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INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE AND SECURITY
ACADEMIC CALENDAR – CLASS 66 (2026–2027)

Studies Departament
Academic Division

JUL 2026

1 WED	2 THU	3 FRI	4 SAT	5 SUN	6 MON	7 TUE	8 WED	9 THU	10 FRI	11 SAT	12 SUN	13 MON	14 TUE	15 WED	16 THU	17 FRI	18 SAT	19 SUN	20 MON	21 TUE	22 WED	23 THU	24 FRI	25 SAT	26 SUN	27 MON	28 TUE	29 WED	30 THU	31 FRI
Week 1					Week 2							Week 3							Week 4							Week 5				
Class 66 Students In-processing/Registration (IN-PERSON AT IADC)		U.S. Independence Day (Federal Holiday)	IADC July 4th Celebration		Study Day/DONSA	Class 66 Students In-processing/Registration (IN-PERSON AT IADC)	Housing & Family Arrangements		Class 66 Students In-processing/Registration (IN-PERSON AT IADC)			Housing & Family Arrangements	Virtual Student Orientation - Academic Overview	Housing & Family Arrangements					Research and Study	Research & Writing Foundations WS - RWF 1 (Virtual)	Research and Study	Research & Writing Foundations WS - RWF 2 (Virtual)	Research and Study			Research & Writing Foundations WS - RWF 3 (Virtual)	Research and Study	Research & Writing Foundations WS - RWF 4 (Virtual)	Research and Study	Research and Study
												Staff Arrival and Coordination			IADC Hemispheric Defense/Security Threats Conference A3C (Institutional - NOT STUDENTS)				New Staff Orientation Program		New Staff Orientation Program	Seminar Leader and New Faculty Orientation	Staff Team-building			Seminar Leader and New Faculty Orientation				

AUG 2026

1 SAT	2 SUN	3 MON	4 TUE	5 WED	6 THU	7 FRI	8 SAT	9 SUN	10 MON	11 TUE	12 WED	13 THU	14 FRI	15 SAT	16 SUN	17 MON	18 TUE	19 WED	20 THU	21 FRI	22 SAT	23 SUN	24 MON	25 TUE	26 WED	27 THU	28 FRI	29 SAT	30 SUN	31 MON
Week 5		Week 6							Week 7							Week 8							Week 9						Week 10	
		Orientation and Academic Program Review (IN-PERSON AT IADC)		Convocation Ceremony Class 66	Research & Writing Foundations WS - RWF 5	Spouse Orientation			Hemispheric Defense & Security Foundations Workshop (1-3)			Research & Writing Foundations WS - RWF 6	Director's Speakers Series (DSS) / FT	Family Day		Research & Writing Foundations Workshop - RWF 7-9			NYC Field Study Orientation	DSS / FT			Local Field Trip: Ft. McHenry, MD	Field Study - New York					DSS / A3C Campaign Design	
					Special event	Study and preparation day							Student Ice Breaker						Elective Fair											
					Research & Writing Foundations WS - RWF 5																									

SEP 2026

1 TUE	2 WED	3 THU	4 FRI	5 SAT	6 SUN	7 MON	8 TUE	9 WED	10 THU	11 FRI	12 SAT	13 SUN	14 MON	15 TUE	16 WED	17 THU	18 FRI	19 SAT	20 SUN	21 MON	22 TUE	23 WED	24 THU	25 FRI	26 SAT	27 SUN	28 MON	29 TUE	30 MIE	
Week 10						Week 11							Week 12							Week 13							Week 14			
Intercultural Communication Foundations Workshop		Intercultural Communication Foundations Workshop	Study Day/DONSA			Labor Day (Federal Holiday)	RWF Feedback 10	International Relations and the Inter-American System - IRIS 1	Strategic Studies 1	Strategic Studies 2			IRIS 2	Study Day (AFA)	IRIS 3	Strategic Studies 3	DSS / FT: Gettysburg, PA			IRIS 4	Strategic Studies 4	IRIS 5	Symposium 1 - Geopolitics and the Global Situation	Study Day			IRIS 6	Strategic Studies 5	IRIS 7	
		DSS / Conference of the American Armies (CCA)					Research and Study			Update on Electives			DSS Orientation								Admin Time 1							599B 1	599C 1	
													Research and Study							Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study						Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study

OCT 2026

1 THU	2 FRI	3 SAT	4 SUN	5 MON	6 TUE	7 WED	8 THU	9 FRI	10 SAT	11 SUN	12 MON	13 TUE	14 WED	15 THU	16 FRI	17 SAT	18 SUN	19 MON	20 TUE	21 WED	22 THU	23 FRI	24 SAT	25 SUN	26 MON	27 TUE	28 WED	29 THU	30 FRI	31 SAT
Week 14				Week 15							Week 16							Week 17							Week 18					
Strategic Studies 6				IRIS 8	Strategic Studies 7	Strategic Studies 8	IRIS 9: IADB/OAS Student Visits	Study Day/DONSA			Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)	Study Day (AUSA)	IRIS 10	Strategic Studies 9	Study Day			Strategic Studies 10	Strategic Studies 11	Strategic Studies 12	Strategic Studies 13	DSS / FT	Fall Festival TBC		Study Day	Hemispheric D&S Threats 1	Political Economy of D&S - PEDS 1	Hemispheric D&S Threats 2	Symposium 2 - Governance of Security Institutions	
Admin Time 2	Study Day			599I FST 1	599B 2 / 599I FST 2	Admin Time 3							DSS / FT	599C 2				Admin Time 4	599B 3 / 599I FST 3	599C 3	599I FST 4				599B 4	599C 4	Admin Time 5			
Research and Study				Research and Study	Research and Study	IADC Sports							Research and Study	Research and Study				Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study									

