The APCD delivers a range of specialised short courses designed to bring scholar's research findings and concepts to the attention of practitioners in ways that contribute to practical approaches.

Specifically, courses are designed to achieve one or more of the following aims:

> To provide relevant conceptual frameworks so that practitioners can better understand their operating environment.
> To identify the historical and contemporary conditions in which particular diplomatic processes and strategies can be assessed.
> To consider alternative approaches to emerging issues in our globalised world.

Overall, excellent course. Presenters were of an exceptionally high standard and extraordinarily qualified in their field.

2014 Participant
Defence Attache Course
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Short Course Options
Some possible courses include:
> Conflict Management & Negotiating Tactics
> Modern Diplomacy: Developing and Delivering Australian International Policy
> Negotiation Skills
> Science and Diplomacy
> Introduction to Islam
> Religion and Diplomacy
> Defence & Military Diplomacy
> Rebuilding Disrupted States
> Officials working in conflict zones
> Multilateral Diplomacy
> Practical approaches to human security
> Peace operations
> Politics of Asia-Pacific Institutions
> Conflict Management within States
> Cross-cultural communication
> Policy writing
> Cable writing

Roundtable Discussions/ Briefings
APCD is part and parcel of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, which hosts the largest assembly of regional experts in the English-speaking world. As a result, APCD is in the pole position to organise tailor-made roundtables and briefings on a wide range of pertinent issues.

Who can gain from the courses?
Our courses are offered to a range of international and domestic clients including government departments, multilateral organisations, international businesses or non-government organisations.

Our courses are for decision-makers who want to improve their global contextual understanding or for practitioners who recognise the increasing complexity of their roles. Courses are pitched at early-mid-career to senior level practitioners.

The APCD has delivered training programs to the Department of Defence, CSIRO, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (graduate and lateral officers), Geoscience Australia, Department of Immigration, among others.

On the international side, the APCD has delivered courses to practitioners of South Asia, the Caribbean, the Pacific, North Pacific, Southeast Asia, Africa and South America in the region and in Australia.

Course delivery
The APCD can provide a customised study program ranging from one day to several weeks and is designed according to the particular needs of the client. Courses are usually delivered at the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at the ANU. Participant course numbers are usually set at a maximum of 20 per course.

Learning with the best
The Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy is both deliverer and facilitator of the short courses.

As a facilitator, the APCD brings together leading researchers and practitioners in specific diplomatic fields to provide academic knowledge combined with a ‘hands-on’ focus.

The APCD is also fortunate to have at its disposal a talented pool of recently retired Australian Ambassadors who assist in the delivery of training programs. This ensures that course presenters are experts in their fields and their knowledge is current and extensive.

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Feedback from Short Course Participants
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"An excellent introduction to tradecraft and policy thinking. It is definitely the most engaging course I have done so far. Very helpful and thought-provoking. The course was well structured, well delivered and insightful. I appreciated the expertise and insights from the experienced practitioners."

"Such a great course, and I found everything useful."

"Very well organised and delivered. All the practical exercises were great - particularly since they were real, current issues. Overall, a fantastic course. I now have a better sense of what diplomacy involves and have developed a greater toolkit preparing me for my career in diplomacy."