APF COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE

PROFILE

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INTRODUCTION

The APF Command and Staff College (APFCSC) stands as a distinguished educational institution within the Armed Police Force (APF), Nepal, providing comprehensive staff training and education to its officers. Affiliated with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Tribhuvan University (TU) in Kathmandu, Nepal, the college aspires to evolve into a center of excellence.

The primary objective of APFCSC is to equip its selected officers with expertise in administrative, operational, staff, and policy dimensions of the organization. Upon successful completion of the course, participating officers are conferred with a Masters in Security, Development, and Peace Studies (MSDPS) in conjunction with the Professional Studies of the Command and Staff Course.
The college is headed by Deputy Inspector General of APF, Nepal, who assumes the role of Commandant. Structurally, the college comprises two principal wings: The Academic Wing and the Professional Wing. The Academic Wing, overseen by the Academic Program Coordinator, assumes responsibility for the overarching academic program related to MSDPS. Eminent faculties guide student officers through this program.

The entirety of the course, inclusive of the Professional Wing, is under the purview of the Chief Instructor. Internal faculties, possessing Command and Staff Course qualifications contribute to this segment. This component is executed through a syndicate framework, facilitated by the Directing Staffs (DS). The College runs various research programs and conducts different workshops, seminars in contemporary pertinent issues.

VISION

Achieving excellence in security studies to address complex security dynamics.

MISSION

Empowering officers with unique blend of professional, empirical and academic programs to address national security challenges with global perspectives.

OBJECTIVES

- Study and analyze the security challenges encountered by security forces in Nepal, by providing viable solutions and strategies.
- Develop the operational and administrative competencies of officers to enhance their effectiveness in carrying out their duties.
- Cultivate leadership and management skills tailored to the specific national context of Nepal.
- Foster the ability to make informed decisions regarding the deployment of forces across diverse security landscapes.
- Understand the role of tactical plans within the broader mandates and responsibilities of APF, Nepal.
- Enhance the research knowledge on topics of professional significance to contribute to the advancement of knowledge within the organization.
- Gain insights into the international and regional socio-political dynamics and security frameworks relevant to APF, Nepal
- Enhancing positive attitude and integrity of Student Officers to serve the nation.

BATCHES of APF COMMAND and STAFF COURSE

1st APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 04 October 2015
Graduation : 03 March 2017
No. of Students : 12 (Two graduated from ACSC, Shivapuri)

2nd APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 28 September 2016
Graduation : 04 March 2018
No. of Students : 9 (Two graduated from ACSC, Shivapuri)

3rd APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 20 September 2017
Graduation : 27 February 2019
No. of Students : 20 (One graduated from ACSC, Shivapuri)

4th APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 07 October 2018
Graduation : 17 January 2020
No. of Students : 12 (One graduated from ACSC, Shivapuri)

5th APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 01 September 2019
Graduation : 18 December 2020
No. of Students : 20 (One graduated from ACSC, Shivapuri and one CIO participated from NID)

6th APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 23 June 2021
Graduation : 19 October 2022
No. of Students : 10

7th APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 20 April 2022
Graduation : 11 August 2023
No. of Students : 9 (One graduated from ACSC, Shivapuri)

8th APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 20 April 2023
Graduation : 07 June 2024
No. of Students : 15 (One graduated from ACSC, Shivapuri)

9th APF Command and Staff Course

Opening : 28 March 2024
Graduation : May 2025 (Proposed)
No. of Students : 15 (One graduated from ACSC, Shivapuri and One CIO participated from NID)

No. of PSC QUALIFIED OFFICERS FROM APFCSC

Batch	Year	Number
1st Batch	2015-2017	10
2nd Batch	2016-2018	7
3rd Batch	2017-2019	19
4th Batch	2018-2020	11
5th Batch	2019-2020	19
6th Batch	2021-2022	10
7th Batch	2022-2023	8
8th Batch	2023-2024	14
9th Batch	2024-2025	14
Total		**112**

Note: Two Chief Investigation Officers from NID have graduated in 5th and 9th Batch.

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC COURSE

Officers of security organization should be professionally sound, competent and capable enough to perform its mandated task in an effective manner. It is more important for the field commanders and mid-level staff officers working in Brigade Headquarters and above to enhance the professionalism and effectiveness in service delivery as well as to ensure that the organizational objectives are achieved. Organization may achieve its desired goal only when the officers working in the organization are competent enough and possess the capacity to perform the given task as expected. This can only be developed through well designed training and professional courses. Since its inception, APF, Nepal has been conducting needed professional courses as per the mandate entrusted by the Government of Nepal.

