
GENERAL INFORMATION

The mission of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy is to serve as the Training and Doctrine Command's lead for the noncommissioned officers education system and ensure quality training, education, and professional development for the noncommissioned officer corps. The Academy will be a preeminently recognized learning institution that develops noncommissioned officers who are warrior leaders, critical and creative thinkers, leader developers, ambassadors, and resource managers who have the right mix of education for the leadership requirements of full spectrum Joint, Interagency, and multinational operations. Our goals are to train and educate competent and effective noncommissioned officers; provide leader development and functional training to the NCO Corps; support Army transformation thru lifelong learning; develop and strengthen NCO Corps.

The Warrior Leader Course (WLC) is branch immaterial. The conduct of the course takes place in an NCO Academy live-in environment IAW the small group instruction (SGI) process. It consists of minimal classroom dynamics and practical application with an intense field-training environment that involves hands-on, performance-oriented training. The course graduates leave equipped with standards-based, performance-oriented, battle-focused training that supports squad level operations. It provides the Army with a leader who can visualize, describe, and execute squad level operations in varied operational environments. It is a leader course that produces a predictive, adaptive, and innovative combat leader capable of leading Soldiers in any situation. The instructional design and methods of delivery consists of face-to-face instruction, learner-centered outcomes, based on today's contemporary operational environment (COE), and used to reinforce all small unit tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs). The course incorporates recent lessons learned, the 9 battle drills, 39 warrior tasks with the inclusion of weapons immersion, and a 96-hour situational training exercise (STX). The STX centers on competency, battle focused combat scenarios, and troop-leading procedures. Evaluation centers on their ability to demonstrate troop-leading procedures in current threat-based scenarios that will enhance their 360-degree assessment.

The Battle Staff Course (BSNCO) is a performance oriented course that prepares the NCO, in the rank of SSG and above, to perform operationally on the battlefield. The entire course will be taught using the Small Group Instruction (SGI) concept. Course subjects focus at the Battalion and Brigade level, and task performance standards are from ARTEP Mission Training Plans for light and heavy maneuver forces, and require participation in all battlefield operating systems. G1/S1 and G4/S4 students must operate in a combat trains command post, while G2/S2 and G3/S3 students operate simultaneously in a tactical operations center. The course requires the use of current automated systems and multimedia computers. Upon departure students will receive an Academic Evaluation Report (AER).

The Sergeants Major course is a task-based, performance-oriented, scenario-driven course of instruction designed to prepare promotable Master Sergeants for Sergeants Major and Command Sergeants Major positions within a force projection army. Major subject areas include leadership, combat operations, and sustainment operations. Specific areas of study include team-building, communicative skills, national military strategy, training management, force projection, operations other than war, Reserve Components, and a professional development electives program. The course integrates the learning objectives from the Battle Staff NCO course, the Master Fitness Trainer course, and facilitator training.

After Hours - Excluding Arrival/Departure Inst.

The Director of the IMSO is available to speak with students, CPMs and SCOs 24 hours a day, seven

days a week on cellular phone (915) 443-6310.

Billeting

Billeting and Housing.

1. WLC (Warrior Leaders Course) students are provided billeting in the NCO Academy Barracks with utilities at no cost. Meal Cards are issued by the NCO Academy Dining Facility, and Dependents are not authorized to accompany students to WLC. Tactical gear will be issued by the central issue facility at Fort Bliss. Students should bring utility and physical fitness uniforms.

2. BSNCO (Battle Staff NCO Course) students are provided on location housing near the academy at a 29.00 per day rate. Dependents are not authorized for the BSNCO Course

3. SMC (Sergeants Major Course) Students only: All unaccompanied students live off-post. Students need to bring enough funds to set themselves up in a local apartment, acquire furniture, purchase an auto and auto insurance.

a. Authorized dependents listed on your ITO may accompany you, however, costs associated with family travel and living allowances in the US will be at your expense. After the SCO or you notify the IMSO of your flight information, we will reserve guest billeting for you and your authorized dependents for at least seven days while you secure local housing. A family of four (two adults and two children) staying temporarily at the Fort Bliss Inn will pay a daily rate of \$29.00.

b. If guest billeting is not available on Fort Bliss, the IMSO will reserve temporary billeting off post. Comparable accommodations off post will be approximately \$60.00 to \$100.00 per day for a family of four or \$60.00 for a single adult.

