

DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION

STUDY GUIDE

HELLENIC
SUPREME JOINT
WAR COLLEGE



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it is pointed out that, in this (document, message, etc.),
the use of the first gender (masculine)
is formal and refers to the duty - capacity
and not to the gender."*



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Historical Background

In 1999, the Hellenic National Defence General Staff (HNDGS), having observed the drastic evolutions in the modern warfare and the rearrangements in the Global Defence industry, set up the School of the Joint Defence Staff Officers for a small number of selected officers by the three branches (Land, Naval, Air Forces).

In 2003 the HNDGS decided to set up the Supreme Joint War College (SJWC) for senior staff and commanding officers derived from the three branches. The College is placed in Thessaloniki, specifically at the Laskaridis Camp where the base of the Hellenic Army War College since the WWI.

Emblem

The **emblem** of SJWC is a combination of the basic emblem of the Hellenic National Defense General Staff (HNDGS) (Ancient Hoplite's Helmet, Anchor, Wings, which represents, the three branches) among with the symbols of a book and a sword, which cuts the "Gordian Knot", thus symbolizing strength and determination through joint planning.

The motto of SJWC
"STRENGTH IN UNITY"
«EN TH ENΩΣΕΙ Η ΙΣΧΥΣ»

is inscribed on the top of the emblem in order to emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of the Supreme Joint War College.



Aim

Aim of SJWC is to enhance senior officer's ability to plan, coordinate and conduct joint operations in the modern multilevel war environment.

SJWC training principles' aim at promoting the following educational aspects:

- Conduct realistic, high-quality, and multi-faceted training.
- Continuous collaboration with other academic and military training institutes.
- Constant promotion of joint military culture among the students.



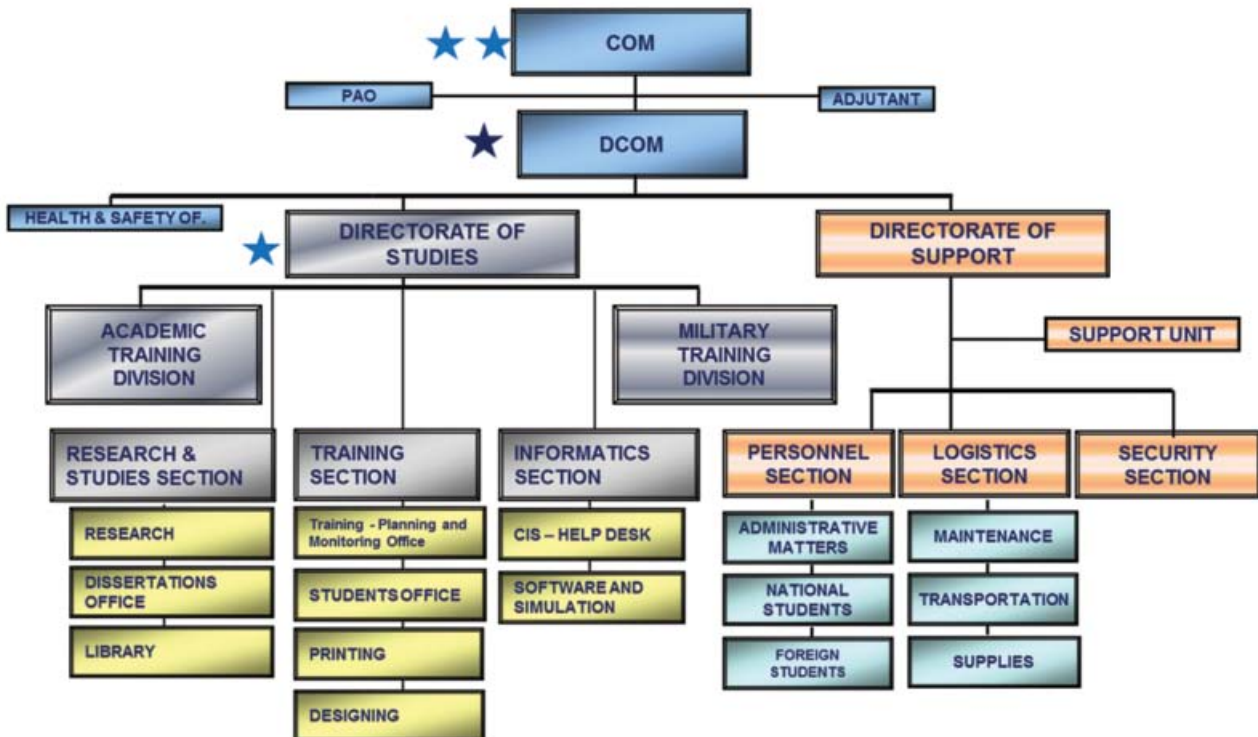
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- Constructively Conduct Research, Publish, Participation in Academic Discussions, and Wargame with the entire faculty and students; generate ideas and concepts as the Hellenic Armed Forces' intellectual field runner for the application of Land-Naval-Air power at the operational and strategic level.
- Promotes Strategic Leader Development through agile, constantly reviewed and updated courses that advance leadership skills and senior leader abilities.

