

# Constructive Credit for DSCU Courses

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## **Introduction**

Some members of the security cooperation (SC) workforce have extensive SC-related formal experience and knowledge that may qualify these individuals for constructive credit for DSCU courses. The procedures below explain the constructive credit process. Informally, this process is often referred to as testing out of a course.

## **Background**

DSCU courses are intended to support SC certification by providing formal training and education in DoD-approved SC competencies to the level required for certification as outlined in DoD's SC Workforce Certification Guidelines.

The most practical method of achieving these objectives is typically completion of a DSCU course. In some cases, however, SC Workforce members may have achieved those SC competencies through their professional experience. Such individuals are eligible to request constructive credit for certain DSCU courses (i.e., credit for the course without having to take it) by documenting their experience and then passing a test to demonstrate their proficiency, as outlined below.

## **DISCS Course Constructive Credit Requirements**

### **CASE-201 Intermediate SC Case Life Cycle Management**

1. A minimum of two years experience with SC programs involving most aspects of the SC case process (FMS or pseudo FMS case development, case funding, international sustainment, acquisition for international programs, and/or international military training management) as documented by current supervisor validation of experience.
2. Completion of SC-101.
3. Completion of the examination for CASE-201 (scheduled with DSCU). Passing score is 70%.

### **POE-201 Intermediate SC Planning, Oversight, and Execution**

1. A minimum of two years experience with SC program oversight and execution involving multiple 10 USC and 22 USC authorized SC programs (SC legal authorities, formal security cooperation planning process and plans, application of funding for SC programs, SC Assessments, Monitoring, and Evaluations). Documented by current supervisor validating past experience.
2. Completion of SC-101 and SC-121.
3. Completion of the examination for POE-201 (scheduled with DSCU). Passing score is 70%.

### SCO-201 Security Cooperation Office (SCO)

1. A minimum of two years SCO-focused experience with SC programs involving most aspects of the SC process (working in a Security Cooperation Office, Defense Attaché Office with SCO responsibilities, Geographical Combatant Command, and/or as a regional desk officer for a service with SC program planning, FMS or pseudo FMS case development, case funding, international logistics, acquisition for international programs, and/or international military training management experience). Documented by current supervisor validating past experience.
2. Completion of SC-101, SC-121, and SC-251.
3. Completion of an examination for SCO-201 (scheduled with DSCU). Passing score is 70%.

### **Requesting Constructive Credit**

A SC workforce member will complete a memorandum (sample below) and submit it through their supervisor (for endorsement of experience) to the DSCU Registrar (DISCS, 2475 K Street, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7641; FAX 937-255-4319, email [dscu.wright-patt.discs.list.registrars@mail.mil](mailto:dscu.wright-patt.discs.list.registrars@mail.mil)) requesting scheduling of a comprehensive examination for constructive course credit for the course listed above. Upon receipt of this memorandum, the DSCU Registrar will coordinate with the appropriate DSCU faculty leadership for scheduling of an exam via the DSCU Blackboard Learning Management System. Upon successful completion of the examination, the Dean of DSCU West will authorize course credit. If constructive credit is denied, the individual may appeal this decision to the President, DSCU.

SAMPLE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM TO DSCU REGISTRAR  
THRU (SUPERVISOR)

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTIVE CREDIT REQUEST FOR: [CASE-201 Intermediate SC Case Life Cycle Management / POE-201 Intermediate SC Planning, Oversight, and Execution / SCO-201 Security Cooperation Office]

I request constructive credit for [course] based upon extensive SC experience relative to the course objectives.

1. I have [state number, minimum 2] years experience with  
[For CASE-201] SC programs involving most aspects of the SC case process (FMS or pseudo FMS case development, case funding, international sustainment, acquisition for international programs, and/or international military training management).  
OR  
[FOR POE-201] SC program oversight and execution involving multiple 10 USC and 22 USC authorized SC programs (SC legal authorities, formal security cooperation planning process and plans, application of funding for SC programs, SC Assessments, Monitoring, and Evaluations).  
OR  
[FOR SCO-201] SCO-focused SC programs involving most aspects of the SC process (working in a Security Cooperation Office, Defense Attaché Office with SCO responsibilities, Geographical Combatant Command, and/or as a regional desk officer for a service with SC program planning, FMS or pseudo FMS case development, case funding, international logistics, acquisition for international programs, and/or international military training management experience).

I have attached a narrative summary of this SC experience.

2. I request DSCU contact me at (email address) to schedule an examination on SC program management details.

Signature

Attachment

Narrative summary of course-related SC experience.

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Supervisor's Endorsement of experience