

Great Power Competition Forum Learning Objectives

Program Learning Objectives (PLOs):

1. Understand the concepts of Great Power Competition (GPC), the Gray Zone, Hybrid Warfare, the impact of strategic landscape/ environmental and policy change on the military element of the national power equation, and the changing role of SOF within the GPC context
2. Study alternative “theories of the case” re: changed/changing character of global geostrategic competition
3. Evaluate recent changes in national policy
4. Understand the complexities inherent in strategic level changes and the “fog” of competition
5. Understand the broad range of U.S. national powers outside the military in terms of planning and execution
6. Understand that there is no single adversary as in the Cold War era
7. Think critically and strategically about “Compounded Security Threats” that include converging trans-regional security threats and the weakening of nation-states during the rise of GPC

JSOU “Next” Terminal Learning Outcomes (TLOs):

1. Understand the security environment and the contributions of all the instruments of national power
2. Anticipate and respond to surprise and uncertainty
3. Anticipate and recognize change and lead transitions
4. Operate on Intent through trust, empowerment, and understanding
5. Make ethical decisions based on the shared values of the profession of arms
6. Think critically and strategically in applying joint special operations forces warfighting principles and concepts to Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational (JIIM) operations

JSOU “Next” Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

1. Improve and enhance USSOCOM (and SOF Enterprise) situational awareness and understanding (SA/SU) and ‘coherency’
2. Improve USSOCOM’s overall capacity to “Anticipate” from a “scholarship with practical impacts” perspective
3. Help JSOU and the USSOCOM HQ identify and prioritize ‘Needs-based’ priorities
4. Dynamically refine and ‘refit’ JSOU SOF-unique curricula and Cdr/Staff Officer/Leader preparation and develop programs
5. Calibrate, Tailor, and Target Partnerships and Engagements
6. Improve JSOU’s Advisory and Assistance services
7. Set the pace and direction of change for US SOF, DoD, and ‘Beyond’