Mission

SJWC prior mission is to provide senior officers of the three branches of the Armed Forces with common training on operational and strategic level as well as academic education on key geopolitical issues. Thus, SJWC seeks to extend the skills of senior leaders that are essential to success in the modern operating environment.

Organization



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Academic Divisions

The overall training is carried out by the following two Training Divisions:

- Military Studies
- Academic Studies

Each academic year's exact syllabus and curriculum is specified by SJWC and approved by HNDGS, after taking into consideration the previous year's Lessons Learned, the feedback from the graduates and the ongoing development on international/regional geopolitics. In general, each Training Division focuses on the following Syllabus:

Military Studies

Cognitive domain A: National and allied joint operational planning, direction, execution and support of joint operations.

Cognitive domain B: Joint doctrines.

Cognitive domain C: Organization and operation of Hellenic Armed Forces Academic Studies

Cognitive domain D: International and Regional Environment - Defensive Planning - International Relations/Organisms - International Law.

Cognitive domain E: Leadership - Command - Management - Crisis Management - Decision Making Process

Cognitive domain F: Communication techniques

Also, Academic Studies in collaboration with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki provides a Master's Degree in "Arts of Strategy"

Education and Training

Training is conducted mostly by means of seminars and exercises. It generally includes:

- E-learning/distance training
- Presentations (in the form of lectures).
- Interactive discussions between invited lecturers and students, both in the classroom and in the auditorium.
- Discussions in groups on specific issues and problems which reach conclusions and proposals.
- Seminars - News Reviews, conducted by groups or individual students.
- Written Studies/Dissertations on various issues defined by the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Army's

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Navy's and Air Force's General Staff and the War College.

- Seminars addressing subjects on international or national security, in which distinguished visitors from the political, diplomatic and university areas are invited.
- Computer assisted War Games and Exercises.
- Educational journeys, as well as informative trips and visits to domestic facilities of strategic importance concerning national defence and development.

Academic Faculty and Military Training Staff

Academic Faculty

SJWC does not have a permanent Academic Faculty. However, all lessons about geopolitics, economics, history, foreign affairs, diplomacy etc. are conducted by distinguished professors who hold chairs in Greek and foreign Universities. Especially, lessons for the Master's Degree in "Arts of Strategy" are conducted solely by professors of The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The internal responsibilities of the Academic Faculty are carried out by the Training Board of SJWC (Chairman SJWC's Commander). The

SJWC also has signed Memorandum of Agreements with the three universities of the city.

- University of Macedonia
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- International University of Thessaloniki



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Military Training Staff

All military instructors from the permanent personnel are selected senior officers (Lt.Col-Col), graduates of SJWC and/or of Hellenic National Defence College. Many of them hold a Master Degrees, either on management or foreign affairs and economics. All of them speak and write the English language and some of them have fluent knowledge of a second or even a third foreign language. Additionally, they have a minimum of 2 years commanding experience (battalion/regiment level).

Non-permanent external Instructors

Non-permanent guest instructors are usually invited to present a specialized topic of general academics, mainly about issues concerning National Security and Strategy. These instructors usually are:

- Distinguished professors of Greek and foreign Universities.
- Diplomats (Active or retired)
- Active or retired senior officers (generals/admirals) with academic studies and presence.
- Senior staff from public services and/or the private sector.
- Generals or senior staff from Allied or NATO-affiliated countries.

- Distinguished journalists for issues concerning public affairs and media support.

Training Period

The annual training period lasts 10 months covering two main phases:

- Phase 1 “Distance Learning” with 10 weeks duration.
- Phase 2 “In site Training” with 34 weeks duration divided in two semesters.