(1) Unaccompanied IMS. As a single student or if you initially arrive without your authorized dependents, you will temporarily reside in the BEQ. Current BEQ daily rate is \$29.00. IMET students will not pay out of pocket for temporary BEQ but must come with funds so as to acquire an apartment.

(2) All students live off post. Most students living off post live in apartments within 10 to 25 minutes drive from USASMA.

(3) Corporate Rate structures at several local apartment complexes greatly reduce living costs. Corporate rates allow for a single price for rent, utilities, furniture, bedroom linens, bathroom linens, dishes, silverware, microwave, kitchen appliances, TV set, cable TV service, some complexes include DSL computer connections, and some include a washer and dryer. Corporate rate structures range from \$1,100 per month for a one-bedroom up to approximately \$1,800 for a three-bedroom. (These prices adjust slightly each year for inflation. Otherwise, there are a few furnished apartments located off post, most apartments are unfurnished. Rental furniture will cost approximately \$100.00 to \$400.00 depending on your needs, living style, and desires. Most apartments will come equipped with a stove or range, refrigerator, and a dishwasher but no washer or dryers. Rent for a two-bedroom apartment varies from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, and \$600.00 to \$1,200.00 for a three-bedroom apartment or home. In most cases, you will have to pay the first and possibly the last month's rent as a deposit before moving in.

Utilities for SMC students:

Electricity, Gas, and Water. After paying your initial security deposit, the average monthly utility costs are \$45.00 to \$180.00 for electricity (strictly depends on usage); \$20.00 to \$55.00 for gas (depending on appliances); \$25.00 to \$60.00 for water; and garbage collection is also a separate cost. These costs are included in the Corporate Rate apartments.

Telephone. You will have to contact a local telephone company of your choice to set up a time and date for a technician to come to your home or apartment to connect your telephone. You will need to review several long distance plans to select the best long distance carrier.

Climate

Climate.

Even in El Paso, Texas, a southern city in the US, we have extreme weather changes. Our temperatures reach a high of 100+ degrees Fahrenheit (F) or 38 degrees Celsius (C) in the summer and a low of 15 degrees F or -10 degrees C in the winter with an average high temperature of 76.8 degrees F or 25 degrees C and an average low temperature of 50.6 degrees F or 10 degrees C.

Additional Information.

Cultural Differences.

US culture is different from many nations in the world as it places most achievements and responsibilities on individuals, not groups. This makes some of the things Americans do seem strange. Most religions are represented in major areas of the US. The US is largely Christian. Your IMSO will be able to tell you where the nearest house of worship for your religion is located. Unfortunately, your training schedule does not always allow for religious observations, such as prayer times, or days off. With the large number of international military students in US training programs, it is not feasible to accommodate all religious activities as you do at home.

If you are going to use the military dining facilities on Fort Bliss or at WBAMC, it is acceptable to request meals that comply with dietary prohibitions. However, you must use the dining facility that offers this service to you. We will not be able to authorize an increase in your living allowance if we are unable to meet your dietary concerns.

Americans tend to value independent decision-making more than group consensus. This means that decisions are sometimes made without consulting all personnel affected by a decision. In the interest of making a decision quickly, sometimes the majority of the people involved in a decision agrees to make a decision and do not necessarily include all people in the minority. Everyone still follows the decision on a concept of "consensus or majority rule".

This is the basis for the US political system, which is a constitutional, republican, representative democracy. This may be difficult for people from community-based cultures to accept initially. Military decision-making is even less democratic, with officers in charge frequently making decisions for the good of their entire commands.

Religious and National Holidays.

USASMA can authorize you to observe two religious or national holidays specified and agreed upon by your country and the U.S. Government. However, you are solely responsible for all classes and assignments missed. Permission is authorized based upon academic standing and student success within the respective course.

Dependents

Warrior Leaders Course: Not authorized

Battle Staff NCO Course: Not authorized

Sergeants Major Course: If you are authorized dependents, your ITO will say so in the "Conditions" block, under "Dependents". Civilian housing (other than the Corporate Rate structure) is usually expensive for short-term lease or rental property. Housing expenses may include utility deposits and other expenses for services that your landlord, or local home/city government does not normally charge you for, such as electricity, gas, telephone, television, or water and waste removal services. Additionally, your training schedule, including reporting and travel dates will not be modified to accommodate special requirements of your dependents. A recent change in issuing ID cards require that your marriage certificate and children birth certificate(s) are translated to English.

