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- Prepare Department of Defense personnel for assignments in the Arctic region
- Promote a collaborative network of Arctic security practitioners
- Propose cooperative, practical solutions to security challenges in the Arctic Region

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### MODULE ONE: Arctic 101 Fundamentals

- Defining the Arctic Region
- Arctic Physical Environment
- The Arctic’s Changing Climate

### MODULE ONE: Arctic 101 Fundamentals (Part 2 of 2)

- Arctic Natural Resources
- Arctic Legal Issues
- Arctic Shipping/Transport

### MODULE TWO: Indigenous Peoples and Other Arctic Players

- Arctic Council
- Panel #1: The Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic

### MODULE THREE: Integrated Deterrence (Part 1 of 3)

- U.S. Strategy and Policy
- Russia

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- China Strategy and Policy
- Sino-Russian Tension/Cooperation
- Allies and Partners

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- Panel #2: NATO Expansion and Impacts on Security and Stability of the Arctic

### MODULE FOUR: Operations in the Arctic

- Panel #3: Facing the Cold, Hard Facts: Complexity in Multi-Domain Operations in the Arctic

### MODULE FIVE: CAPSTONE Exercise Introduction

### CAPSTONE Exercise

- Conducted in preassigned small group breakout with varied scenarios and injects

### CAPSTONE Exercise Outbrief

- Small groups will present their plan of action