



# Naval Peace and Humanitarian Operations Training Centre



## Course Catalogue 2026



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# Foreword



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The **Naval Peace and Humanitarian Operations Training Centre (NPOTC; COpPazNav, in Portuguese)** is the Brazilian Navy's educational institution dedicated to providing high-standard training for military, public security, and civilian personnel, from Brazil and friendly nations, with a view to their participation in Peace Operations under mandates of the United Nations or other regional multilateral organisms, as well as in humanitarian operations. Created in 2008 as one of the schools of the Admiral Sylvio de Camargo Marine Corps Training Centre (CIASC, in Portuguese), the Centre has been contributing significantly to the cause of peace, amassing expressive figures for its alumni during the unfolding of its history, among them were hundreds of uniformed personnel from friendly nations.

Currently, NPOTC offers a wide variety of courses to the international community, four of which have been granted training recognition by the Integrated Training Service of the UN Department of Peace Operations, ensuring the high standards of our deliveries in support of global peace and security efforts. Also an active training institution for humanitarian operations, the Centre maintains a strong relationship with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to offer relevant training in this vital area, as most countries face serious challenges posed by catastrophes.

Championing the efforts to foster the increase of full, equal, and meaningful female participation in UN field missions, the NPOTC launched, in 2018, the first Peace Operations course in Brazil fully dedicated to women, which later gained annual editions fully conducted in English and open to female uniformed personnel around the world, an initiative that remains to date as the most solicited Centre's course by other countries, hosting dozens of foreign female trainees each year.

Located in the Ilha do Governador Naval Complex, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the NPOTC benefits from a complete set of educational facilities, tactical training areas, as well as Fleet and Marine Corps units able to support its activities.

We look forward to supporting our friendly nations, academic institutions, non-governmental organisations and all other peacekeeping and humanitarian community members with our expertise and training capabilities.

***Welcome aboard!***



# Courses





# United Nations Infantry Battalions Course (UNIBAT)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To provide a comprehensive training that combines the conceptual, legal, and operational frameworks for Infantry Battalions and Companies, and other UN Military Units with Infantry capabilities.

### Duration and dates:

3 weeks in total (15 working days), being:

- 1 week (5 working days) for the UN Core Pre-Deployment Training Material (CPTM), in remote learning (online self-paced classes).
- 2 weeks (10 working days) in presential learning for the Specialised Training Material (STM) on UN Infantry Battalions, consisting of lectures, syndicate discussions, map exercises, and a Table-Top Exercise (TTX) based on a fictional scenario.

Dates: See Annexe A for dates.

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- Active-duty Military officers from 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant to Colonel (OF-1 to OF-5) or equivalent ranks in other military branches.
- *Enrolment of suitable female participants is strongly encouraged.*

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.



# United Nations Civil-Military Coordination Course (UN CMCoord)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To promote appropriate and effective humanitarian civil-military interactions in humanitarian emergencies.

### Duration and dates:

1 week (5 working days) for the UN CMCoord content, in presential learning for lectures and syndicate discussions.

Dates: See Annexe A for dates.

**Additional info:** Course imparted in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA).

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- Active-duty military personnel from Sergeant to Colonel (OR-5 to OF-5) or equivalent ranks in other military branches.
- *Enrolment of suitable female participants is strongly encouraged.*

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.



# United Nations Peace Operations Course Focused on Women (POCFOW)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To provide female military and police personnel with basic preparation for UN Peace Operations, and encourage their participation in such operations, in line with the UN Security Council Resolutions 1325/2000, 2242/2015, and the UN Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy 2018-2028.

### Duration and dates:

2 weeks in total (10 working days), being:

- 1 week (5 working days) for the UN Core Pre-Deployment Training Material (CPTM), in remote learning (online self-paced classes).
- 1 week (5 working days) in presential learning on the fundamentals of Peace Operations and the Women, Peace and Security agenda.

Dates: See Annexe A for dates.

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- This course is exclusively open for active-duty female military and police personnel from Sergeant to Colonel (OR-5 to OF-5) or equivalent ranks in other military branches.

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.

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# United Nations Engagement Platoon Course (UNEP)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To provide a comprehensive training that addresses the technical requirements needed to engage with sector stakeholders in Peacekeeping Operations, in support of the tactical planning of UN infantry units.

### Duration and dates:

2 ½ weeks in total (13 working days), being:

- 1 week (5 working days) for the UN Core Pre-Deployment Training Material (CPTM), in remote learning (online self-paced classes).
- 1 ½ weeks (8 working days) for the Reinforcement Training Package (RTP) on UN Engagement Platoon (UNEP), consisting of lectures, syndicate discussions, map exercises, and a Table-Top exercise (TTX) based on a fictional scenario.

