THE FUTURE IS NOW

Dense Urban Studies (DUS) is a Strategic Broadening Seminar (SBS) developed and executed by the Institute for Defense and Business (IDB) in collaboration with the National Center for Urban Operations (NCUO). Offered twice a year, this highly acclaimed educational seminar provides the 30+ joint participant cohort with a two-week educational and experiential learning opportunity to explore and understand the urban triad (population, terrain, infrastructure). Military and DoD civilian leaders walk away better equipped to plan and fight in multi-domain and large-scale urban operational environments. Based out of Ft. Hamilton in Brooklyn, NY, participants receive unparalleled access to esteemed faculty, DoD experts, and experienced practitioners across New York's public and private sectors.

ABOUT THE IDB

Programs offered by the IDB target leaders at all levels and multiple functional areas. They are designed to provide knowledge, skills, and tools to better equip leaders to implement impactful change. Some areas of study include strategy, innovation, risk management, contested logistics, data fluency, AI and critical thinking. Our programs educate, energize, and provide leaders with the intellectual capital critical to successful transformation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

0-3 to 0-4
Chief Warrant Officers
Senior Non-Commissioned Officers (bachelor’s degree preferred)
Civilians

REGISTRATION & LOCATION

For more information or to register, contact solutions@idb.org

Program sessions, faculty, dates, and pricing, although current at the time of publication, are subject to change

Ft. Hamilton (New York City and surrounding areas)

TUITION

Price of Program - $10,815.00
Includes tuition, lodging, meals, instructional facilities, and all local program activity

FACULTY REPRESENTATION

Expansive and unrestricted access to institution experts
- Duke Sanford School of Public Policy
- Northeastern University
- UNC Blue Sky Innovations
- UNC Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense
- Emory University Goizueta Business School
- The Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy
- IU Kelley School of Business

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CONTENT DELIVERY

The program provides multiple delivery methods for adult learning:

- Traditional classroom in-residence on post at Ft. Hamilton in Brooklyn
- Expert-led group discussions and fireside chats
- Exclusive on-site visits to agencies and facilities around NYC
- Guest speakers
- Small group scenario work

GRADUATE OUTCOMES

- Comprehend and formulate successful approaches to large-scale combat operations in Dense Urban Environments
- Explore and understand the effects of large-scale combat operations on critical infrastructure, economics, and information within dense urban areas
- Understand and appreciate the complex forms of urban governance as well as the geopolitical implications of urban conflict
- Understand Strategic Compression, how tactical events can have a strategic impact in dense urban areas
- Understand the characteristics of Dense Urban and Subterranean Environments via environmental immersion
- Appreciate the Interagency and Interoperability network challenges that come from operating in a Dense Urban Environment
- Explore innovation as a solution to challenges presented by Dense Urban Environments

TESTIMONIAL

“In their lifetime, most people wouldn’t get to experience one or two of the opportunities that we were provided. However, this course is so incredible, that we got to have those experiences daily.”

DUS Alumnus

SMALL GROUP PROJECTS

Participants will be divided into groups and assigned a scenario along with associated questions which provide a sandbox for application of knowledge gained during their time at DUS. At the conclusion of the seminar, each group will participate in a high-level discussion with expert panel members.