



Marine Advisor Course (MAC)

COURSE DETAILS

USMC Course Identification Code (CID):	N03KYK3
LENGTH:	12 Days (10 Academic/2 weekend)
LOCATION:	One Navy Drive, Bldg. 3, SGT Harper Hall Norfolk, VA. 23459
TYPE TRAINING:	Individual/Unit
NUMBER OF STUDENTS:	Max: 24, Min: 16
REPORTING TIME:	See Reporting Instructions

Course ID	Report/Convene/Graduate	Location
2027001	25 Oct/ 26 Oct/ 6 Nov 2026	JEB Little Creek, Virginia
2027002	24 Jan/ 25 Jan/ 5 Feb 2027	JEB Little Creek, Virginia
2027003	7 Mar/ 8 Mar/ 19 Mar 2027	JEB Little Creek, Virginia
2027004	9 May/ 10 May/ 21 May 2027	JEB Little Creek, Virginia
2027005	11 Jul/ 12 Jul/ 23 Jul 2027	JEB Little Creek, Virginia
2027006	12 Sep/ 13 Sep/ 24 Sep 2027	JEB Little Creek, Virginia

PURPOSE

Advisors are proficient in their primary MOS or other unique skill and provide opinion, advice, or counsel by focusing on both personal development (interpersonal and communication skills) and professional development (technical and tactical knowledge) to develop mutual trust and respect. The advisor by definition may work in austere environments, away from Marine units and must possess force protection skills to remain safe in the execution of daily duties. Every Advisor has to be a trainer, but not all trainers can perform the more demanding task of advising. After completing the Marine Advisor Course, Marine Advisors understand the techniques of advising and possess general skills to teach, coach, mentor, and advise foreign counterparts.

SCOPE

The two-week Marine Advisor Course provides foundational skills in the areas of: Advisor fundamentals, Security Cooperation Engagement Planning, Foreign Security Force (FSF) Training Management, and Force Protection training to prepare Marines for overseas Security Cooperation advising missions. Through formal instruction and immersive environment scenario training, students learn to analyze, build and establish cross-cultural relationships, negotiate differences, employ interpreters, recognize and mitigate cultural stress, develop and implement training plans, understand USG objectives and plans for an assigned region or country, and conduct individual force protection planning and execution while deployed in partner nations. Students graduate prepared to teach, coach, and advise a Foreign Security Force in order to develop its organizational capability and capacity in accordance with US Government, Service, and FSF objectives.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Advisor Skills

The advisor fundamentals annex covers the core competencies associated with interpersonal communication, working by, with and through a Partner Nation, and understanding our own cultural biases impact our roles in Security Cooperation. At the completion of this annex the students are prepared with the mental framework for understanding themselves and their partner, and capable of leveraging that information in order to advise a Partner Nation Foreign Security Force.

Legal Considerations

The Legal Considerations annex imparts a fundamental understanding of the legal framework that governs most advisor missions in the world today. Upon the completion of this annex the students have been exposed to the foundational requirements for understanding Title authorities, ethics, human rights, various Security Cooperation/Security Assistance programs in execution, Foreign Military Sales, End Use Monitoring, Foreign Disclosure requests and reporting, and the legal documents that they will interact with in country.

Training

The Training annex provides the students with a holistic approach to training a Foreign Security Force that is rooted in the Marine Corps training philosophy and Unit Training Management. Upon completion of this annex the students have been exposed to the ADDIE process, the application of the Marine Corps training philosophy and principles to advisor missions, a core understanding of conducting training evolutions and ranges with a Foreign Security Force, and the understanding of shifting their mindset from "doing the training" to advising and preparing the Partner Nation to conduct their own training.

Force Protection

The Force Protection annex encompasses the students' understanding of surveillance and elicitation awareness, techniques used in historical case study analysis, the role the advisor team plays in contingency planning with nesting within a State Department Emergency Action Plan, and insider threat/ATFP considerations. At the end of this annex the students have a holistic understanding of force protection concerns, scenarios, and resources at their disposal while performing their duties as part of an advisor mission.

Evaluations

This annex contains the practical application and performance examination from the second week of the course, referred to as Advisor Skills Immersive Training Scenarios (ASITS). Throughout this annex the students are exposed to relevant role-play scenarios they may find themselves in while performing advisor duties, and an opportunity to debrief their actions and grow from successes and failures throughout the week. At the end of the annex the students have been exposed to a wide variety of possible encounters and have successfully demonstrated their abilities as MOS 0570 Foreign Security Force Advisors.

PREREQUISITES

Any MOS is eligible to attend. However, Marines must be mature and capable of independent operations as required by the Security Cooperation OccFld Sponsor.

Mobile Training Teams (MTT) are offered on a by-request basis. The hosting unit is responsible for the Role Player Contract Fee and Instructor TAD cost. Please contact the SCTD OIC or SCTD SNCOIC for more information on MTTs.

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