Dates: See Annexe A for dates.

**Additional info:** This course boasts a training-recognition certificate issued by the United Nations Integrated Training Service.

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- Active-duty military personnel from Sergeant to Major (OR-5 to OF-3) or equivalent ranks in other military branches.
- *Enrolment of suitable female participants is strongly encouraged.*

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.

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# United Nations Military Riverine Units Course (UNMRU)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To provide a comprehensive training package that combines the conceptual, legal, and operational frameworks for UN Military Riverine Units, and mainstream relevant aspects of the Protection of Civilians.

### Duration and dates:

2 weeks in total (10 working days), being:

- 1 week (5 working days) for the UN Core Pre-Deployment Training Material (CPTM), in remote learning (online self-paced classes).
- 1 week (5 working days) in presential learning for the Specialised Training Material (STM) on Military Riverine Units, consisting of lectures, syndicate discussions, map exercises, and a Table-Top Exercise (TTX) based on a fictional scenario.

Dates: See Annexe A for dates.

**Additional info:** This course boasts a training-recognition certificate issued by the United Nations Integrated Training Service.

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- Active-duty military officers from 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant to Colonel (OF-1 to OF-5) or equivalent ranks in other military branches.
- *Enrolment of suitable female participants is strongly encouraged.*

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.

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# United Nations Maritime Task Force Course (UNMTF)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To provide a comprehensive training package that combines the conceptual, legal, and operational frameworks for UN Military Riverine Units, and mainstream relevant aspects of the Protection of Civilians.

### Duration and dates:

2 weeks in total (10 working days), being:

- 1 week (5 working days) for the UN Core Pre-Deployment Training Material (CPTM), in remote learning (online self-paced classes).
- 1 week (5 working days) in presential learning for the Specialised Training Material (STM) on UN Maritime Task Force, consisting of lectures, syndicate discussions, map exercises, and a Table-Top Exercise (TTX) based on a fictional scenario.

Dates: See Annexe A for dates.

**Additional info:** This course boasts a training-recognition certificate issued by the United Nations Integrated Training Service.

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- Active-duty military officers from 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant to Colonel (OF-1 to OF-5) or equivalent ranks in other military branches.
- *Enrolment of suitable female participants is strongly encouraged.*

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.



# United Nations Military Observers Course (UNMOC)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To support the pre-deployment training efforts of TCCs by providing standardised training guidance provided by the UN DPO. It seeks to ensure a harmonised and coherent approach to the roles and responsibilities of United Nations Military Observers (UNMO) across UN Peace Operations.

### Duration and dates:

3 weeks in total (15 working days), being:

- 1 week (5 working days) for the UN Core Pre-Deployment Training Material (CPTM), in remote learning (online self-paced classes).
- 2 weeks (10 working days) in presential learning for the United Nations Military Observers Specialised Training Materials (UNMO STM), consisting of lectures, syndicate discussions, map exercises, a Table-Top Exercise (TTX), and a Field-Training Exercise (FTX) based on a fictional scenario.

Dates: [See Annexe A for dates.](#)

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- Active-duty military officers from the ranks of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant to Colonel (OF-1 to OF-5) or equivalent ranks in other military branches.
- Active-duty Female Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) from upper ranks (OR-7 to OR-9), with more than 8 years of experience.
- *Enrolment of suitable female participants is strongly encouraged.*

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.



# United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To support the pre-deployment training efforts of TCCs by providing UN DPO training standards to ensure a common approach to the work of Military Staff Officers at Force and Sector levels, and within integrated entities, in UN Peace Operations.

### Duration and dates:

3 weeks in total (15 working days), being:

- 1 week (5 working days) for the UN Core Pre-Deployment Training Material (CPTM), in remote learning (online self-paced classes).
- 2 weeks (10 working days) in presential learning for the United Nations Military Staff Officers Specialised Training Materials (UNSO STM), consisting of lectures, syndicate discussions, map exercises, and a Table-Top Exercise (TTX) based on a fictional scenario.

Dates: See Annexe A for dates.

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- Active-duty Military Officers from the ranks of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant to Colonel (OF-1 to OF-5) or equivalent ranks in other military branches.
- Active-duty Female Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) from upper ranks (OR-7 to OR-9), with more than 8 years of experience.
- *Enrolment of suitable female participants is strongly encouraged.*

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.