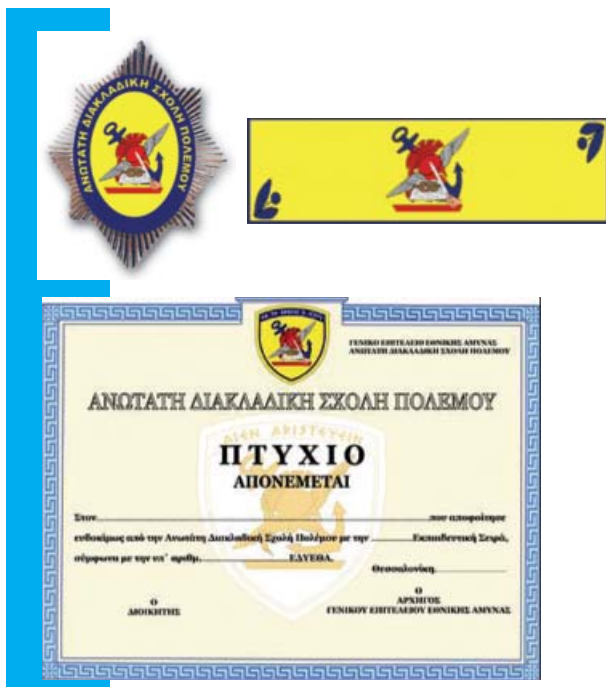
Dissertation-ECTS Units and Diploma

All students during their studies are obliged to write and present a written study/dissertation on a geopolitical, defense related or technological (with defense orientation) subject. Each year's subjects are approved by HNGS. Students choose one topic among a short list of approx. 10 different subjects which is timely presented. This dissertation must be handed over within the actual training period (usually 5 months) after the beginning of in site Training and represent the 20% of the final grade.

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Especially, Students who attend the Master’s Degree Course in “Arts of Strategy” are obliged to write a second/different dissertation on a geopolitical or defense related topic. This procedure is controlled solely by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and it is according to standing European procedures. SJWC students who attend in parallel or after their graduation the Master’s Degree upon completing their studies, receive 90 ECTS

All SJWC graduates receive a diploma signed by the Chief of HNGS and a metal uniform insignia.



(SJWC Diploma and metal insignia for service/dress uniform)

Accreditation

SJWS is the accredited training center of the Hellenic Armed Forces, on Joint Operations Planning. Moreover, once a year SJWS organizes an International Joint Operations Planning Course (IJOPC) supported with Subject Matter Expertise by NATO Deploy Response Corps Greece with the participation of Allied and affiliated senior officers.



Also SJWC provides a Mobile Operational Planning Training Team that delivers Joint Operational Planning Basic and Advanced courses to Cyprus National Guard General Staff and on call invitations from allied nations.

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Every year, SJWC under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) organizes a series of courses, such as:



- **Common Security Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course**
- **Project Management and Methodology (PM²)** in collaboration with the State Bureau for Training, Further Education and Personnel of the North Rhine-Westphalian Police (LAFP)
- **Advanced Module Training (AMT)** in cooperation with the Italian Centre for Higher Defence Studies, the Maynooth University of Ireland, the Swedish Armed Forces International Centre and the EU Military Staff.
- **Maritime Security and Challenges**
- Also, under the auspices of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff and in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross organises a two days workshop in integrating the Inter-

national Humanitarian Law in Military Operations.

- Once a year SJWC conducts a “**Train the Trainers**” course which is focused on adult’s training. This course is organized in cooperation with the Hellenic Ministry of Education. All participants, after their successful graduation receive the respective accreditation from the Ministry of Education, as trainers for Adults.

Activities

Every four months SJWC edits, under the supervision of its permanent staff, the “Joint Review Magazine”, which is distributed to all three branches of the Hellenic Armed Forces and other institutions or services which specialize into the study of defense and geopolitical issues.



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International Trainees

HNDGS invites International trainees from selected countries to attend the Resident Education Program each year. This program offers an opportunity for International Fellows to participate with Greek students in the classes and to study, research, and write on subjects of significance to the security interests of their own and allied nations. The International trainees establish mutual understanding and rapport with Greek and international officers and enrich the educational environment of the HSJWC. Since the International trainees are immersed in Greek culture, they have an opportunity to acquire firsthand knowledge of the Hellenic Armed Forces and its institutions through study and travel.

For students coming from Allied and/or friendly countries the main prerequisites are that they have been nominated by their country's Supreme Military Council and that they are proficient in both Greek and English language.

General

For Administrative Concerns, HSJWC is dependent on HAGS. For usual needs of maintenance, order, discipline and security it is dependent on the Superior Commander of Thessaloniki.

Student Housing

The international students under full scholarship are hosted in houses in the Agia Triada Army Camp. The rest of international students need to make their own housing arrangements.

Financial - Administrative Issues

All financial issues are determined by a HNDGS standing order.

The education cost of students that do not emanate from the three Services of the Hellenic Armed Forces, is chargeable to the budget of the institutions from which they originate.

Dress Code

The HSJWC students are expected to present a professional appearance dur-



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ing all academic events. During the presence in HSJWC all uniforms that are mandatory by the branch service regulation, are expected. During the first day (Monday) service uniform is worn. For the rest of the teaching period, barrack uniform is worn. Daily uniform/dress standards are specified in the academic schedule.

