

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU)

About DAU

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The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) provides mandatory, assignment-specific and continuing education courses for military and civilian acquisition personnel within the Department of Defense. Its mission is to provide the acquisition community with the right learning products and services to make smart business decisions. Authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1746 and chartered by DoD Directive 5000.57, the DAU was established on August 1, 1992.

The DAU coordinates acquisition education and training programs to meet the training requirements of more than 140,000 DoD acquisition personnel. As the DoD corporate university for acquisition education, the DAU sponsors curriculum and instructor training to provide a full range of basic, intermediate, advanced and assignment-specific courses to support the career goals and professional development of the Acquisition Workforce.

Getting Started

Army Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) Workforce civilian and military personnel desiring DAU training (including online courses) must have those courses annotated and approved on their automated Individual Development Plan (IDP) . Once approved on the IDP, a link is provided from the IDP to the ATRRS Internet Training Application System (AITAS) .

Certification Requirements

Training priorities are based on the individual's position certification requirements. AL&T Workforce personnel requiring assistance with the IDP/AITAS or updating records should contact their Acquisition Career Managers (ACMs):

- Critical Acquisition Position Incumbents 
- All other Acquisition Workforce Members 
- Army Acquisition Corps Officers 
- National Guard 
- US Army Reserve 

Applications & Registration Information

The Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Enterprise Systems and Services (ALTESS) is responsible for processing all applications, registering students for training and issuing travel funding and orders. Information on travel funding, orders, rental cars, etc., can be found here: <http://www.rdaisa.army.mil> .

Class Schedule Information

Class schedule information can be found within the IDP, AITAS or ATRRS Data-On-Demand . Individuals and organizations should closely monitor the availability of on-site class offerings to minimize expenses associated with class attendance in the resident mode. Student cancellations or substitutions should be limited to emergencies and must be submitted through AITAS.

Military Personnel

Military personnel en route to a new duty station or an acquisition position should contact their assignment officer for assistance in obtaining DAU training. Assignment officers' contact information can be found on the Army Human Resources Command (HRC)  web site.

Non-AL&T Workforce Army Personnel

Non-AL&T Workforce Army personnel, both military and civilian, may submit applications for DAU training by going directly to AITAS. These individuals are not required to have an Acquisition IDP and must apply as "non-acquisition workforce."

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