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# United Nations Military Peacekeeping Operations Intelligence Officers Course (UNMPKIO)

## Course Description

**Aim:** To support the pre-deployment training efforts of TCCs by providing UN DPO training standards for a Military Peacekeeping Operations Intelligence Officer (MPKIO), to ensure a common approach to work at the Force and Sector levels in UN Peace Operations.

### Duration and dates:

3 weeks in total (15 working days), being:

- 1 week (5 working days) for the UN Core Pre-Deployment Training Material (CPTM) in remote learning (online self-paced classes).
- 2 weeks (10 working days) in presential learning for the RTP on MPKIO, consisting of lectures, syndicate discussions, map exercises, and a Table-Top exercise (TTX) based on a fictional scenario.

Dates: [See Annexe A for dates.](#)

**Additional info:** This course boasts a training-recognition certificate issued by the United Nations Integrated Training Service.

## Requirements for participation

### Target audience:

- Active-duty Military Officers from 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant to Colonel (OF-1 to OF-5) or equivalent ranks in other military branches, from combat or combat support branches.
- *Enrolment of suitable female participants is strongly encouraged.*

### Employed language:

English (minimum STANAG 6001 functional language 3-2-3-2). To fully benefit from the training, all participants must be able to understand classes in English and engage in discussions.

### Conduct and Discipline:

Participants are required to fulfil the UN conduct, discipline, and human rights requirements for deployment in its field missions. Please review the enrolment instructions for further details.



# Enrolment



# Financial costs for NPOTC courses

- There are no course fees.
- The trainee's Government will cover all travel expenses. Therefore, NPOTC, the Brazilian Navy or the Brazilian Government will NOT be responsible for any expenditures.
- During the in-person training phase, breakfast and lunch will be available, free of charge, at the training facilities.

## Scholarships

- Limited scholarships (one per selected UN Member State) sponsored by the Brazilian Government might be available for some courses (*please see 'scholarship mark' on each course description*).
- Trainees granted a scholarship will have the following expenses covered:
  - Air tickets (round trip from their country's capital to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).
  - Accommodation (in a military unit near the class venue, or a military hotel).
  - Travel insurance.
  - Meals (served at training and accommodation facilities).
  - Airport transfer and land transportation between the accommodation and training facilities.
- No other expenses than the ones listed above will be covered by the granted scholarship.
- **Only one scholarship can be granted, per course, for a requestor Member State.**
- ***The request for a scholarship itself doesn't automatically secure its grant.*** Therefore, should the concerned UN Member State be resolved to have its personnel enrolled, we strongly recommend considering covering the travel expenses of their candidates.
- Trainees' transportation between their duty station and the departure airport at the concerned UN Member State's capital is NOT covered by the scholarship. Eventual departure from an international airport other than the one in the student's national capital might be considered under timely coordination, and provided the corresponding air ticket cost is equal to or lower than the one for the air ticket with departure from the capital.

- Accommodation is provided in shared rooms, separated by gender, and only during the in-person learning phase (eventual accommodation before the beginning of that presential module or after the course completion is not available). *Individual accommodation will not be provided for scholarship recipients.*

## Enrolment procedures

UN Member States interested in seats at NPOTC courses for their uniformed personnel are kindly requested to submit their solicitations through official channels of communication with the Brazilian Government. That can be achieved through the Brazilian Diplomatic Missions present in the Member States; the contact of the concerned Member State's Diplomatic Mission in Brazil with the Brazilian Navy General Staff; or the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in New York-USA.

***Requests for seats must be submitted with a minimum 90-day advance to the beginning of the desired course. Kindly consider the course start date as the first day of the first course phase (as most of them have an online learning module as their first phase).***

**The official request for seats must bring the following:**

- Desired course(s).
- The number of solicited seats for each desired course.
- Information about the appointed uniformed service member for each requested seat: Rank; full name; sex; date of birth; valid passport number and expiry date for each appointed trainee; respective uniformed branch (Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, National Police, Fire Department, etc); phone and e-mail of contact for each appointed trainee (for sharing of further instructions, in case of enrolment confirmation).
- A fulfilled, signed, and stamped Request for Enrolment/Individual Conduct and Discipline Attestation (see Annexe B) for each appointed service member to be enrolled (*this is a mandatory document; lack of submission will result in a non-processed request*).
- Copy of the trainee(s) passport(s) (legible identification page), *with a minimum 6-month validity.*

- If scholarships are solicited, such a request shall be indicated in the candidate's respective Request for Enrolment/Individual Conduct and Discipline Attestation (see Annexe B).
- A point of contact (POC) at the concerned Member State must be informed, so that NPOTC can timely share the solicitation feedback, address any queries, or request missing data on the appointed trainee(s).

