

GENOCIDE AND MASS ATROCITIES STUDIES PROGRAM

The Genocide and Mass Atrocities Studies Program (GMASP) is an interdepartmental initiative to provide students an area of concentration in genocide and mass atrocities and engage in research in this topic. The Department of Command and Leadership (DCL) coordinates the program with representation and courses from all teaching departments.

Vision-- To become the center of DoD educational expertise for mass atrocities and genocide.

Goals-

1. Develop awareness of factors leading to mass atrocities and genocide.
2. Increase understanding of US military role in prevention, response, intervention, and aftermath.
3. Develop mass atrocity and genocide response planning expertise.



Background

The U.S. National Security Strategy, dated May 2010, included for the first time under, *Peace and Armed Conflict, Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities* and states "the United States will work both multilaterally and bilaterally to mobilize diplomatic, humanitarian, financial, and—in certain instances—military means to prevent and respond to genocide and mass atrocities." The U.S. Army *Operating Concept, 2016-2028* (August 2010) states Army forces must be prepared to conduct mass atrocity response operations (MARO) as part of full-spectrum operations. The Director of National Intelligence indicates in the next five years over 80 countries have the potential for mass killings. Thus, U.S. Army officer professional development requires familiarity with genocide identification, ways to prevent it, and failing this to intervene and assist in rebuilding societies. ILE is the ideal point in an officer's career to study this field due to their potential to advise senior officials, and to have long-term influence during their future military service.

PDSI E9C

The U.S. Army has established Personal Development Skill Identifier (PDSI) E9C to identify officers in any area of concentration who have successfully completed an approved genocide study program. The Department of Command and Leadership (DCL) is proponent for PDSI E9C. PDSI codes are used, in combination with an AOC/MOS, to identify unique skills, training and/or experience Soldiers may obtain during their careers that could add value to the Army and organization in its mission, but do not meet minimum standards for establishment of an ASI. The Genocide Prevention PDSI identifies officers who have knowledge and expertise in preventing, responding to, intervening in, and recovering from genocide and mass atrocities. US Army officers who successfully complete the CGSS Genocide and Mass atrocities Studies Program (GMASP) will have their records annotated with PDSI E9C. Officers from other services and civilian interagency personnel who complete resident ILE and the GMASP will receive memoranda stating that they have achieved proficiency in this area.

GMASP Enrollment

The Genocide and Mass Atrocities Studies Program (GMASP) is open to students of resident ILE at Fort Leavenworth. Students who wish to enroll in the GMASP must apply electronically to the Director, Genocide and Mass Atrocities Studies Program, by following the instructions on the GMASP tab of Student SharePoint. Applicants will be informed electronically of their acceptance into the program. Once accepted, students must complete the following elective courses:

Program requirements:

- a. GMASP with MMAS

Must take:

- A481 *Mass Atrocities Response Operations (MARO)*
- A677 *War Crimes*

And complete a MMAS on a subject relevant to this area of study as well as complete

- A211 *Research Methods*
- A221 *Thesis Seminar*
- A231 *Thesis*

-OR-

- b. GMASP without MMAS

Must take:

- A481, *Mass Atrocities Response Operations (MARO)*
- A677, *War Crimes*

