



NATO School Oberammergau (NSO)



Overview

The NATO School, located in Oberammergau, Germany, is NATO's key training facility on the operational level. **It is the global leader in multinational military education and individual training.** Since 1953, the NATO School has trained and educated members of the Alliance and Partner nations.

Its mission is to conduct education and individual training in support of current and developing NATO operations, strategy, policy, doctrine and procedures. This includes cooperation and dialogue with military and civilian personnel from non-NATO nations. The NATO School provides resident courses of instruction in five main disciplines: Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR), Joint Operations (JOPS), Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Policy and Non Commissioned Officer Policy Department (NCOPD). Most courses are one week in duration and there are many subjects from which to choose.

Allied Command Transformation (ACT) is responsible for the NATO School's curriculum, and it is linked to the NATO Individual Training and Education Management System. Germany and United States contribute facilities and logistics support; however, the School's operating budget is highly dependent on tuition fees from students and in this regard is essentially self-supporting.

Since 1953, more than 200,000 officers, non-commissioned officers and civilians from all allied and national military commands within the NATO Alliance have attended courses at the School. This number also includes students from the Alliance's Partnership for Peace programme as well as students from nations of the Mediterranean Dialogue, the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative and other military and civilian partners. The School curriculum has grown from two courses in 1953 to almost 100 different courses today. Annually, about 10,000 students and conference attendees visit the NSO. Our courses cover a broad spectrum and include basic NATO orientation, targeting, environmental protection, electronic warfare, cyber security, command and control, psychological operations, logistic operations, weapons of mass destruction, crisis management and public information. The courses are continually revised and updated to reflect current developments in ACT and in NATO as a whole.

In Brief

Vision	NATO School: Global Leader in Multinational Military Education and Individual training.
Mission:	To conduct education and training in support of current and developing NATO operations, strategy, policy, doctrine and procedures
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Parent Command:	Allied Commander Transformation
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