

Targets and Target Groups

The **Core Course** on Security Policy is the most multifaceted advanced training course on security policy provided on behalf of the Federal Government. The Course teaches a comprehensive understanding of security and promotes an **interministerial understanding** of security at the strategic level. The course prepares young senior officials for national and international assignments as key decision-makers.

Participants must attend in person for the entire duration of the Course. The Course is held from **25 March to 21 June 2019** in Berlin. The course is taught in German with some parts taught in English during the journeys.

The Course the entire spectrum of security policy. Special focus will be placed on the subject of digitalisation and, geographically, on the Baltic region. Participants of German and other nationalities attending the course will experience:

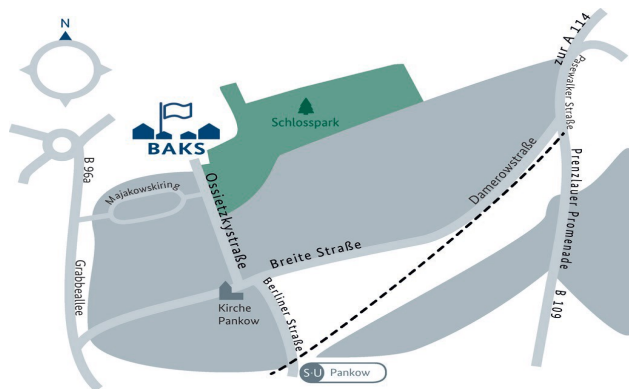
- talks with ministers, state secretaries, senior representatives of the Federal Chancellery and ministries represented in the Federal Security Council; ambassadors, scholars and expert representatives of institutes, organisations and government agencies;
- numerous high-level talks in political and economic decision-making centres in Brussels, Washington, D.C. and New York;
- a multi-stop field study in the Baltic region;
- access to an exclusive network of actors in the world of national and international security policy – even after the course has ended.

The course is designed for a select group of young senior officials from the German federal and state ministries, from business, academia and politics, and from civil-society groups such as churches, trade unions, NGOs and the media.

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The 2019 Core Course on Security Policy

A comprehensive, interconnected
approach to security, strategy,
and communication

Schedule and Topics



Tasks and objectives

The Federal Academy for Security Policy is the central inter-ministerial academic institution of the German government in the field of security policy. It contributes to ensuring a comprehensive understanding of Germany's long-term security goals. Pursuing an interdisciplinary and practice-oriented approach, the Federal Academy works to promote a shared understanding of national and international security policy among representatives of political institutions, authorities, the scientific community, the business world, social organisations and the general public. The Academy was established in Bonn in 1992 and moved to Berlin in 2004.



The Academy's "BERLIN" building and one of its rooms, equipped with up-to-date conference and event equipment..

Organisation

Policywise, the Federal Academy is managed by a Board of Trustees chaired by the Federal Chancellor and composed of delegates from all the ministries represented in the Federal Security Council. The Board of Trustees is supported by an Advisory Board consisting of several key figures in security policy. Organisationwise, the Academy is in the remit of the Federal Ministry of Defence.



The Federal Academy for Security Policy's open campus within the Schönhausen Palace grounds in the Pankow district of Berlin

Module 1

Comprehensive security – dimensions, developments and trends

25 March – 5 April

Module 2

Powers and crises – the global order is changing

8 April – 9 May

Module 3

The Baltic region – a security hot spot

14 May – 29 May

Module 4

Internal security – a global challenge

3 June – 14 June

Module 5

Theory and practice – foresight, strategy and communication

*17 June – 20 June
(and throughout the course)*

The framework of international politics is changing constantly. Globalisation and digitalisation appear to be bringing the world closer together, but globally agreed strategies are stagnating or eroding. The influence of new actors on the global stage, including non-state actors, makes the situation more complex. An appropriate response to these developments is a comprehensive, interconnected approach to security policy. As we examine a selection of global developments and trends in security policy, we will expand the traditional concept of security into this comprehensive approach. The module concludes with considerations of forward-looking security policy.

From China and India to a resurgent Russia – from the OBOR to the AIIB – new powerhouses, spheres of influence, organisations and initiatives are being established besides those of the West. Against this backdrop, we will outline and analyse the options open to relevant organisations and states (which are frequently in competition with one another) and draw conclusions for national strategic decisions. There will be study tours to Washington, D.C., New York and Brussels.

The Baltic region is not only a meeting place between NATO and Russia. The presence of different ethnic populations and critical infrastructure also contributes to the highly sensitive security environment. At the same time, the Baltic States are in the vanguard of digitalisation in Europe. A field study with stops in Scandinavia and the Baltic States will provide insights into this sensitive and contradictory region.

The world is facing new threats which national borders struggle to contain, and new solutions must be developed and put into practice both internationally and domestically. Current challenges such as radicalisation, extremism and terrorism – and integration – will be examined in depth. Particular attention will be paid to the implications of worldwide digitalisation and its impact on cybersecurity.

In a complex, globalised and interdependent world, it is more important than ever to think ahead, develop strategies and communicate them appropriately. Foresight, strategy and communication, and their importance for security policy, will be discussed throughout the course. Finally, a potential interministerial strategic policy will be developed for a geopolitical scenario, to be validated and refined during a practical exercise.