

National Defence University

Impact report



2024



Impact in 2024

142 295

Visitors to the War Museum's exhibitions

26 010

visits to the NDU Library's FINNA database

251 635

article downloads at the NDU's electronic Doria repository.

802

participants in National Defence Courses

33,8

man years of research

2,76 milj.€

million euros of external research funding

26

major international visits

8156

social media mentions

109 423

podcast plays

1557

articles in digital media

Research and media

Highlights of the year 2024

The NDU researchers published 56 peer-reviewed publications classified in the Finnish Publication Forum classification system. Of these, 48 publications were in English, reaching also international audience.

We conform to the principles of open science. This means that more than 85% of our publications are open access.

The NDU reached the highest score, together with two other universities, in the most recent study by T-Media looking into Finnish universities' reputation and trust.

In February 2024, the NDU organised Russia Seminar which brought together the world's leading researchers of the Russian art of war and the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. There were over 4,900 views of the event on the internet.

In 2024, the Symposium of Military Sciences was organised in the centre of Helsinki, in the House of Science and Letters instead of Santahamina.

In digital media, the NDU was mentioned in 1,557 news articles, which means a 23-percent decrease from the previous year. The digital media may potentially reach 2.2 billion readers. (Source: Meltwater)

The NDU was mentioned in 8,156 social media postings (24-percent decrease from the previous year) These postings may potentially have reached 63 million readers (7-percent increase) (Source: Meltwater)



9

Professors



4

joint professorships



6

associate professors

Personnel and teaching



Degrees

- 164 Bachelors of Military Sciences
- 136 Masters of Military Sciences
- 4 Doctors of Military Sciences
- In 2024, the number of applicants to the Military Academy was 720. 195 students were admitted to the course.

Continuing Education

- 73 officers passed the senior staff officer course

Activities supporting military crisis management

- 22 courses/ seminars / conferences / other events
- 1,568 participants
- 84 countries sending participants

Cooperation

Our national partner universities include Aalto University, Helsinki University, Lappeenranta–Lahti University of Technology (LUT), University of Turku, University of Jyväskylä, University of Oulu and University of Vaasa. We also have cooperation with Metropolia and Laurea Universities of Applied Sciences. Forms of cooperation include, for example, joint multidisciplinary professorships and research cooperation. Along with the NATO membership, use of English in teaching has increased by about 10%. The NDU has an extensive partner network of international military academies and educational establishments.

Personnel

270

employees



45%
civilians



55%
military



32,6%
female



67,4%
male



Responsible and international curriculum

All our course contents are compared against sustainable development goals set in the UN Agenda 2030. Sustainable development is a recurrent theme on all degree levels, in continuing education as well as in international crisis management training.



 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Responsibility and community relations

Responsibility is the foundation of the National Defence University's activities, with sustainable development, equality and non-discrimination as the key principles. The National Defence University also serves the Finnish society as a whole by providing expert knowledge about military issues.

Highlights of the year 2024

The quality assurance system audit by the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC) concluded that the NDU's quality assurance system meets the criteria set for the Finnish universities in accordance with European recommendations and principles. The quality label is valid till 2029.

As a government institution and part of the Finnish Defence Forces, the NDU is committed to the objectives in the governmental agenda "Suomi, jonka haluamme" ('Finland that we want 2050') and supports the Finnish government's goal of carbon neutral Finland by 2035.

We were awarded the Green Office Certificate again, now for the period of 2025-2027.

As an academic institution, the NDU is also committed to the 12 theses on sustainable development and responsibility set by the Council of the Rectors of Finnish Universities (Unifi).

The NDU's energy consumption was reduced by 0.8% and the total volume of waste by 25.9% in comparison to the previous year.

In connection with the FINEEC audit, the NDU identified eight sustainable development goals set by the UN Agenda 30 that it promotes. They include the following: end hunger (SDG 2), health and well-being (SDG 3), good education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), reducing inequality within and among countries (SDG 10), sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11), peace, justice and good governance (SDG16), and cooperation and partnerships (SDG17).

2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

