Staff
- » President, NDU
- » Commandant, GAF CSC
- » Chief Director MoD (Secretary)



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KEY APPOINTMENT HOLDERS OF THE COLLEGE

- » Commandant
- » Deputy Commandant
- » Assistant Commandant (Senior Division)
- » Assistant Commandant (Junior Division)
- » Dean of Academic Affairs (Academic Division)
- » Chief Coordinator
- » Director Research, Innovation and Development
- » Director Corporate Affairs
- » Director International Students and Staff
- » Chief Instructor Joint Studies
- » Chief Instructors
- » Financial Comptroller
- » Commanding Officer
- » General Staff Officers Grade I and II
- » IT Manager
- » Registrar
- » Librarian



DIVISIONS

Senior Division

The Senior Division of the College trains selected senior officers of the rank of Major and Lieutenant Colonel (or their equivalents) from the Ghana Armed Forces, other security services, and Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, as well as officers from allied armed forces. The programme prepares participants for command, staff, and leadership roles in joint, combined, and multi-agency operations at the operational level. It also offers advanced studies in security and defence in national and international contexts.

Junior Division

The Junior Division of GAFSC trains mid-career officers (Captains and Majors or equivalents) from the Ghana Armed Forces, other security services, civilians, and allied armed forces. This training prepares them for command, staff, and leadership roles in various operations, including joint, combined, and multi-agency environments at the tactical level. Additionally, the division offers advanced studies in national and international contexts.

Academic Division

The Academic Division of GAFSC aims to deliver high-calibre postgraduate academic training that complements traditional military instruction. Annually, the Division produces graduates who are equipped with the intellectual and strategic competencies required to meet the changing demands of our diplomatic and geopolitical landscape. Through a dynamic curriculum and interdisciplinary approach, the Division fosters professional excellence among both military and civilian students across the security and diplomatic sectors..

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIP

GAFSC collaborates with various stakeholders in industry and academic to conduct;

- » Military Training
- » Academic Training
- » Module Training in Specialised Areas
- » Cut-to-Measure Programmes
- » Research
- » Symposium/Public Lectures
- » Conferences
- » Exchange Programmes
- » Publications

OUR PROGRAMMES

Military Training Programmes

- » Senior Command and Staff Course (psc) - One Year.
- » Junior Staff Course Senior (jsc) - Four (4) and Half months.

Modular/Certificate Course

- » Maritime Sector Governance Course (MSG) - Two weeks.
- » Foreign Policy and Institutional Diplomacy Course - Two weeks.
- » Multi-Domain Operations and Future Warfare Course (MDO) - Two weeks.
- » Defence Management Course (DMC) - Two weeks.
- » Conflict and Crisis Management Course (CCMC) - Two weeks.
- » Counter Terrorism/Counter Improvised Explosive Device Course (CT/CIED) - One week.

Academic Programmes

- » Doctor of Philosophy programme in Defence and International Politics (Ph.D) - Four (4) years.
- » Master of Science in Defence and International Politics (MDIP) - One year.
- » Master of Science in Security Studies (MSS) - One year.
- » Post Graduate Diploma in Defence and Security Studies (PGDDSS) - Four and Half months.

MILITARY PROGRAMMES

Senior Command and Staff Course

The Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAF CSC) offers a 46-week Senior Command and Staff Course (SCSC) through lectures, syndicate discussions, room simulation exercises, and other instructional methods, to enhance the leadership, analytical, and communication skills of officers in the Ghana Armed Forces, other African armed forces, and sister security services; preparing them for command and staff functions at the tactical to operational levels, fostering understanding across services, deepening awareness of geopolitical and civil-military issues, promoting national development and academic scholarship.

Junior Staff Course

The 19-week Junior Staff Course (JSC) at the College, is designed to enhance junior officers' leadership, analytical, and communication skills for command and staff functions through an integrated (military and academic) programme, focused on staff work techniques; the structure and roles of the Ghana Armed Forces; sub-unit to formation level training; domestic and international affairs influence on stability; command, leadership and management; fundamental logistics processes; and the physical, social, and spiritual development of officers.