NPOTC will receive the enrolment request and process it, including scholarship requests, in case any, and will reach out to the Member State's nominated POC, by e-mail, in due time, with feedback on the enrolment request and, if applicable, the scholarship grant.

Once the enrolment is confirmed, NPOTC will start direct communication with the nominated trainee, by e-mail, for further information (selected accommodation address, in Rio de Janeiro; guidance for commuting between accommodation and the NPOTC premises, security recommendations, basic health information, among others).





# Annexes



# Annexe A - Training Calendar

- The Training Calendar version below is subject to modifications at NPOTC discretion. Kindly reach out to NPOTC by phone (+55 21 3386-4512) or e-mail (coppaznav@marinha.mil.br) for date confirmation.

## NPOTC – TRAINING CALENDAR 2026

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
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National Training Period

**Labels:**

- 13-17 JUL – UN Civil-Military Humanitarian Coordination Course (UN CMCoord)
- 16-22 JUL – UN Engagement Platoon Course (UNEP) – Remote phase
- 27 JUL - 05 AUG – UN Engagement Platoon Course (UNEP) – In-person phase
- 30 JUL - 05 AUG – Peace Operations Course Focused on Women (POCFOW) – Remote phase
- 10-14 AUG – Peace Operations Course Focused on Women (POCFOW) – In-person phase
- 13-19 AUG – UN Infantry Battalion Course (UNIBAT) – Remote phase
- 24 AUG - 04 SEP – UN Infantry Battalion Course (UNIBAT) – In-person phase

- 21-25 SEP – UN Military Riverine Units Course (UNMRU) – Remote phase
- 05-09 OCT – UN Military Riverine Units Course (UNMRU) – In-person phase
- 05-09 OCT – UN Military Observer Course (UNMOC) and UN Military Staff Officer Course (UNSOC) – Remote phase
- 19-30 OCT – UN Military Observer Course (UNMOC) and UN Military Staff Officer Course (UNSOC) – In-person phase
- 29 OCT - 04 NOV – UN Maritime Task Force Course (UNMTF) – Remote phase
- 09-13 NOV – UN Maritime Task Force Course (UNMTF) – In-person phase
- 05-11 NOV – UN Military Peacekeeping Intelligence Officers Course (UNMPKIO) – Remote phase
- 16-27 NOV – UN Military Peacekeeping Intelligence Officers Course (UNMPKIO) – In-person phase

Weekends/Holidays

# Annexe B - Request for enrolment/Individual Conduct and Discipline Attestation (template)

- The template below must be submitted to all enrolment requests. *Lack of submission would result in a non-confirmed enrolment. Should the corresponding word format template be needed, kindly contact NPOTC for assistance.*

***City, Country, dd/mm/yyyy.***

On behalf of the Government of the **(candidate's Country)**, I hereby:

a) Request the enrolment of **(candidate's rank and full name)** in the **(course to be enrolled)**, class **(year to be enrolled)**, to be imparted by the Brazilian Naval Peace and Humanitarian Operations Training Centre (NPOTC).

b) Scholarship, if available, is also requested. ( ) YES ( ) NO (expenses fully covered by the Capital) *(If YES, this request brings full acknowledgement to the content of the section 'Scholarships' on page 14 of this catalogue).*

c) Acknowledge that the above-requested enrolment is subject to seat availability and must be confirmed in due course by NPOTC. Therefore, no travel expenses or financial commitments related to the candidate's travel shall be made before the enrolment confirmation, and NPOTC, nor the Brazilian Navy or the Brazilian Government will be responsible for such expenditures in any case.

d) Certify that **(candidate's rank and full name)** has never been convicted of or is not currently under investigation or being prosecuted for any criminal or disciplinary offence, or any violations of international human rights law, civil action or disciplinary offence. Hence, the Government of **(participant's Country)** is not aware of any allegations against the nominated candidate that (s)he has involved or been involved, by act or omission, in the commission of any acts that may amount to violations of international human rights law or international humanitarian law. Finally, I declare that **(participant's rank and full name)** has never been charged with or prosecuted for any criminal offence, including minor traffic violations.

***(Signature and Official Stamp)***

***National Authority Representative (rank, full name, position)***

# Annexe C - NPOTC contact list and opening hours

Kindly reach out through the means below for further information on our courses and any other queries. Our crew will be more than happy to assist.

## **Contacts:**

E-mail: [coppaznav@marinha.mil.br](mailto:coppaznav@marinha.mil.br)

Phone: (+55) 21 3386-4512

## **Opening Hours:**

Monday to Friday, from 07.00 am to 09.30 am, and from 11.30 am to 01.00 pm (EST time).



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