The paradigm shifts from traditional to nontraditional security threat has demanded innovative learning and techniques to address the changing security dynamics. It is right time to foster this College enhancing the overall professionalism and effectiveness of the officers working in the organization. This ultimately supports the organization to achieve excellence in the mandates as entrusted by the Government of Nepal. Officers must be able to identify the present security challenges at national, regional and global context and should also be able to extract the essence considering the political, social, cultural, religious, economic, diplomatic contexts in an informed and holistic way. Establishment of APFCSC is envisaged to meet the requirements. This course has incorporated professional as well as academic studies in contemporary pertinent issues aligning it with different research work.

AIM of the COURSE

To enhance professional knowledge and understanding of the student officers to preparing them for mid-level command and staff appointments and further experience them to assume higher command and staff responsibilities.

CURRICULUM

The Command and Staff Course Curriculum consists of:

Professional Studies: This study has been designed to enhance the professionalism of student officers where they will undergo courses on Staff Duties, Conventional Warfare, Administration and Logistic issues, Intelligence, Insurgency and Counter Insurgency, Terrorism and Counter Terrorism, Management and Planning, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law, Public Order Management, Industrial Security, Border Security and Management, VIP and Vital Installation Security, UN System and Peacekeeping Operations/Missions, Financial Management, Resource Management, Policy Planning Development and Current Affairs and other professional subjects including Internal and Foreign Study Tours.

Academic Studies: This study includes wide variety of subjects and aims to facilitate the student officers broaden their understanding on Strategic Security (Global, Regional and National), Development, Peace, United Nations and Conflict Resolution. Academic Studies is conducted by the experts as per designed curriculum by TU.

Research: The research works are designed mainly to develop the skills of the student officers to examine the problems in detail with some recommended solution on a particular subject matter in a prescribed research format. During the course, student officers have to carry out in-depth study on the topics/subjects assigned to them for research. Each student officer tasked to prepare and submit thesis Paper (for Master Degree). In addition, student officers have to prepare and submit term papers on specific relevant subjects given to them in each term and are evaluated by a board consisting of faculty members and TU professors.

METHODOLOGY

Professional Studies is conducted by the DS in the form of a syndicate discussion. During the course, different types of exercises are conducted as a part of professional studies including Map exercises, Intelligence Preparation for Battle Field, Disaster Management, Campaign Planning, UN peacekeeping, and workshops. Each syndicate is under the guidance of the DS. English is the medium of instruction.

Academic Studies is conducted centrally in a plenary setting by professors and experts on related subject matters. Lectures, presentations, workshops, panel discussion, seminar, conference and other interactive models are used during the course.

DURATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL COURSE

The professional course at APFCSC was initially designed to last for 78 weeks until the 7th APFCSC. This course was divided into three terms, with each term covering approximately 26 weeks. However, the course underwent a revision in 2023 and as a result, its duration was reduced to 60 weeks. The reviewed course is now divided into three terms, each lasting for 20 weeks. There is six-day term break after each term. The main focus of professional studies in each term is mentioned as here under:

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
FIRST TERM

S.N.	Subject
1.	Research Skills
2.	Staff Duties
3.	Intelligence
4.	Administration and Logistics
5.	Minor Tactics and Supporting Arms
6.	Training
7.	Conflict Management
8.	National Security and Statecrafts
9.	Border Security and Management
10.	Conventional Operations and Tactics
11.	Terrorism and Counter Terrorism

SECOND TERM

S.N.	Subject
1.	Industrial Security
2.	Insurgency and Counter Insurgency Operations
3.	Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
4.	Financial Management
5.	Management and Planning
6.	International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law
7.	Excursion (Internal Study Tour)

THIRD TERM

S.N.	Subject
1.	Crime Control and Investigation
2.	Security Related Laws
3.	Customs And Revenue Security
4.	VIP Security and Vital Installation Security
5.	Public Order Management
6.	UN System and Peacekeeping Operations
7.	Policy, Planning, Development and Current Affairs
8.	Excursion (Foreign Study Tour)

ACADEMIC STUDIES

MSDPS consists of academic and pragmatic courses designed to address the need of the security sector at national, regional and global level. It comprises of foundational and core courses that include security, development and peace studies.

