

NDCP Major Programs and Projects

May 29 – June 4, 2011

Regional and Development Studies (RSDS)

The Regional Security and Development Study (RSDS) is one of the culminating activities of the MNSA program. It is an opportunity for the students to observe the political, economic, socio – cultural and military dynamics and environmental and technology of a neighboring country, and in the process, draw insights into how these impact on our own national security situation.

Objectives

As an island country in this part of South East Asia, the security of the Philippines depends on the accurate perceptions of the developing realities in the region and the ability to shape and pursue strategies that will address the demands as a result of these realities.

The basic objective of the foreign academic travel is to expose MNSA students to the national security situation of a target country. Specifically, the activity aims to:

1. Allow students to gather information which may serve as basis for the formulation of recommended policies and strategies relative to the Philippines national securities vis-à-vis the target country.
2. Provide students with an opportunity to interact with national security managers of the target country, and to see how their national interests and objectives are determined and protected. This will help the students validate our own existing interests and objectives, and recommend measures to further enhance the same.
3. Provide an opportunity for the NDCP delegation to represent the country and share their views and opinion with the host country relevant issues and concepts for development and security in that part of the world.
4. Broaden the national security perspective of the student and development capacity in addressing national security problems objectively with facility and competence.
5. Establish confidence building measures between and among members in the community of nations.
6. Provide firsthand knowledge of the situation on the ground and identify problems in the actual operational setting. Maximize exchange of views and information regarding the current issues and concern on regional security in this part of the world and explore avenues for possible defense cooperation.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
REGULAR COURSE 46
Academic Year 2010 – 2011

DATE		ACTIVITIES
TERM I (Sept 16, 2010 – Dec 10, 2011)		
Week 1	Sep 16 AM	Opening Ceremony for Regular Course # 46
Week 1	Sep 16 (PM) – 17	Orientation and Administrative Briefings
Weeks 2 – 3	Sep 20 – Oct 1	NSA 201- NATIONAL SECURITY MANAGEMENT
Weeks 4 – 6	Oct 4 – 22	NSA 202 – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
Week 5	Oct 12	Submission of Thesis Title
Week 7	Oct 25 – 29	Research Workshop and SPSS for RC 46
Week 7	Oct 26 (PM only)	Research Workshop (for Advisers and Panel Members)
Weeks 8 – 10	Nov 2 – 19	NSA 203 - POLICY SCIENCE
Week 8	Nov 4 (PM)	Election of Class Officers
Week 10	Nov 19 (PM only)	President’s Time
Weeks 11 – 13	Nov 22 – Dec 10	PRE-COMMISSION COURSE
Week 12	Dec 1	Deadline for submission of draft thesis proposal (for military students only)
TERM II (Dec 13 – Mar 25, 2011)		
Week 14	Dec 13 – 17 (AM only)	NSA 204 – MILITARY DIMENSION (First Part)
Week 14	Dec 15 –17 (PM only)	Thesis Proposal Defense (for military students only)
Weeks 14 – 17	Dec 18 – Jan 2	Christmas Break/Thesis Writing
Weeks 17 – 19	Jan 3 – 20	NSA 204 – MILITARY DIMENSION (Second Part)
Week 19	Jan 21 – 22	Visit to the Philippine Military Academy
Weeks 20 – 22	Jan 24 – Feb 11	NSA 205 – SOCIO-CULTURAL DIMENSION
Week 21	Feb 2	Deadline for submission of draft thesis proposal (for civilian students only)
Weeks 23 – 26	Feb 14 – Mar 11	NSA 206 – ECONOMIC DIMENSION
Weeks 23	Feb 14 – 18 PM only	Thesis Proposal Defense (for civilian students only)
Week 24	Feb 25 PM	Thesis Monitoring
Week 25	Feb 27 – Mar 4	Coordination for the Sub-Nat’l Security & Dev’t Studies (for coordinators)
Weeks 27 – 29	Mar 14 – Apr 1	NSA 207 A – POLITICAL DIMENSION (Domestic Level)
Week 27	Mar 18 (PM only)	Thesis Monitoring
Week 28	Mar 25	President’s Time
TERM III (Apr 2 – Jul 1, 2011)		
Weeks 29-30	Apr 2 – 9	Sub-Nat’l Security & Development Studies (Part of NSA 201)
Week 31	Apr 11 – 15	NSA 207 B – POLITICAL DIMENSION (Int’l Level - Part 1)
Week 31	Apr 16 – 24	Holy Week Break/Thesis Writing
Weeks 33 – 34	Apr 25 – May 6	NSA 207 B – POLITICAL DIMENSION (Int’l Level – Part 2)
Week 33	April 29 (PM only)	Thesis Monitoring
Week 34 – 35	May 9 – 27	NSA 208 – SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIMENSION
Weeks 36 – 38	May 29 – Jun 4	FOREIGN ACADEMIC TRAVEL/REG’L SEC & DEV’T STUDY
Weeks 39 – 41	Jun 6 – 24	NSA 209 – ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION
Week 40	Jun 15 PM	Orientation on Strategic Planning Exercise
Week 40	Jun 17 (PM only)	Thesis Monitoring
Week 42	Jun 27 – Jul 1	Strategic Planning Exercise (Part of NSA 201)
Week 42	Jul 1 PM only	President’s Wrap Up Lecture
OTHER ACTIVITIES (Jul 2 – Aug 31, 2011)		
Weeks 42 – 48	Jul 2 – 15	Thesis Writing/Consultation (continuation)
Week 47	July 25	Deadline for submission of draft thesis
Weeks 47 – 48	July 25 - 29	Final Thesis Defense
Week 48	Aug 1 – 12	Revision/Binding of Final Thesis
Weeks 48 – 49	Aug 8 – 12	48 th NDCP Foundation And Alumni Homecoming Week
Week 49	Aug 15	Deadline for submission of approved and bound thesis
Week 49	Aug 15	Deadline for completion of academic requirements
Week 49	Aug 19	Acad Board Meeting to Recommend Graduates
Week 50	Aug 23	Submission of Committee Evaluation on Grad Awards
Week 51	Aug 29	Graduation Activities (Mass/Dinner/Pinning)
Week 51	Aug 31	CONFERMENT CEREMONY for Regular Course # 46