# SSE NORDIC DEFENSE MBA

*The SSE Nordic Defense MBA is an advanced Executive MBA at Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) based in Stockholm, Sweden. Situated in a country known for its innovative and expanding defense industry and strong civil-military collaboration, this MBA offers high-ranking military officers and high-level civil employees, defense industry executives, and senior government officials a unique platform to deepen their knowledge, strengthen their leadership capabilities, and expand their cross-sector networks.*

## FORMAT

- 16-month duration, part-time
- Ten intensive on-campus weeks
- International field trips
- General management foundation with a defense and security focus
- Elective courses
- Hands-on teaching and applied learning
- Delivered entirely in English

## DEGREE AND CERTIFICATES

- Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree
- Additional course certificates through international collaborations

## FOCUS

The program is tailored for experienced defense professionals seeking to enhance their general management skills and strengthen their understanding of total defense. It integrates defense, security, and total defense perspectives across all courses.

A strong emphasis is placed on public – private collaboration, supported by field trips and specialized courses in geo-economics, market organization, and global supply networks. Participants gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities inherent in modern total defense systems.

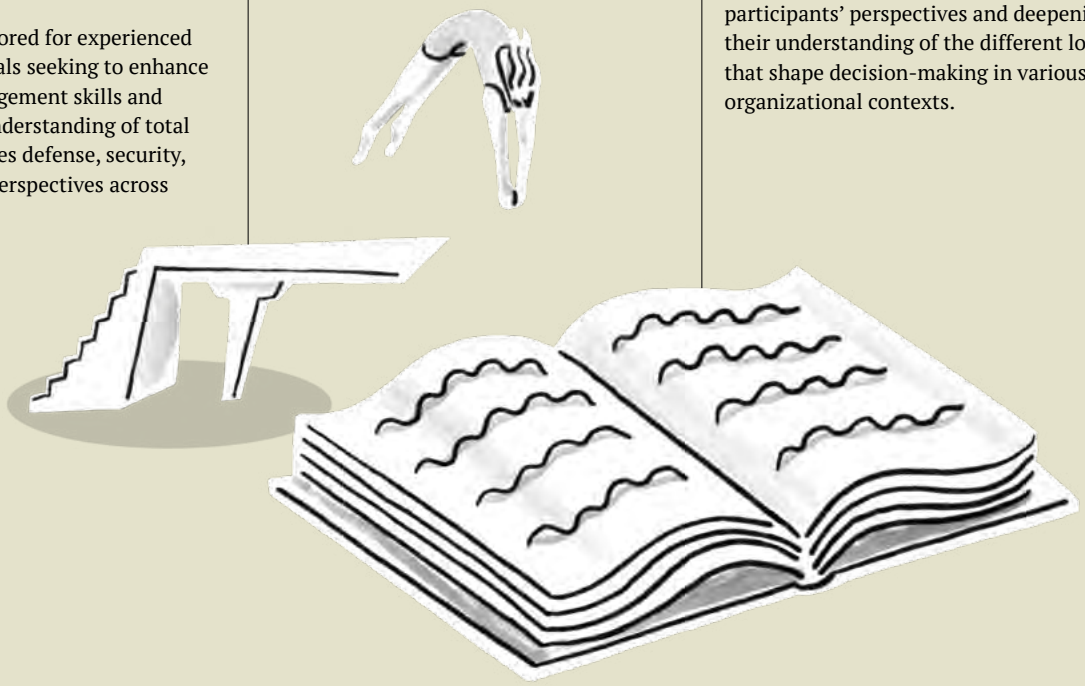
## LEARNING APPROACH

The MBALive® learning methodology prioritizes applied learning and organizational insight. Participants engage in real-world projects within actual organizations, applying economic and management theories, frameworks, and tools to deliver immediate, practical results for complex, high-stakes defense challenges.

## CLASS PROFILE AND NETWORK

The cohort is intentionally diverse, bringing together participants from a wide range of professional backgrounds across both public and private sectors, including entrepreneurial ventures.

This MBA aims to build a strong, cross-sector network of high-ranking officers and civil employees, senior executives, and government officials. Peer learning is central, broadening participants' perspectives and deepening their understanding of the different logics that shape decision-making in various organizational contexts.



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## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum five years of professional experience as high-ranked military officer or civil employee, defense industry executive, or senior government official
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Proven high proficiency in English
- Open and collaborative mindset

*"It is not enough to be strong on the battlefield; we must also be strong in how we lead, organize, and cooperate across society as a whole. This program is an important step in developing the leadership required to integrate military capability with civilian structures and the capacity of the private sector. "*



**Michael Claesson**
Sweden's Chief of Defense

# 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE SSE NORDIC DEFENSE MBA

### 1. INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

SSE is ranked by the Financial Times as the No. 1 business school in the Nordic and Baltic countries, with extensive experience delivering high-quality executive education.

### 2. DEVELOPMENT

The SSE Nordic Defense MBA is based on SSE's top-ranked Executive MBA and developed in close collaboration with the Swedish Armed Forces.

### 3. UNIQUE DEFENSE PERSPECTIVE

A general management MBA with a defense, security, and total defense perspective.

### 4. NORDIC COLLABORATION

You gain access to a unique cross-sector network within the Nordic defense and security sector.

### 5. CONNECTION TO RESEARCH

This MBA has a strong connection to SSE's House of Governance and Public Policy and the Center for Security and Resilience – an established arena for strengthening public – private cooperation in support of total defence.

*Read more about the program here:*

## TUITION FEE

The tuition fee for the SSE Nordic Defense MBA is SEK 700,000 (excluding 25% VAT). The fee is the same for all participants, regardless of citizenship.



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