Dining/Messing

Warrior Leaders Course Students are issued meal cards for use at the local Dining Facility on Fort Bliss.

Battle Staff NCO Course Students and Sergeant Major Course Students do not have dining facilities available on Biggs Army Air Field, we have a medium snack bar at USASMA that prepares several hot breakfast combinations and various hot and cold sandwiches during lunch. There are dining facilities located on Fort Bliss, a separate area from Biggs Army Air Field (where we are located) making travel to and from there impractical for the lunch hour. The Centennial Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Club near USASMA on Biggs Army Air Field offers only lunch at a price of \$5.00 to \$8.00. Effective 1 January 2009, the government meal rate is \$10.80 The breakdown is as follows: Breakfast-\$2.30, Lunch-\$4.25, Dinner-\$4.25.

Driving

Warrior Leaders Course: No private vehicles authorized

Battle Staff Course: No private vehicles authorized

Sergeants Major Course: Vehicle(s) and Driving.

There are many requirements associated with owning and operating a vehicle in the US. If you are single or accompanied by authorized dependents, you will need to purchase or rent an automobile while training at USASMA. You can purchase a used automobile for approximately \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00 depending on you and your authorized dependents' individual needs and tastes. You must have a driver's license to operate the type of vehicle you choose for personal transportation. The vehicle must be insured and registered as noted below.

Country & International Driver's License. Personnel wishing to drive in Texas must obtain and bring a valid country and international drivers license for the type of vehicle you anticipate driving in the US. Texas driver's license can not be obtained while students are in training due to changes in the Driving Laws unless training is one year or longer in duration. These licenses will allow you to rent a vehicle. Most insurance companies will accept an international driver's license.

State of Texas Driver's License. If training is longer than one year and wish to acquire a State of Texas driver's license, the examination costs \$24.00. It consists of three parts: a written examination, an eye or vision test, and a driving test. Once you pass the examination, your license is valid for four years. The other states will honor or allow you to operate a vehicle with a license issued by one of the other states in the US.

Insurance. Insurance for vehicles is expensive. It is illegal to operate a vehicle without insurance on Fort Bliss or in the State of Texas. You must purchase property damage and liability insurance in all states. The State of Texas requires automobile liability insurance in minimum amounts of \$20,000/\$40,000 public liability and \$15,000 property damage. Your insurance will cost you approximately

\$60.00 to \$100.00 per month. You will be able to obtain insurance from a number of local insurance companies in the El Paso area. If you finance a vehicle on a loan, your lender may require you to purchase additional insurance.

All students will be required to have insurance coverage whether renting or owning a vehicle.

Inspections and Registration. You must have a driver's license, proof of insurance, and a state safety inspection before you can register and license a vehicle in the State of Texas and on Fort Bliss. Once you show proof that you have these documents, you will receive a State of Texas license plate. You will then register your vehicle on Fort Bliss, Texas at the vehicle registration office who will give you military installation stickers that you will place on your vehicle windshield. These military installation stickers will then allow for easier access onto a military installation.

NOTE: Driving in Mexico is highly discourage and not recommended. National licenses may not be accepted in Mexico and may present problems with local insurance companies.

General Information

Issuance of Identification Cards. Ensure ITO reflects actual arrival dates of students. Fort Bliss ID Section will not issue identification card unless ITO reflect actual arrival date.

Physical Training is part of the course curriculum. Ensure ITO reflects that physical training is a requirement and IMS will actively participate in the program.

Passport and Visas and I94 Cards: Passports and Visas are the responsibility of the foreign government. Students and their authorized dependents are entitled to a A-2, D/S status (DS means Duration of Status). The Visa is good during training covered by the student's ITO plus authorized leave.

I-94 Card: A small green or white card is given to all non-immigrants when they enter the United States. The I-94 card serves as evidence that a non-immigrant has entered the country legally. It is stamped with a date indicating how long the non-immigrant may stay for that particular trip. It is this date--and not the expiration date of the visa--that controls how long a non-immigrant can remain in the United States. A new I-94 card with a new date is issued each time the non-immigrant legally enters the United States. Canadian visitors are not normally issued I-94 cards.

Medical

Medical.

William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC) is a general hospital that offers a full range of medical services. Authorized dependents may seek medical treatment on a space available basis. All dependents need medical out-patient and in-patient coverage either through insurance or agreements between home country and the U.S. Government. Most students overlook the need for in-patient insurance. Students needing medical treatment will use the Health Promotion Office located at USASMA before being referred to the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic during duty hours while at Fort Bliss. You may seek medical attention at WBAMC for scheduled medical appointments, after duty hours, and for emergencies.

