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COURSE BROCHURE

Evaluate The Impact Of The Evolution Of War On Current Military Affairs Training

Law, Military Science and Security / Sovereignty of the State

Unit Standard 119923 · NQF Level 6 · 10 Credits · 7 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips military professionals and defence analysts with the skills to critically evaluate the evolution of warfare—from conventional state-on-state conflict to hybrid, asymmetric, and cyber-enabled operations—and to assess its implications for current military strategy, doctrine, and force design. Learners will analyze historical and contemporary case studies to understand how changes in technology, geopolitics, and societal factors shape modern military affairs. The course aims to develop strategic thinking and decision-making capabilities essential for adapting to the dynamic nature of conflict.

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Subfield	Sovereignty of the State
Unit Standard	119923
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 6 · 10 Credits
Duration	7 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyze key historical shifts in the nature of warfare and their impact on contemporary military doctrine.
- Evaluate the influence of technological advancements (e.g., cyber, AI, drones) on modern battlefields and military strategy.
- Assess the role of non-state actors, hybrid warfare, and information operations in current conflicts.
- Apply theoretical frameworks to case studies to forecast future trends in military affairs.
- Critically examine the ethical, legal, and strategic implications of evolving warfare for national and international security.
- Design strategic recommendations for adapting military structures and capabilities to meet emerging threats.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for mid- to senior-level military officers, defence policy advisors, intelligence analysts, and security sector professionals who require a comprehensive understanding of how the changing character of war affects current military planning and operations.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Military Evolution

- Introduction to military evolution: definitions and scope.
- Pre-industrial warfare: from ancient to Napoleonic eras.
- The Industrial Revolution and its military impact.
- World War I as a watershed: trench warfare and new technologies.
- Interwar period: mechanisation and air power theories.
- World War II: combined arms and total war.
- The Cold War: nuclear deterrence and proxy conflicts.
- Post-Cold War shifts: from conventional to asymmetric threats.

Day 2: The Rise of Modern Warfare

- Air power evolution: from strategic bombing to precision strikes.
- Naval warfare: from battleships to aircraft carriers and submarines.
- Armoured warfare: Blitzkrieg and the development of main battle tanks.
- Intelligence and signals: from Enigma to satellite reconnaissance.
- Counterinsurgency: lessons from Malaya, Algeria, and Vietnam.
- Special forces: origin and growth of elite units.
- Professionalisation of military service: end of conscription in many states.
- Logistics and sustainment: the changing art of supply.

Day 3: The Information Age and Military Transformation

- The RMA debate: theory and practice.
- Network-centric warfare: sensors, command, and control.
- Precision-guided munitions: from laser to GPS.
- Stealth technology: reducing detectability.
- Space as a warfighting domain: satellites and anti-satellite weapons.
- Cyber warfare: offensive and defensive capabilities.
- Drones and unmanned systems: reconnaissance to strike.
- Legal and ethical issues: autonomous weapons and civilian casualties.

Day 4: Asymmetric and Irregular Warfare

- Asymmetric warfare: principles and historical examples.
- Insurgency: from Mao to modern jihadist movements.
- Counterinsurgency strategies: hearts and minds vs. kinetic operations.
- Non-state actors: militias, warlords, and private military companies.
- Terrorism and counterterrorism: global and local dimensions.
- Hybrid warfare: blending conventional, irregular, and cyber tools.
- Case study: Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Lessons for South African defence: peacekeeping and regional stability.

Day 5: The Changing Character of Conflict: Human and Social Dimensions

- Information warfare: disinformation, PSYOPS, and strategic communications.
- Media coverage: embedded journalists and the CNN effect.
- Public opinion and the 'body bag' syndrome.
- Military culture: from conscript to professional volunteer.
- Gender integration: women in combat roles.

- Cultural awareness in operations: anthropology and military advisory.
- The changing face of casualties: PTSD and moral injury.
- Ethics of war: just war theory and contemporary challenges.

Day 6: Strategic and Doctrinal Implications for South Africa

- South African military history: from Union Defence Force to SANDF.
- Defence Review 2015: strategic posture and force structure.
- Peacekeeping operations: SADC, AU, and UN missions.
- Regional security: Southern African threats and cooperation.
- Maritime security: piracy, illegal fishing, and port protection.
- Border security: technology and personnel challenges.
- Cyber defence: SANDF capabilities and partnerships.
- Human resources: skills retention, diversity, and transformation.

Day 7: Integration, Assessment, and Future Trends

- Future warfare: artificial intelligence and autonomous systems.
- Hypersonic weapons and missile defence.
- Space militarisation and the weaponisation of outer space.
- Climate change and security: resource wars and humanitarian missions.
- The future of the soldier: exoskeletons, enhanced cognition, and bioengineering.
- Group presentations: analysing a current conflict using course framework.
- Review of key learning outcomes and Q&A.;
- Summative assessment: written test and practical exercise.

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **10 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 6**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 31,000.00	R 31,000.00
1	In-House	R 40,400.00	R 40,400.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 46,500.00	R 46,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	18 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
12 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
13 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
17 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
18 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 119923) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call **+27 12 004 8389** or WhatsApp **+27 65 077 6310** and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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