

University of Foreign Military and Cultural Studies

RED TEAMING



Today's Army requires an independent capability that will allow it to quickly adapt to new and unanticipated requirements. The need to see clearly through multiple lenses is symptomatic of the complexities of the contemporary operational environment. Today commanders and staffs must understand how our adversaries think about themselves, their environment, and perhaps most importantly, about us, their adversary.

The University of Foreign Military and Cultural Studies (UFMCS) was formed as an outgrowth of recommendations from the Army Chief of Staff's Actionable Intelligence Task Force. UFMCS, as an element of the TRADOC (DCSINT) Intelligence Support Activity, or TRISA, located at Fort Leavenworth, KS, is an Army directed education, research and training initiative for Army organizations and other joint and government agencies designed to provide a Red Teaming capability.

Red Teaming is a function executed by trained, educated and practiced Red Team members that provides commanders an independent capability to fully explore alternatives in plans, operations, concepts, organizations, and capabilities in the context of the operational environment and from the perspectives of our partners, adversaries, and others. Red Teams, part of the commander's special staff, constituted primarily of officers, but which may also include senior warrant officers, senior NCOs, and Government civilians, perform the Red Teaming function to enhance staff planning and improve decision making in today's dynamic and uncertain environment.

UFMCS educates Red Team Leaders, Members, and Practitioners; researches best practices for Red Teaming tactics, techniques and procedures; and, develops a reach-back capability to provide commanders and staffs additional alternative perspectives. Trained Red Teams look at strategic, operational and tactical problems from the perspectives of our adversary and our multinational partners, with the goal of identifying alternative strategies. Red Teams provide commanders critical decision-making expertise during planning and operations. Red Team responsibilities include: challenging planning assumptions; conducting independent analysis; examining courses of action; and, identifying vulnerabilities.

The official UFMCS Red Teaming web site is hosted on BCKS. It is called "RT Central" at <https://forums.bcks.army.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=59019>. Users MUST "Subscribe" to utilize the site. Once subscribed, users may then log-in with their CAC cards or with a User ID and password. If users have any questions regarding this web site, please contact Mr. Scott Fausset, UFMCS Educational Technologies, at (913) 684-4323.