Medical care in the US is very expensive. In the event that you require medical care, you will need to find the medical funding authorization information on your ITO and furnish it to the medical care facility when you report for medical attention. The ITO will show your medical funding authorization under "Conditions/ Medical Services". Authorized dependent medical coverage is sometimes afforded at your Country's cost and will be so annotated on your ITO by the SCO. Otherwise, SCOs will

require students with authorized dependents to show proof of dependent medical insurance prior to issuing an ITO. Our IMSO staff will inspect dependent medical insurance paperwork to ensure compliance during your stay at USASMA. Student medical costs are most usually covered by the FMS or IMET programs or by your country.

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION: DSCA Policy Memorandum supersedes DSCA Policy Memorandum 07-27. Use the new policy concurrently with DSCA Policy Memorandum 09-42, Medical Screening of IMS, Civilians and Authorized Dependents. Prior to issuing ITOs for attending students, health insurance documentation must be digitally sent or facsimiled to the IMSO, USASMA at: atss-bi@conus.army.mil or DSN 621-9810. IMSO will notify the SCO or CPM upon review and acceptance of insurance prior to publishing an ITO.

Medical and Physical Examination. You will report to Fort Bliss, Texas with complete medical records and recent medical examination in English. Additionally, if you are over 40 years of age, you must have a copy of a current EKG and a Lipid 2-profile. A Lipid 2-profile is a measurement of high fat content in the blood system such as cholesterol and triglycerides that are major causes of heart disease. If you report with no medical or physical examination paperwork in English you will have to complete them during your inprocessing or you may be sent home.

Ensure IMS reports to USASMA with completed DD Form 2808.

Miscellaneous Information

Inprocessing.

1. Warrior Leaders Course and Battle Staff Course: IMSO conducts inprocessing at the Sergeants Major Academy in four working days for AKO access and CAC.

2. Sergeants Major Course: It is important that you have plenty of time to complete all inprocessing requirements before the start of the International Pre-Course (IPC). Your inprocessing requirements include obtaining a military identification card; hunting for and selecting housing; if not utilizing a Corporate Rate Apartment then you will need to connect utilities such as electricity, gas, water, telephone, and television cable; buying or renting furniture; immunizing and registering your dependent children in schools; locating and purchasing or renting an automobile; studying for and taking a driver's license examination; obtaining vehicle and safety inspections and insurance; licensing your vehicle; and registering your vehicle on Fort Bliss, Texas.

a. Dependents: If you are authorized dependents, your ITO will say so in the "Conditions" block, under "Dependents". Civilian housing (other than the Corporate Rate structure) is usually expensive for short-term lease or rental property. Housing expenses may include utility deposits and other expenses for services that your landlord, or local home/city government does not normally charge you for, such as electricity, gas, telephone, television, or water and waste removal services. A recent change in issuing ID cards require that your marriage certificate and children birth certificate(s) are translated to English.

Finances:

1. Warrior Leaders Course and Battle Staff NCO Course: Students are provided \$21.80 per day for living allowances.

2. Sergeants Major Course: Students, accompanied and unaccompanied, who draw a Temporary Living Allowance will draw \$57.00 per day per diem and a rent allowance not to exceed \$76.00 per day for lodging. Bring sufficient money to cover your expenses during the first 30 days. A student

arriving with two or three authorized dependents should have at least \$900.00 available for billeting and food. Please consider bringing enough funds to set up your household and transportation requirements in Travelers Checks. You will need enough money for transportation, the initial month of rent for a home or apartment, rental furniture, vehicle cost, household items, and various security deposits for rent, utilities, and other services, if necessary. Depending on your needs, this total can reach \$4,000 to \$7,000 in traveler's checks. Unaccompanied students need to bring \$2,000 to \$5,000 to facilitate acquiring their apartment and their automobile.

Checklist.

Complete the following prior to arriving at USASMA:

(1) Attain an English Comprehension Level of 80% and attend Specialized English Training if English is not your official language.

(2) Start a vigorous physical fitness training program.

Complete and mail the following required forms to the USASMA IMSO as soon as possible:

(3) DD Form 1396-1 (Student Biography).

(4) Photo of you and your authorized dependents.