MSDPS is spread over four semesters. That is a 63-credit hour degree program that combines both theoretical and practical knowledge and skills.

MSDPS focuses on three pillars of security, development and peace (theory building) along with some applied areas such as Industrial Security, Border Management and Security, Disaster Management and Security Laws of Nepal. However, the major concentration is on security and development.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO MSDPS

Any candidate holding a Bachelor's Degree (10+2+3 or 4) in any discipline of any University recognized by Tribhuvan University is eligible to apply for Master in Security Development and Peace Studies course

Candidates must be an officer in service in APF, Nepal and should be in the rank of Inspector, Deputy Superintendent or Superintendent. Admission could also be open to the participants of other national and international Security organizations but need to pass the entrance examination as designed by TU.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The candidates are selected for admission through an entrance examination. They are selected on the basis of merit within the limit of total enrollment provision of the University and the College.

FUTURE PLAN

This College plans to enroll officers from other security organizations of Nepal as well as officers from foreign organizations with similar job nature.

MSDPS PROGRAM

Paper	Course Code No.	Title of Course	Credit Hour
FIRST SEMESTER			
1.	MSDPS.551	Strategic Thought	3
2.	MSDPS.552	Regional and Global Security	3
3.	MSDPS.553	Security Management	3
4.	MSDPS.554	Conflict and Peace Studies	3
5.	MSDPS.555	Dimensions of Development	3
Total			**15**

SECOND SEMESTER			
1.	MSDPS.556	Governance And Statecraft	3
2.	MSDPS.557	Border Management and Security	3
3.	MSDPS.558	National Security	3
4.	MSDPS.559	Security Laws of Nepal	3
5.	MSDPS.560	Communication English	3
6.	MSDPS.561	Research Methodology	3
Total			**18**

THIRD SEMESTER			
1.	MSDPS.562	Human Rights Law	3
2.	MSDPS.563	Human Resource Management	3
3.	MSDPS.564	Conflict Resolution and Practices	3
4.	MSDPS.565	Disaster Risk Reduction	3
5.	MSDPS.566	Industrial Security	3
6.	MSDPS.567.1	Nepalese Economy	3
	MSDPS.567.2	Social and Cultural Dimensions of Nepal	
Total			**18**

FOURTH SEMESTER			
1.	MSDPS.568.1	Development Planning and Practices	3
	MSDPS.568.2	Non-Traditional Security	
	MSDPS.568.3	International Humanitarians Law	
2.	MSDPS.569.1	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy of Nepal	3
	MSDPS.569.2	Foreign Aid and Development	
	MSDPS.569.3	Information and Communication Technology	
3.	MSDPS.570	Thesis	6
Total			**12**

Activities of APF Command and Staff College

Inauguration of APF Command and Staff College by IG Koshraj Onta (Retd)

IG Raju Aryal with Student Officers and other officials after interaction program

Student officers with Chief Guest IG Raju Aryal and other officials in the Opening Ceremony of 8th APF Command and Staff Course

Student officers with Chief Guest IG Raju Aryal and other officials in the Opening Ceremony of 9th APF Command and Staff Course

Opening Ceremony of 9th APFCSC

Interaction Program with IG Raju Aryal

Panel Discussion on "Disaster Governance and its Effectiveness in Nepal"

Group Photo session after Panel Discussion on "Security Dynamics of Indo-Pacific Region Challenges and Opportunities for Nepal's National Security"

Panel Discussion on "Russia –Ukraine War and its Implication for South Asia" with Focus on Nepal"

IG Raju Aryal, awarding "Best Command and Staff Course Award" to Student officer of 8th APFCSC

Interaction Program with
Hon. Bahadur Singh Lama
Chief Minister, Bagmati Province

Talk on “National Security Council”
by Maj. Gen. Anup Bikram Shahi

Conference on “The Evolving Role of UN
Peacekeeping in Modern Conflicts”

Foreign Study Tour to India

Visit at Parsa District during
Internal Study Tour

Foreign Study Tour to India

Graduation Ceremony of 1st APF Command and Staff Course

Graduation Ceremony of 2nd APF Command and Staff Course

Graduation Ceremony of 3rd APF Command and Staff Course

Graduation Ceremony of 4th APF Command and Staff Course

Graduation Ceremony of 5th APF Command and Staff Course

Graduation Ceremony of 6th APF Command and Staff Course

Graduation Ceremony of 7th APF Command and Staff Course

Graduation Ceremony of 8th APF Command and Staff Course