NOV 2026

1 SUN	2 MON	3 TUE	4 WED	5 THU	6 FRI	7 SAT	8 SUN	9 MON	10 TUE	11 WED	12 THU	13 FRI	14 SAT	15 SUN	16 MON	17 TUE	18 WED	19 THU	20 FRI	21 SAT	22 SUN	23 MON	24 TUE	25 WED	26 THU	27 FRI	28 SAT	29 SUN	30 LUN
Week 18				Week 19							Week 20							Week 21							Week 22				Week 23
	PEDS 2	Hemispheric D&S Threats 3	PEDS 3	Hemispheric D&S Threats 4	Study Day			PEDS 4	Hemispheric D&S Threats 5	U.S. Veterans Day (Federal Holiday)	Hemispheric D&S Threats 6	Study Day			PEDS 5	Hemispheric D&S Threats 7	PEDS 6	Hemispheric D&S Threats 8	Symposium 3 - Strategic Resilience and Threat Multipliers (HADR)			Hemispheric D&S Threats 9	DSS / FT	Study Day/ DONSA	Thanksgiving Day (Federal Holiday)	Study Day/ DONSA			PEDS 7
	Research and Study	599B 5 / 599I FST 5	599C 5	Admin Time 6				Research and Study	Research and Study		IADB Gala				Research and Study	Admin Time 7	Research and Study	IADC Thanksgiving Celebration				Admin Time 8						Research and Study	
		Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study												Research and Study						Research and Study							

DEC 2026

1 TUE	2 WED	3 THU	4 FRI	5 SAT	6 SUN	7 MON	8 TUE	9 WED	10 THU	11 FRI	12 SAT	13 SUN	14 MON	15 TUE	16 WED	17 THU	18 FRI	19 SAT	20 SUN	21 MON	22 TUE	23 WED	24 THU	25 FRI	26 SAT	27 SUN	28 MON	29 TUE	30 WED	31 THU
Week 23									Week 24							Week 25							Week 26						Week 27	
Hemispheric D&S Threats 10	PEDS 8	Hemispheric D&S Threats 11	DSS / FT			PEDS 9	Hemispheric D&S Threats 12	PEDS 10	Hemispheric D&S Threats 13	DSS / FT: Industry Day (IADC Foundation)			Illicit Economy Workshop			Symposium 4 - TOC & Illicit Economy	Semester Summary			Study Day		Study Day/DONSA	Christmas Day (Federal Holiday)				Study Day		Study Day/DONSA	
Admin Time 9							Admin Time 10		IADC Sports																					
Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study	Student Holiday Party			Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study									Research and Study			Winter Break								Winter Break		

JAN 2027

1 FRI	2 SAT	3 SUN	4 MON	5 TUE	6 WED	7 THU	8 FRI	9 SAT	10 SUN	11 MON	12 TUE	13 WED	14 THU	15 FRI	16 SAT	17 SUN	18 MON	19 TUE	20 WED	21 THU	22 FRI	23 SAT	24 SUN	25 MON	26 TUE	27 WED	28 THU	29 FRI	30 SAT	31 DOM
Week 27			Week 28							Week 29							Week 30							Week 31						
New Year's Day (Federal Holiday)			Study Day	Semester Preview / Oral Exam Overview	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 1	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 2	Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 1			Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 2	Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 3	Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 4	Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 5	Study Day/DONSA			Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Federal Holiday)	Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 6	Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 7	Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 8	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 3			Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 9	Disruptive Tech & Cyber Security 10	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 4	Symposium 5- Cyber Security & Disruptive Technologies	USFS Pre-Brief		US Field Study - USFS (CONUS)
Winter Break			Winter Break	Admin Time 11			Research and Study			Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study	IADC Sports					USFS Pre-Brief	Research and Study	Research and Study				Research and Study	Research and Study					All-day activities

FEB 2027

1 MON	2 TUE	3 WED	4 THU	5 FRI	6 SAT	7 SUN	8 MON	9 TUE	10 WED	11 THU	12 FRI	13 SAT	14 SUN	15 MON	16 TUE	17 WED	18 THU	19 FRI	20 SAT	21 SUN	22 MON	23 TUE	24 WED	25 THU	26 FRI	27 SAT	28 SUN		
Week 32							Week 33							Week 34							Week 35								
US Field Study - USFS (CONUS)							Study Day	Hemispheric D&S Policy - HDSP 1	Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 1	HDSP 2	Study Day/DONSA			U.S. President's Day (Federal Holiday)	HDSP 3	Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 2	HDSP 4	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 5			Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 3	HDSP 5	Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 4	HDSP 6	Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 5				
All-day activities								599H 1 / 599I SST 1	599F 1	IADC Sports					599H 2 / 599I SST 2	599F 2	Admin Time 13				Research and Study	599H 3 / 599I SST 3	599F 3	Admin Time 14					
								Research and Study	Research and Study						Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study					Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study				

