

COPC – Comprehensive Operations Planning Course

AIM

Prepare operational level planners to contribute to the NATO operations planning process and techniques; either as an operational-level or functional-area planner, prior to, or if necessary, while serving within a joint operational-level headquarters, at a Component Command, the NFS GRF-HQs or ARF nominated HQs, applying the principles of the COPD.

Security Classification

NATO UNCLASSIFIED

Target Audience

The primary target audience is officers who are, or will be, appointed to positions at the operational level within NCS or NFS with the course specified in their job Description. Civilian equivalents and representatives from IO's/NGO's are also eligible for nomination.

Rank level: officers - OF3-OF5 (civilian equivalencies)

Language proficiency

STANAG 6001 English SLP 3.3.3.3

Training Strategy

Under the guidance of a course director and supported by the instructor team with selected component functional and area subject matter experts, the instructor team will lead a two-week course teaching the NATO Operations Planning Process as outlined in the COPD through a combination of lectures and syndicate work. The student body will simulate a joint operational-level planning group, applying the planning principles and techniques learned. The curriculum will be comprised of multiple short lectures, followed by practical exercises and back-briefs in syndicates. An experienced mentor, performing the role of a joint force commander, will provide direction, guidance, and feedback and will receive formal briefs from the students.

Depth of Knowledge

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