MODULAR

Maritime Sector Governance Course (MSG)

This course aims to equip professional maritime practitioners, major stakeholders, and key decision-makers with the foundational knowledge for effective maritime sector governance by raising awareness of resource potential and surveillance needs, identifying management capabilities and stakeholder roles; fostering appreciation for collaborative contributions, developing mechanisms for joint training and financing; establishing a comprehensive management organization; and ultimately, promoting the effective harnessing of Ghana's Blue Economy and maritime resources for socio-economic development.

Foreign Policy and Institutional Diplomacy Course

This module explores the intricate dynamics of international diplomacy, peace, and security in the context of current global security challenges. It is to help explore the lessons learnt particularly, the importance of early warning systems, international intervention, and post-conflict reconstruction. The target audience for this module are regular officer students at GAF CSC pursuing the Senior Command and Staff Course, invited external participants from Ministries, Departments, and Agencies as well as civilian students pursuing academic programmes at the College.

Multi-Domain Operations and Future Warfare Course (MDO)

This course aims to develop participants' understanding of Multi-Domain Operations (MDO) by exploring the concept and its significance in modern warfare, including contributions to land, maritime, air, cyber, and nuclear forces, while also examining the psychological challenges

faced by operational commanders, and strategies for fostering a supportive command climate. Additionally, the course delves into the technological landscape shaping future wars (AI, robotics, cyber, hypersonic weapons); analyses operational design considerations specific to MDO; discusses command and control structures; investigate the role of information warfare and influence operations; assess the challenges and opportunities of joint force integration; explores strategies for countering hybrid warfare; and forecast future trends in warfare, culminating in a practical Simulated MDO exercise where learnt concepts are applied.

Defence Management Course (DMC)

This course aims to familiarize participants with Ghana's domestic security and defence framework, enabling civil servants and military officers to understand defense's role within national and regional security, appreciate the necessity of cooperation and coordination within the Ghanaian security sector for broader benefits, comprehend the importance and application of political direction in defence, and foster mutual appreciation for each other's legitimate roles within the security and defence sectors. The module is to expose uniformed and civilian personnel working within the security sector to the issues, principles and techniques relevant to improving the governance and management of the defence and security sectors.

Conflict and Crisis Management Course (CCMC)

This course aims to provide participants with a clear understanding of conflict and internal crisis management so they can work more effectively, efficiently, and cohesively, achieved by developing an understanding of various aspects of conflict and crisis management, practising these skills in simulation exercises, reinforcing links between personnel and agencies, examining opportunities for future joint training and education, and fostering professional linkages between institutions.

Counter Terrorism/Counter Improvised Explosive Device Course (CT/CIED)

This course aims to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of Counter-Terrorism (CT) and Counter Improvised Explosive Device (CIED) management, enabling them to effectively and cohesively respond to such incidents at the operational and tactical levels by providing insight into current terrorism trends, Ghana's CT framework, the effectiveness of CT/CIED strategies, radicalization/de-radicalization issues, media coverage of terrorism, and IED operations.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Doctor of Philosophy programme in Defence and International Politics (Ph.D)

This programme offers an unparalleled opportunity to learn from seasoned professionals and academics with extensive experience in defence, governance, and international relations, while engaging in cutting-edge research across diverse fields like defence and security studies, political economy, geo-spatial and artificial intelligence, cyber-security, health security, international relations, diplomacy, and strategic studies. This makes the programme ideal for military/security professionals, policymakers, academics, and anyone passionate about shaping the future of national defence and international politics.

Master of Science in Defence and International Politics (MDIP)

Unlock your potential and gain the skills necessary to navigate the complex landscape of global security and defence. Our rigorous programmes are designed for military and/or security personnel, government officials, and civilians who aspire to lead in the fields of security, defence and international relations

Master of Science in Security Studies (MSS)

This programme is designed to deepen students' understanding of global geopolitics, security, and the interplay between economic and geopolitical forces. Students will develop critical thinking and strategic planning skills essential for effective decision-making. Learn from expert faculty with real-world experience, and engage with a comprehensive curriculum that covers security policy, international relations, conflict resolution, and strategic studies. The programme also offers valuable networking opportunities with experts in the defense and security sectors, along with flexible learning options to suit your schedule.