MAR 2027

1 MON	2 TUE	3 WED	4 THU	5 FRI	6 SAT	7 SUN	8 MON	9 TUE	10 WED	11 THU	12 FRI	13 SAT	14 SUN	15 MON	16 TUE	17 WED	18 THU	19 FRI	20 SAT	21 SUN	22 MON	23 TUE	24 WED	25 THU	26 FRI	27 SAT	28 SUN	29 MON	30 TUE	31 MIE
Week 36							Week 37							Week 38							Week 39							Week 40		
Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 6	HDSP 7	Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 7	HDSP 8	Symposium 6 - Civil-Military/ Interagency Relations			Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 8	HDSP 9	Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 9	HDSP 10	DSS / FT			Hemispheric D&S Responses (CAP) 10	HDSP 11	HDSP 12	HDSP 13	DSS / FT			Research and Study			Study Day/DONSA				Study Day	Media and Defense and Security Workshop	
SP-CS Feedback Session	599H 4 / 599I SST 4	599F 4						599H 5 / 599I SST 5	599F 5	IADC Sports							Admin Time 15				Spring Break									
Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study				Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study					Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study	Research and Study													

APR 2027

1 THU	2 FRI	3 SAT	4 SUN	5 MON	6 TUE	7 WED	8 THU	9 FRI	10 SAT	11 SUN	12 MON	13 TUE	14 WED	15 THU	16 FRI	17 SAT	18 SUN	19 MON	20 TUE	21 WED	22 THU	23 FRI	24 SAT	25 SUN	26 MON	27 TUE	28 WED	29 THU	30 FRI	
Week 40				Week 41							Week 42							Week 43						Week 44						
Media and Defense and Security Workshop	Study Day			Strategic Plan Country Study Project 6	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 7	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 8	Symposium 7 - Regional Scenario for D&S (JHU-SAIS)	Study Day	Hemispheric Festival		Program Review	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 9	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 10	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 11	Strategic Plan Country Study Project 12			Strategic Plan Country Study Project 13	DSS / FT	IFS Pre-Briefs	Study Day				International Field Study - IFS (OCONUS)					
						IADC Sports					IFS Pre-Brief														All-day activities					

MAY 2027

1 SAT	2 SUN	3 MON	4 TUE	5 WED	6 THU	7 FRI	8 SAT	9 SUN	10 MON	11 TUE	12 WED	13 THU	14 FRI	15 SAT	16 SUN	17 MON	18 TUE	19 WED	20 THU	21 FRI	22 SAT	23 SUN	24 MON	25 TUE	26 WED	27 THU	28 FRI	29 SAT	30 SUN	31 MON
Week 44		Week 45							Week 46							Week 47							Week 48							Week 49
International Field Study-IFS (OCONUS)									Study Day/DONSA	IFS Presentation	Program Review	Symposium 8 - Future of Inter-American Defense & Security TBC	Crisis Exercise Introduction			Crisis Exercise			IADC Gala (TBC)			Preparation for Oral Exam: Research and Study							Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)	
All-day activities										Admin Time 17			IADC Sports			All-day activities		Program Review												

JUN 2027

1 TUE	2 WED	3 THU	4 FRI	5 SAT	6 SUN	7 MON	8 TUE	9 WED	10 THU	11 FRI	12 SAT	13 SUN	14 MON	15 TUE	16 WED	17 THU	18 FRI	19 SAT	20 SUN	21 MON	22 TUE	23 WED	24 THU	25 FRI	26 SAT	27 SUN	28 MON	29 TUE	30 WED	
Week 49						Week 50							Week 51							Week 52							Week 53			
Comprehensive Oral Exam (Multiple Panels)						Comprehensive Oral Exam (Mult Panels)	Study Day (Prep for Second Oral Exam)	Second Round Oral Exam	Graduation Rehearsal	Class 66 Student Graduation			Staff Farewell and Appreciation	Phase I Orientation Program (Staff Turnover / Outprocessing)				Juneteenth Day (Federal Holiday)		Study Day/DONSA	BLOCK LEAVE					BLOCK LEAVE				
										Program Completed				Student Out-Processing Class 66	Housing & Family Arrangements															

	Class Modules		Workshops		Administrative time (various)		Federal Holiday		Study Time / Research		Capstone Activity	599B	Strategic Leadership	599I FST	International Defense Markets and Industrial Cooperation	599H	Comparative Politics of Developing Countries: LAC
	Symposium Series		Field Study		Director's Speakers Series / Field Trips		Special Event		Housing & Family Arrangements		Elective Courses	599C	Civil-Military Relations in the Americas	599F	Applied Cybersecurity	599I SST	Joint Warfighting