

USAIS COURSES EXAMINED FOR ACE ACCREDITATION

On 16 October 2013, Chief of Staff of the Army GEN Raymond T. Odierno published his strategic priorities, which expressed his desire to “educate and develop all Soldiers and Civilians to grow the intellectual capacity to understand the complex contemporary security environment.”

The Maneuver Leader Development Strategy supports this priority by reinforcing the synthesis of training, education, and experience in order to develop leaders with the skills, abilities, and attributes necessary to expand their capacities to learn. To support these priorities, the U.S. Army Infantry School (USAIS) initiated efforts to provide Soldiers with college credit for successful completion of certain Army courses by beginning the American Council on Education (ACE) accreditation process. The following attempts to answer some of the questions Soldiers may have about ACE-accredited courses.

What does ACE accreditation mean to Soldiers? ACE accreditation enables college students to earn credit for courses completed at higher education organizations, such as the USAIS. This means that Soldiers who are currently enrolled in a college or university could receive college credit when they successfully complete ACE-accredited Army courses.

Which colleges and universities support the inclusion of ACE-accredited courses in their degree programs? A list of these organizations can be found at: <http://www2.acenet.edu/CREDITCollegeNetwork/Default.aspx?r=s>.

How will I know when the course has received ACE accreditation?

Once a course receives ACE accreditation, it is listed online at <http://www2.acenet.edu/credit/?fuseaction=browse.main>.

How many credit hours can I receive for each course?

The number of credit hours awarded for successful completion of each course varies based upon the course itself and upon the procedures for transferring credits to your college or university. ACE provides credit recommendations for each course; however,

institutions in the College and University Network are not required to accept the credit recommendations.

Which courses are being examined for accreditation?

College credit is only considered if the course taken meets the extensive requirements necessary to achieve accreditation. Some of the courses being examined for ACE accreditation include:

- 11B10-OSUT; Infantryman
- 11B10-OSUT (ST), Phase 1; Infantryman
- 11B10-OSUT (ST), Phase 2; Infantryman
- 11C10-OSUT; Indirect Fire Infantryman
- 11C10-OSUT (ST), Phase 1; Indirect Fire Infantryman
- 11C10-OSUT (ST), Phase 2; Indirect Fire Infantryman
- 010-11B30-C45; Infantryman Advanced Leader
- 2E-S15W/011-ASI5W; Jumpmaster
- 2E-F201/010-F25; Mechanized Leader (M2A3)
- 010-F24; Bradley Fighting Vehicle Master Gunner (M2A3)
- 9E-F12/950-F8; Basic Army Combatives Instructor (Level III)
- 0-11/19-C46, Phase 1; Maneuver Senior Leader
- 0-11/19-C46 (11B), Phase 2; Maneuver Senior Leader (Infantryman)
- 0-11/19-C46 (11C), Phase 2; Maneuver Senior Leader (Indirect Fire Infantryman)
- 010-11B10 (R); Infantryman
- 010-11C10 (R); Indirect Fire Infantryman
- 010-11C30-C45; Indirect Fire Infantryman Advanced Leader
- 071-11C30-C45, Phase 2; Indirect Fire Infantryman Advanced Leader
- 071-11C30-C45, Phase 3; Indirect Fire Infantryman Advanced Leader
- 9E-F59/950-F38; Dismounted Counter-IED Tactics Master Trainer
- 9E-F57/920-F48; Advanced Situational Awareness-Basic (ASA-B)
- 9E-F56/920-F47; Advanced Situational Awareness-Advanced (ASA-A)
- 2E-SI3X/010-F25; M2 BIFV/M3 CFV/M7 BFIST Leader
- 2E-F206/010/ASIB8; Heavy Weapons Leaders



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The Army is now issuing a more robust individual first aid kit.

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The Army is now issuing the more robust, more streamlined “Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) II” as replacement for the older kit which was built inside an ammunition pouch for a Squad Automatic Weapon.

The IFAK II contains all the supplies of the old kit, with the addition of a second tourniquet, a tactical combat casualty card to annotate what kind of first aid was applied to a wounded Soldier, a marker, an eye shield, a rubber seal with a valve for sucking chest wounds, and a strap cutter.

The kit fits inside a custom pouch that can be mounted out-of-the-way on the back of a Soldier’s Improved Outer Tactical Vest (IOTV).

While the new first aid kit can be mounted on a Soldier’s back, it is designed to be easily accessible when needed for both right-handed and left-handed Soldiers.

The IFAK II can be removed from its container pouch from either side by pulling on one of two tabs and slipping it out of its case. The kit also comes with two removable tourniquet pouches that can be mounted to the kit, or to other parts of a Soldier’s gear.

Read more about the IFAK II at http://www.army.mil/article/116565/New_first_aid_kit_includes_eye_protection_strap_cutter/

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