

Serbian Armed Forces General Staff
Operations Directorate (J-3)
Peacekeeping Operations Center



Activity & Course Catalogue



2027

Introduction



Welcome to the Peacekeeping Operations Center (PKOC) of the Serbian Armed Forces (SAF).

Peacekeeping Operations Center (PKOC) of the Serbian Armed Forces (SAF) was founded in 2003. As an integral part of former Yugoslavia, the Republic of Serbia has had a long tradition of participating in UN missions. Yugoslav Armed Forces were first engaged in 1956, when they were deployed as part of the UN forces in Sinai. More than 14,000 soldiers participated in this mission, in 22 rotations, from 1956 to 1967. From 2002 SAF have taken part, again, as significant troop contributor of the UN missions. Even more, from 2012 SAF also joined EU – led missions, continuing the tradition of contributing to international peace and security.

From the beginning, we engaged more than 25,000 peacekeepers around the world.

Today, SAF are a significant and recognized UN, EU and MFO contributor. For this we have received numerous commendations and our personnel receive acknowledgments for their professionalism on a daily basis.

New challenges and increase in troops and personnel contribution to PKOs request a constant educational and training system improvement.

This Catalogue briefly presents PKOC capabilities, tasks and facilities, as well as a detailed list of Activities and Courses

Quality training and preparations in accordance with the training and education plans and programs developed by the PKOC, aimed to fulfill the operational requirements from missions, as well as the highest training standards.

We are constantly improving our courses by implementing new best practices and by engaging subject matter experts. Moreover, the high quality standards of all our international courses have been confirmed and certified by the UN.

PKOC has developed regional cooperation in the sense of instructors exchange with partner training centers and is open for cooperation with training institutions worldwide.

PKOC is a member of the International and European Associations of Peace Operations Training Centers (IAPTS and EAPTC) and associated member of the European Security and Defense College.

Colonel Mirjana MILENKOVIĆ, PhD

PKOC Chief

PKOC General Information



PKOC TASKS

- Selection, pre-deployment training and preparations, including equipping individuals and teams for multinational operations.
- Participation in selection, pre-deployment training and preparations of units for multinational operations.
- Participation in preparation and conducting of collective training of units assigned for deployment in multinational operations is main task of its subordinate unit – Peacekeeping Operations Training Center (PKOTC).
- Deployment, monitoring, coordination and control of activities of deployed members of the Serbian Armed Forces in multinational operations.
- Planning, organization and conducting national and international courses, seminars and workshops with content relevant for deployment in multinational operations.
- Participation in the evaluation of units for multinational operations.
- Participation in drafting normative legal framework for deployment in multinational operations.
- Cooperation with national and international entities in order to exchange ideas and experiences from multinational operations.
- Coordination of logistic support and sustainment of individuals, teams and units deployed in multinational operations.

PKOC Training Recognition



PKOC holds three UN Training Recognition Certificates for three different courses.

Until now 2509 participants attended our courses, with 453 foreign students. Annually, we certify up to 700 members of Serbian MoD and SAF, after completing Mission Specific Training.





Courses in 2027

1. United Nations Protection of Civilians Course – UNPOCC
2. United Nations Military Observers Course - UNMOC
3. United Nations Staff Officers Course – UNSOC



United Nations Protection of Civilians Course - UNPOCC

Aim

To raise awareness that civilians are increasingly becoming the victims of armed conflict, and that UN SC has mandated a number of PKOs with the protection of civilians from physical violence, but also to increase gender awareness and provide implementation of gender perspective in peace operations, including the planning process and overall conduct of mission tasks and activities. The Course underlines the fact that successful missions should address the needs of the whole population in the area of operation and how it is essential that female soldiers, police officers and civilian staff are involved in planning, conduct and evaluation of operations.

Content

The Course program focuses on: understanding how contemporary peacekeeping operations function and what are contemporary Mission challenges and priorities; basics of the UN concept on Protection of Civilians; familiarization with different roles, responsibilities, activities and tasks associated with the implementation of POC mandate and gender perspective; lessons learned and practical experience from UN missions.

Student criteria

Course is open for national and foreign key personnel planned for deployment in peace operations.

Students should be familiar with Basic PKO training (based on UN CPTMs). Materials can be found as pre-reading at www.peacekeepingresourcehub.un.org.

Language proficiency: English, described in STANAG 6001 (Listening Fair-2, Speaking Fair-2, Reading Fair-2, Writing Fair-2). No additional training or translation will be provided.

Course is certified by the UN

Course Language: English

Duration: One week, 12 – 16 Apr 2027





United Nations Military Observers Course - UNMOC

Aim

To train officers for Military Observer duties in UN peacekeeping operations. Course Program is focused on roles and responsibilities of Military Observers at Team Site/Sector HQ, working techniques and procedures. The course builds on the knowledge acquired in the Peacekeeping Operations Basic Course with the addition of topics specific to Military Observer duties and tasks.

Content

- Basics of the UN System and UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- Legal framework for peace operations.
- UN Peacekeeping Operations functioning, main features and standards of effective implementation of the UN peacekeeping mandates.
- Core duties and responsibilities of UN Military Observers.
- UN Military Observers working techniques and procedures.
- Field exercise: exercising practical skills and working procedures at the UN Military Observers Team Site.

Student criteria

Course is open for national and foreign military personnel planned for deployment in peace operations as military observers: Officers (OF-1 to OF-3)

Language proficiency: English (STANAG 6001), 2222. (candidates will be tested in English – written and oral test). Candidates who pass the test will continue with the Course Program. No additional training or translation will be provided.

