

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) Accreditations

1. Purpose. To provide information on CGSC accreditation processes.

2. Facts.

a. CGSC maintains three accreditations.

(1) Regional (Civilian) Accreditation - CGSC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to award a Master of Military Art and Science (MMAS) degree, and to grant graduate credit for two certificate programs (CGSOC Common Core and the CGSOC Advanced Operations Course).

CGSC hosted an HLC Evaluation Team from 28 Feb through 1 March 2016. CGSC received 26/26 standards met, no monitoring or follow-up reports required, and a recommendation that CGSC choose its Pathway to next reaccreditation in 2026.

(2) Joint Accreditation - The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) accredits CGSC Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase I programs every six (6) years. These include resident and non-resident versions of the Command and General Staff Officer Course (CGSOC) taught by CGSS. CGSC successfully hosted its last JPME I Process for Accreditation of Joint Education (PAJE) team visit in February 2014.

In April 2016, CGSC sought initial accreditation for SAMS' Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program (ASLSP) to award JPME II. The twelve-person PAJE team recommended provisional accreditation for three years pending a 2019 follow-up report on three areas.

(3) Army Accreditation - The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) accredits CGSC to provide fourteen Professional Military Education (PME) programs in three schools: (a) the Command and General Staff School (CGSS); the (b) School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS); and (c) the School for Command Preparation (SCP).

CGSC last hosted a TRADOC accreditation visit in March 2014 and met all standards, earning an "Institution of Excellence" rating. Our next TRADOC accreditation visit will be in 2019.

b. All three accreditations include periodic, comprehensive evaluations of College policies, processes, and practices using standards and criteria developed by the accrediting body. CGSC intentionally makes preparation of these self-studies as broadly participative as possible to familiarize College stakeholders with best practices in higher education, and to engage large numbers of faculty and school administrators in broad-based strategic planning and institutional agenda-setting.

3. For more information, please contact:

William Bassett, Chief, Accreditation Coordination Division, Office of the Dean of Academics
U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027
william.e.bassett12.civ@mail.mil / 913-684-3277