

IPJO - Introduction to the Planning of Joint Operations

AIM

Prepare operational level staff to contribute to the NATO operations planning process and techniques; either as an operational-level or functional-area contributor, 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, understanding the application of 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)
 NCOs - OR8-OR9

Language proficiency

STANAG 6001 English SLP 3.3.3.3

Training Strategy

Under the guidance of a course director and supported by instructors (internal / external), the team will lead a one-week course teaching the NATO Operations Planning Process as outlined in the COPD through a combination of lectures and syndicate work. The curriculum will be comprised of multiple lectures focused on explaining the phases of operational level planning, followed by short practical exercises. The student body will simulate elements of a joint operational-level planning group (JOPG), which will be, based on the nature of tasks, divided into respective planning teams. Their task will be to apply the planning principles and techniques learned in a limited manner and back brief the results to instructors. At the end of each phase, discussions and collecting of feedback will be organized to build a deeper understanding of the topic.

Depth of Knowledge

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