(5) Flight information (Airline names, flight numbers, times and dates)

Obtain and bring the following with you to USASMA:

(1) Sufficient funds for the first 30 days of initial expenses.

(2) Visa and passport for you and your authorized dependents.

(3) Country and international driver's license.

(4) Telephone numbers and addresses of family or friends to contact in case of an emergency while you are at USASMA.

(5) A complete medical and physical examination.

(6) Your International Immunization Certificate.

(7) Your dependents' International Immunization Certificates.

(8) Your authorized (children) dependents' school records.

(9) Physical fitness training, duty, informal, and formal dress uniforms.

(10) Civilian informal (casual) and dress clothing to include sports jacket or suit with tie and appropriate footwear.

Nearest City

El Paso, Texas

Nearest Military Base

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Servicing Airport

El Paso International Airport - El Paso, Texas

Student Arrival/Departure Instructions

Arrival and Reporting.

Notify IMSO of Arrival Information. Your SCO must provide advance notification to the IMSO of your arrival. The SCO must contact the IMSO by telephone at (915) 744-9055 or (915) 443-6310 after hours, by facsimile at (915) 744-9810, or by e-mail at IMSO at ATSS-BI@conus.army.mil The SCO must provide the International Military Student's (IMS) name; number, ages, and names of your authorized dependents (SMC only); and arrival information. Arrival information must include all the airlines' names, their flight numbers, and the time and date of arrival at the El Paso International Airport. The SCO should also e-mail or mail the IMSO a small digital photo of you, the IMS, and your authorized dependents (if possible). This will enable the IMSO representative or sponsor to more quickly identify you and your authorized dependents at the airport. Timely and accurate information will assist the IMSO in locating you and your dependents in the event of a delay within the US.

In order to guarantee that you arrive in a timely manner, there is a report date listed on your ITO with each line of training. Pay attention to the "Special Conditions and Remarks" portion of the ITO. It may direct that you arrive early, especially to the first training installation. Reporting earlier than the date specified may cause administrative or housing problems, while a late report may prevent your entry into training. Even if you have a military liaison stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, you must report to the IMSO first, not the Liaison Officer.

Reporting. You will need to report before a minimum of four working days prior to your course start date. We prefer that you arrive during duty hours (0700 to 1700) on weekdays, Monday through Friday. However, with proper notification from your SCO or yourself, we can accommodate any arrival time outside normal duty hours.

Arriving by Automobile (SMC only). If you arrive by automobile, you need to report to either the IMSO during duty hours (0700 to 1700) or the Staff Duty Officer (SDO) after duty hours in building 11291 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy which is on Sergeants Major Boulevard located on Biggs Army Air Field, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Arriving by Air. Most of you will arrive by air at the El Paso International Airport (Airport code: ELP). An IMSO representative or sponsor will meet you at the airport. If your flight changes enroute to El Paso, Texas, please call and notify either the IMSO at (915) 744-9055 or (915) 443-6310 or the Staff Duty Officer (SDO) at (915) 744-8081. This will enable us to meet you and any authorized dependents at your new arrival time. Please ensure that you keep these very important telephone numbers with your passport and ITO so you can get to them when you need them.

Student Mailing Address

Mail or Postal Services.

The US mailing system is relatively efficient. It is faster to send key documents electronically or by facsimile. International mail and deliveries are subject to customs regulations, and require addresses in English. Non-government services such as Federal Express and United Parcel Service allow you to track packages from their origin to their destination. These two services will also allow you to ship excess items home after you conclude your training.

Students will be able to use a mailbox at USASMA where you can send and receive mail. If you want a mailbox before leaving your country, please contact the IMSO who will obtain one for you. You can use the following address before your arrival at USASMA:

YOUR RANK and NAME
Attn: IMSO and Course (WLC, BSNCO or SMC)
USASMA
BLDG 11291, BAAF
Fort Bliss, TX 79918-8002

Mailing Addresses for International Military Student Office:

Commandant
United States Army Sergeants Major Academy
Attention: International Military Student Office
Building 11291, Biggs Army Air Field
Fort Bliss, Texas 79918-8002

Electronic Mail (E-Mail): ATSS-BI@Conus.army.mil

Points of Contact.