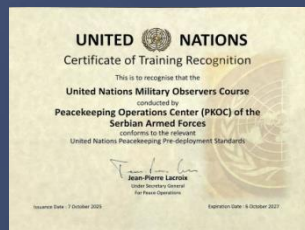
Candidates must have valid driving license (national „B“ category is minimum requirement).

Computer skills are required (MS Office package).

Course is certified by the UN

Course Language: English

Duration: Three weeks, 6 – 24 Sep 2027





United Nations Staff Officers Course - UNSOC

Aim

To train officers for staff duties in UN Peacekeeping Operations, in accordance with the UN standards and procedures. The course is also intended for civilian personnel who aim to acquire better knowledge and understanding of UN integrated missions structure and functioning. Course Program is focused on the main features of the UN integrated mission functioning and the Military Component Planning Process (MCP). The course builds on the knowledge acquired in the Peacekeeping Operations Basic Course with the addition of topics specific to UN Staff Officers duties and tasks.

Content

- Introduction to UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- Legal framework for UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- UN Peacekeeping Operations functioning, with special reference to UN integrated missions.
- Main features and aspects of working in a UN mission – Cooperation with IOs/GOs/NGOs, Civil-military coordination, Cultural awareness, Gender perspective, Cooperation with UNPOL and UNMOs, Media awareness and dealing with media in the field.
- Basic skills: map reading and radio voice procedures.
- UN integrated mission organization, joint/integrated structures, staff (HQ) structure; staff duties and procedures.
- Introduction to Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP).
- Introduction to Military Component Planning Process (MCP).
- Military Staff Exercise (MAPEX1)
- Integrated Staff Exercise (INSTEX).

Student criteria

Course is open for national and foreign personnel planned for deployment in peace operations as staff officers: Officers (OF-2 to OF-4) and civilian personnel

For military personnel, previous training and experience from national military staff positions is preferable.

Language proficiency: English, described in STANAG 6001 (Listening Fair-2, Speaking Fair-2, Reading Fair-2, Writing Fair-2). No additional training or translation will be provided.

Course is certified by the UN.

Course Language: English

Duration: Three weeks, 18 Oct – 5 Nov 2027





Other Training Activities

- PKOC annually organizes 20-25 different **Pre-Deployment/Mission-Specific trainings** for individual, teams and units. Training programs are designed as a combination of theoretical and practical content. In addition, candidates' immunization process and their individual sets of equipment are tailored to the geographical area of deployment.
- PKOC also provides **support to the training of units** to be deployed in peacekeeping operations by applying training standards and contents in accordance with the general and Mission-specific requirements. Training programs include: generic training in accordance with the UN CPTMs and Mission-specific and duty-specific training, including practical training in live shooting, first aid, etc. In addition, other types of capacity building training are also conducted. Duration of Pre-Deployment/Mission-Specific training varies from one to four weeks, depending on the Mission.
- Significant attention is also paid to the **training of the PKOC personnel**. In this regard, different training sessions are organized monthly by the Training section of the PKOC in order to maintain high level of professional skills and knowledge necessary for successful completion of all specific training tasks.
- PKOC is able to organize different **courses, workshops and seminars**, on its own or together with our partners.
- PKOC is actively engaged in the exchange of instructors with the partner training centers.

Facts and figures

PKOC holds three UN Training Recognition Certificates for three different courses.

PKOC is the only national pre-deployment training certifying body.

We are one of a few training centers in the world which is at the same time responsible for selection, training, logistic support, sustainment, monitoring of deployment and after action analysis, including all personal and financial matters.

Until now 2,509 participants attended our courses, with 453 were foreign students.

Pre-deployment Training and Mission-Specific Training were organized more than 250 times.

Annually, we certify up to 700 members of MoD and SAF.

In 2012 we organized the first Gender related training for military and police personnel for peace operations in the Balkans and since then, all our training curricula are gender sensitive.

We hosted the first Gender Training of Trainers Course for sub-Saharan African Armed Forces personnel.

In 2024 we successively hosted two UN courses within the pledges of the Republic of Serbia for supporting UN training and strengthening the capacity of the Member States.

Memberships and partners

PKOC is a member of IAPTC & EAPTC and from 2023 it is an associated member of the European Security and Defense College (ESDC). In order to fulfill it's obligations as active associated member of the ESDC, PKOC has established fruitful cooperation with Slovenian Peace Operations Training Center (POTC) as a mentor center.

Currently, PKOC is conducting instructors exchange program with Austria, Swiss confederation, Kazakhstan, Germany, Hungary, Greece, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina peace operations training centers.





How to apply?

Invitation letter is sent three months prior to any course. Applications based on invitation should be submitted through the appropriate national channels to PKOC not later than 6 weeks before a course.

PKOC does not process applications sent by individuals.

Finance, visas and insurance

- Allowances, travel arrangements and insurance are a responsibility of a sending nation.
- Course fee, accommodation and meals are free of charge.
- Visa Application: It is a national responsibility to obtain visa prior to arrival. Visa requirements can be found at <http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/visa-requirements>.

Welfare

As every good host we like to give our participants the opportunity to get a glimpse of our beautiful country, its culture and history. We organize welfare activities as integral part of all courses. Good and friendly atmosphere throughout the course is guaranteed.



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

PKOC is located in Belgrade, in the part of the city called „Banjica“, 5 km from Belgrade City Centre, 5 km from Belgrade Bus Station, 3 km from the Belgrade Railway Station and 15 km from „Nikola Tesla“ Belgrade Airport.

PKO TC is located in the base „South“, 6 km from Bujanovac, 26 km from Vranje and 360 km from Belgrade. Course participants' transportation from Belgrade to „South“ base is organised by PKOC.

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