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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Setting Defense Acquisition University Course  
Prerequisites

Ensuring that students meet Defense Acquisition University (DAU) course prerequisites is vital to improving the quality of defense acquisition education. Students who have completed all prerequisites come to DAU courses fully prepared to learn on the first day, without the need to revisit subject material from the prerequisite courses. Conversely, students who lack prerequisites reduce the value of the course for those students who are prepared.

To maximize the value of limited DAU class time and resources, the President, DAU, is delegated the authority to establish and enforce academic prerequisites for DAU courses and programs of instruction. The President, DAU, shall establish procedures to implement this policy, including denying enrollment to a student who lacks courses that are prerequisites or is unable, through testing developed by DAU, to demonstrate the required knowledge and skills in the prerequisite.

Consistent with section 3308 of title 5, United States Code, DAU will ensure that course prerequisites, individually or cumulatively, do not impose an educational standard that exceeds those allowed under Office of Personnel Management qualification regulations. DoD 5000.52-M, "Acquisition Career Development Program," will be updated in the future to reflect this change.

DAU will publish prerequisite information on the DAU home page and in its printed catalog. This policy is effective immediately.

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