Physical Fitness

A commitment to excellence includes a rigorous approach to the development of physical stamina and strength, maintenance of optimal body fat composition, and leadership by example through the setting of sound health and fitness practices. Physical fitness is an individual responsibility for all members of the class. Assessments of physical fitness will be conducted in accordance with governing regulations of each military service or agency.

Transportation

The students park their vehicles in the designated places. The College Security Office provides the students entry passes for their private vehicles for security reasons.

For the students' transportation, the College allocates buses, which execute daily itineraries from the College to Agia Triada Houses and vice versa.

Medical Support

LASKARIDIS camp role 1 medical facility provides medical care for resident military students and the faculty staff. Students requiring hospitalization or medical care from specialists are referred to military treatment facilities at 424 Army Hospital.

Library

HSJWC has a library with books of different contents. The students can borrow books or magazines to study and for a period not to exceed 20 days for the books and 7 days for magazines. If a student seeks a book that is not available, he can report it to the office of studies for procurement, depending on the College's judgment. Further detail regarding library use can be found in part 6 of the Study guide.

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Officers' Club



The Officers Club of Thessaloniki is located in the city center, near the White Tower monument.

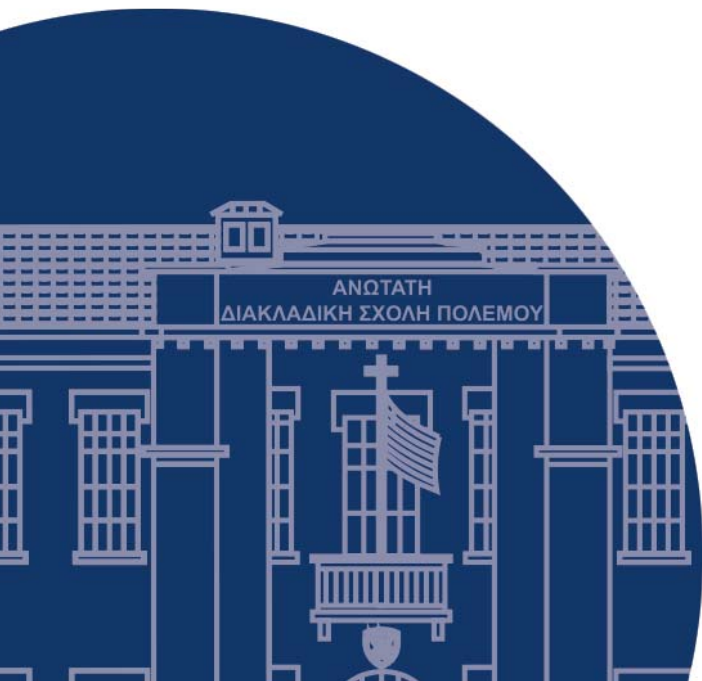
a. The daily hours of operation are:

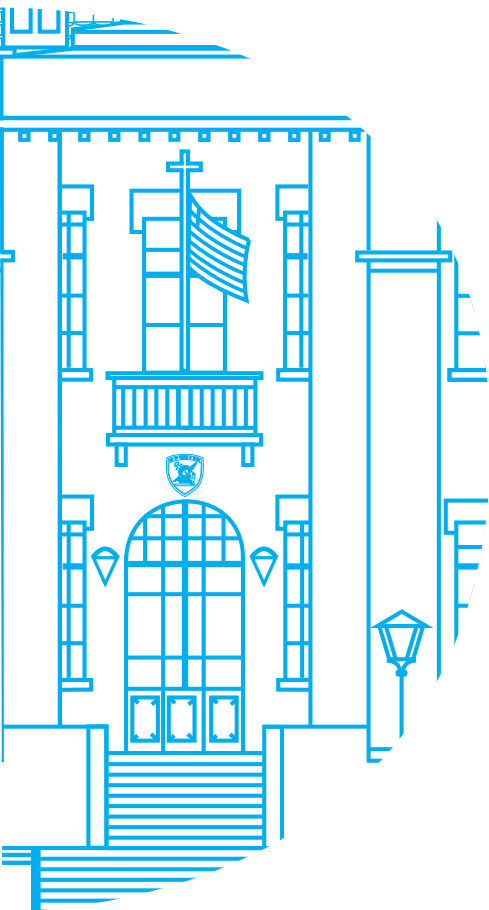
- (1) Lunch: 1300 - 1530
- (2) Dinner: 2000 - 2330.

b. A variety of prepared meals are served during lunch while during dinner a limited menu is served. Take away is also available.

"Every one of you is the leader"

Xenophone





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