Director, International Military Student Office (915) 744-9055 or (915) 443-6310 (cell)
International Military Support Officer (915) 744-8763 (Office)
Staff Duty Officer (SDO) (915) 744-8081

Transportation

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Other than during the initial stages of your inprocessing, we at USASMA do not provide transportation to and from Fort Bliss. There is no public transportation at USASMA or on Biggs Army Air Field. There is also very limited public transportation in El Paso, Texas. Purchasing a sturdy automobile for you and family will usually cost \$2,000 to \$10,000 depending on your particular desires. Most unaccompanied students share auto expenses with other Internationals and those costs range between \$1,000 to \$4,000 depending on the actual number of students who split the cost for an auto and auto insurance.

Additional Information.
Passport and Visas.

You must obtain your visa and a visa for each dependent authorized on your ITO who will travel with you to the US, from the Consular section of the US Embassy in your country. Your SAO can assist you and your dependents in obtaining the necessary visa(s). Do not come to the US with a single entry visa! We strongly recommend a multiple entry visa. This will enable you to leave the US during your stay. This is particularly important if you need to return to your country during class or holiday breaks, to tend to an emergency such as death in the family. This is also important if you plan to take day trips with fellow classmates into Mexico located just across the border from Fort Bliss and El Paso, Texas.

You must ensure that the period covered on your visa covers you and your authorized dependents for the entire course of your training or leave time taken after you complete the Sergeants Major Course (SMC) before returning to your country. We recommend that your visa be valid for at least three months after completion of training.

An immigration official will stamp your passport or ITO with an entry permit. Please do not misplace this entry permit. This permit is called an I-94 card and is extremely important. Do not lose or throw away.

Uniform Requirements

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All Courses:

Due to the above climate conditions you must have adequate clothing. With a Letter of Approval from the Academy's Commandant you may purchase clothing at the military clothing sales stores located on Fort Bliss, Texas. You may not wear US military insignia, unless properly awarded. You should bring:

Four complete summer or equivalent utility uniforms, and two complete winter uniforms, including appropriate footwear, more if desired. With our extreme summer heat (Jun - Oct) additional summer uniforms are recommended as training is conducted in very close quarters. The U.S. Army wears the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) during training or duty hours (0600 to 1700). You attend conduct training in your military uniform equivalent to our BDU.

You may wear your county's prescribed physical fitness uniform. The US Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU) worn during physical training is the Army black and gray uniform comprised of shorts, T-shirt, sweat pants, sweat shirt, black gloves and a black stocking cap, dependent upon the weather. We recommend you bring at least two physical fitness uniforms and one or two pairs of good running shoes. Again, we have cold weather, so ensure you bring appropriate cold-weather physical fitness uniforms to include gloves and stocking caps. Also bring a military and civilian raincoat, as well as, a military and civilian winter topcoat or jacket. Bring at least one pair of cold weather gloves.

Civilian clothing of your choice for all courses. However, you must bring some dress clothes and appropriate footwear for special events to include a sports jacket. Taiwan students attending the Sergeants Major Course will graduate in a suit.

Underclothes. You will also need to bring underwear, socks, caps, or other headgear, and any clothing or uniform items that you may not be able to obtain easily in the US. This is particularly important with regard to any and all military clothing items, awards, and decorations.

SERGEANTS MAJOR COURSE ONLY: Bring your intermediate dress uniform, what we address as our Class B uniform, with both short and long sleeve (if available), including appropriate footwear. You will wear this uniform once a month during promotion and award ceremonies. Taiwan students will wear formal civilian dress vice Class or Class A uniforms.

Class A or formal dress uniform with tie or bowtie or other appropriate dress uniform, and appropriate footwear. You will wear this uniform when attending mandatory formal military functions such as the dining-in and graduation ball.

Standards of Conduct.

You are here as a representative of your country. Your actions, both on and off duty, affect your country. Naturally, you will want your actions to bring credit to you and your country. Standards that apply to your International and American counterparts in training will also apply to you. These may include off-limits establishments where the local military commander has directed that soldiers do not use or enter certain facilities. Local travel limitations, policies on financial responsibility, military courtesy, and duty hours will also apply to you. Rules will also pertain to professional appearance and grooming. Acts that bring discredit upon you, or your country, may cause your withdrawal from training and an early return to your country. The US may cancel training and return to country IMSs who violate US law or Military Department regulations or who are found otherwise unsatisfactory.

Military Courtesy and Status.

As a representative to the US, you will want to observe all common military courtesies. The US military is subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ or military law) as well as civilian authority. While in the US, you will be subject to the military rules of your country, along with US local, state, and federal civil and criminal laws.

Web Address

<https://usasma.bliss.army.mil/imso>