

PREWORK SYLLABUS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

LESSON NUMBER: PRE-05	EDITION DATE: March 2004
LESSON TITLE: An Overview of the Army	
TYPE OF LESSON: Self-Study	
CLASSROOM TIME: None	OUTSIDE PREP TIME: 6 hours

2. PURPOSE:

FM-1, *The Army* and *Profile of the Army* provide you with a baseline level of knowledge that you will use throughout the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management (SBLM) Program. You will access the study material at the online SBLM Prework Headquarters to develop or continue to enhance your ability to use that medium for research.

You and your classmates will arrive with varying amounts of knowledge in a variety of areas—this lesson will help establish a common level of knowledge. The information gained will serve as a basis for material that will be covered in the resident portion of the SBLM Program. It will prepare you for participation in seminar discussions and help you understand Guest Speaker presentations.

3. ASSUMPTIONS: You will read FM-1 *The Army* and the online version of *Profile of the Army*. Complete the five chapter self-tests in the *Profile of the Army* before you arrive at AMSC.

4. LESSON OUTCOMES: You will:

- a. Examine the Constitutional Basis for the Army.
- b. Review the National Security Structure of the United States.
- c. Identify the Strategic Context within which the Army operates.
- d. Evaluate the Army Command Structure.
- e. Discover the purpose, functions, and organization of the Army.

5. KEY CONCEPTS:

a. The Constitution gives Congress the authority to raise and support an Army and places it under the civilian control of the President of the United States. Military and civilian members of the Army take an oath to the support and defend the Constitution.

b. The National Security Structure of the United States is designed to ensure civilian control of the military and enhance interoperability of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the three military departments, the Unified Commands, and other defense agencies.

c. The Army operates in a strategic environment that requires it to respond to both foreign and domestic threats.

d. The Army's Command Structure reinforces the concept of civilian control of the military while organizing the Army to support the National Military Strategy on a worldwide basis.

e. The Army has broadly stated missions and functions based on the Constitution, law, the National Security Strategy, the National Military Strategy, and Department of Defense Directives.

f. The Army is an integrated, cohesive organization comprised of the Regular Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve.

g. The Operational Army is generally organized into combat, combat support, and combat service support units that range in size from squad to Corps.

6. MEASUREMENT OF OUTCOMES: For successful accomplishment of the outcomes, you will demonstrate your knowledge throughout the program by means of written assignments, practical exercises, and seminar discussions. You may be assessed on this material in the early weeks of the program.

7. ASSIGNMENTS:

a. Required Readings:

(1) Headquarters Department of the Army, FM-1, The Army
<https://www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/atdl.dll/fm/1/toc.htm>

(2) Institute of Land Warfare. (2001). Profile of the Army—A reference handbook. Association of the United States Army.

This document is located at the Prewrite Headquarters site under References.

b. Other: You will take the five *Profile of the Army* interactive chapter self-tests to determine your knowledge of the Army. Each self-test link is located in the upper part of the page

8. OTHER USEFUL REFERENCES:

9. AMSC POINT OF CONTACT: Jim Stewart at e-mail address jim.stewart@amsc.belvoir.army.mil or by telephone at DSN 655-4729 or commercial (703) 805-4729.