

NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE

The Romanian National Defence College organises postgraduate study programs, specific to security and defence domain, within an interagency context.

The study programs are open for military personnel and civilian experts and leaders, appointed or with potential of being appointed on top management positions.

THE MISSION

The mission of the National Defence College is to educate civilian and military personnel within the security and defence domain, for:

- having achieved a common understanding with regard to the national and international security and defence issues or challenges;
- having developed the interagency cooperation skills;
- and for promoting the national and NATO/UE's values,

in order to contribute to the development of the national/Allied interagency cooperation and cohesion, critical requirements for achieving the resilience against any threat.

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BRIEF HISTORY

The decision taken in 1992 by general Nicolae Spiroiu – the Minister of National Defence to set up the National Defence College – a Western idea – enjoyed from the very beginning a wide appreciation. Using as a source of inspiration the similar institutions in the NATO – member countries, the Romanian NDC intended to respond to a double need. Firstly, after 1989 the Ministry of National Defence wanted a correct understanding by Romanian public opinion of the features specific to security and national defence problems. Secondly, the civil society and the new political class needed to be educated in order to get access to a domain until then forbidden, for study, debate and understanding.

The establishment of the National Defence College was perceived by the civil society as a major contribution to the integration of the military institution into the social and political system of the state. Up to now, about 4700 students have graduated the courses organised by the National Defence College, about 70 of which are foreign students from NATO and EU member states, and the proportion between the military and civil course members has changed each year in the benefit of the latter.

Partner Euro Atlantic Colleges

- ❖ NATO Defence College, Italy
- ❖ George C. Marshall Center – European Center for Security Studies, Germany
- ❖ The Royal College of Defence Studies, UK
- ❖ European Security and Defence College
- ❖ Institut des Hautes Études de Défense Nationale, France
- ❖ Defence Institution Building School, Georgia

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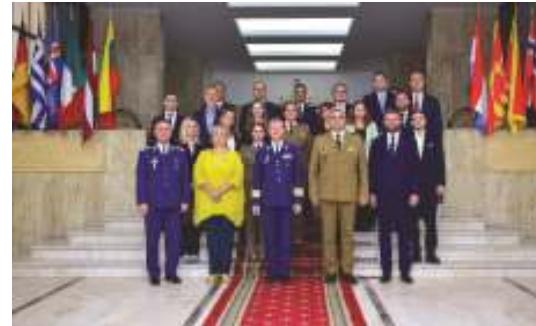
“Rerum Cognoscere Causas”

STUDY PROGRAMS

The National Defence College organises 4 types of post graduate study programs.

“Security and good governance”

It is open to public dignitaries, directors of large companies or leaders of central public administration and colonels from specialized services, with certain potential of being promoted to positions specific to generals.



“Current concerns of national security”

It is open to civilian leaders or experts that hold or will hold high-level management positions within public or private institutions and colonels from MoD and other institutions with responsibilities within security domain with certain potential of being promoted to positions specific to generals.



“National security policy and strategies”

It is open to junior leaders, military (officers) from institutions with responsibilities on security and defense domains and civilians, from public administration and private companies.

“Military domain strategic leadership- CAPSTONE”

It is open to generals from MoD, in order to enhance their level of knowledge and abilities specific to interagency strategic level operations.



SAVE THE DATE!
26th of June 2026

Annual Conference of the National Defence College
“Romania in the New International Security Dynamics”

We are glad to announce you that in 2025, the National Defence College will remain a representative forum for setting the pace for the new national security agenda.

Our conference will focus on the international and national security by identifying three layers of building national resilience:

- (1) promoting security;
- (2) understanding geopolitical challenges;
- (3) enhancing academic cooperation.

More details

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Romania and the new dynamics of international security