Post Graduate Diploma in Defence and Security Studies

This unique qualification blends modern security and defence studies with the foundational principles of military history, science, and art. It also develops broad, transferable critical thinking skills. Intergrated to the Junior Staff College mandate, the programme provides comprehensive insight into the application of basic tactics, operational staff work, service writing, operations of war, and other key staff-related disciplines.

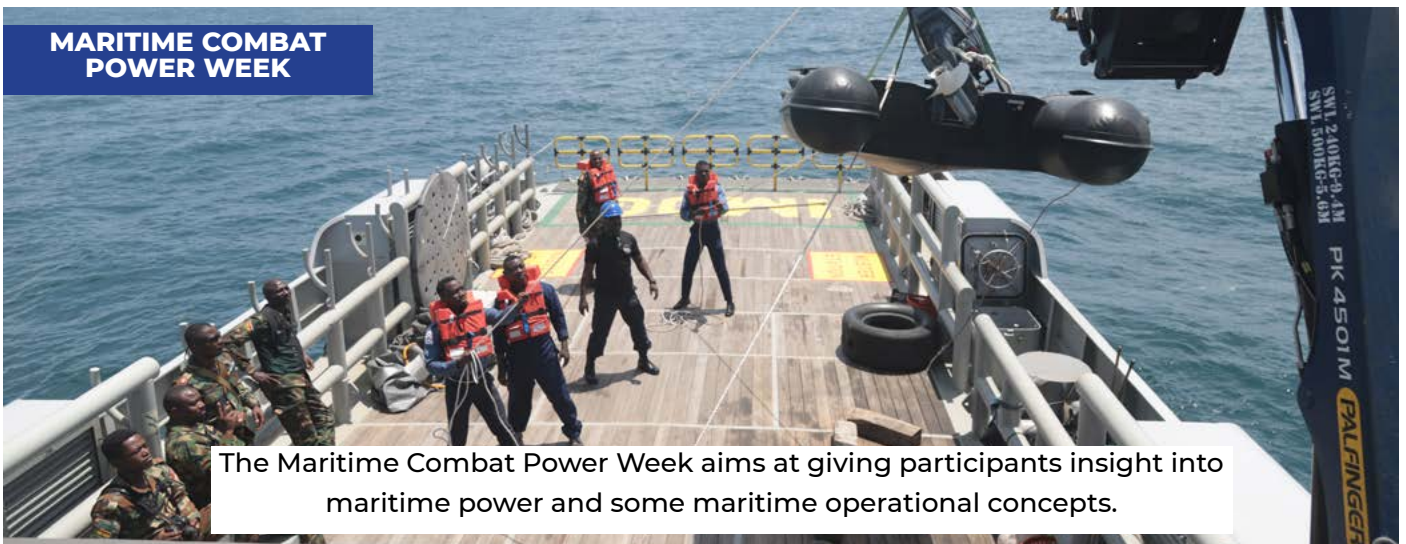
SERVICE WEEKS

ARMY COMBAT POWER WEEK



The Army Combat Power Week outlines roles, concepts of operations, organization, major equipment and capabilities of the Land Forces.

MARITIME COMBAT POWER WEEK



The Maritime Combat Power Week aims at giving participants insight into maritime power and some maritime operational concepts.

AIR COMBAT POWER WEEK



The Air Combat Power Week aims at exposing students to some characteristics and capabilities of air power.

TOURISM

The Allied students of Senior Command and Staff Course embark familiarisation tour to some tourist sites in Ghana to gain knowledge of the country's rich history, culture, and military heritage.

The tour provides a unique opportunity for the students to gain first hand experience and insight into the operational environment and capabilities of the Ghana Armed Forces. The visits aim to foster stronger relationships and enhance military cooperation between Ghana and other allied countries.



OUR STAKEHOLDERS

GAFCSC engages with a diverse range of stakeholders, reflecting its multifaceted role as a regional centre of excellence for military education and defence management. These stakeholders are crucial to the College's mission, operations, and continued development



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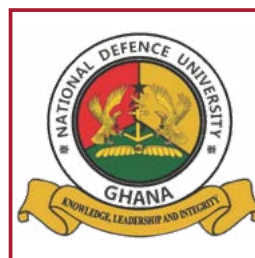
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