

TRAINING CENTRE SWISSINT

Course and Activity Catalogue



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WELCOME TO THE TRAINING CENTRE SWISSINT!

Since 2004, TC SWISSINT, based at the garrison Wil near Stans in Oberdorf (NW), has conducted mission-specific pre-deployment training for all Swiss peacekeepers deployed abroad. This includes contingents and individual personnel assigned to the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR), the European Union Force (EUFOR), various United Nations Peace Operations, and other international peace-support engagements undertaken by Switzerland.

Beyond military training for peace support operations, TC SWISSINT delivers courses for partners such as the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), and several departments of the Swiss Federal Administration. It also provides host-nation support for selected UN courses and contributes to training within the NATO/PfP framework, for civilian participants, and for domestic and international partners. Through the integration of reservists - many of whom serve as civilian physicians and medical professionals - the centre maintains recognized expertise in Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), which it delivers in both national and international courses.

The primary objective of all training is to equip deployed personnel with the knowledge and skills required to accomplish their mission - above all, to ensure their safety and security. TC SWISSINT operates in accordance with the standards of the United Nations Department of Peace Operations, NATO, and relevant European guidelines. Under the "4-PCE-Fo(u)r Peace Central Europe" framework, it cooperates closely with its partner training centres of Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands, while maintaining broad international exchanges. TC SWISSINT is also a member of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC), the Partnership Training and Education Centres (PTEC), and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT).

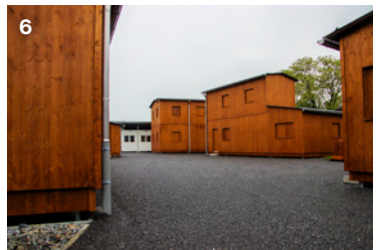
TC SWISSINT embodies Swiss values of quality, precision, and commitment. Its training is grounded in current doctrine and operational lessons learned, preparing participants to act professionally and with ethical and moral integrity. Guided by the motto “preserve proven practices – shape the new,” an experienced team of regular and reserve personnel, subject-matter experts, and civilian staff ensures the highest standards and a reliable partnership.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our courses.

Colonel (GS) Adrian “Dusty” Staub
Commandant Training Centre SWISSINT

INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1 Accommodation & cafeteria
- 2 Twin-bedded room with TV / Internet
- 3 Course building
- 4 Gym
- 5 Camp
- 6 Exercise village
- 7 Class room
- 8 Lecture hall



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL COURSES



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Target audience / level

Courses are designed for military personnel, police officers, personnel of GOs and NGOs and other civilians, who wish to develop key skills and competencies for future field deployments.

Language requirements

Participants are required to possess at least the following level of English (as described in the NATO STANAG 6001): 3232

- » Listening (professional/3)
- » Reading (functional/2)
- » Speaking (professional/3)
- » Writing (functional/2)

This equates to the English Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), a definition of different language levels written by the Council of Europe. Interested participants should consider themselves confident English speakers.

No translation will be provided.

Restrictions

Generally, international courses are open to all nations that maintain open diplomatic relations with Switzerland. The number of course participants is usually limited to 24 and a maximum of 2 slots are allocated per nation. A balanced participation (origin and gender) is emphasised.

Arrival & departure

For all participants the earliest arrival date is the day prior to the course starting date. For international participants arriving to Zurich International Airport, a shuttle will be provided according to a fixed time schedule. Participants may also arrive independently by train or car.



All participants must leave TC SWISSINT on the last day of the course. No accommodation will be provided thereafter. A shuttle service to Zurich International Airport will be provided on the final day.

Lodging

Accommodation and meals during the courses are provided free of charge for all participants.

Participants arriving before the official arrival date, or continuing their stay in Switzerland after the end of the course, must arrange their own accommodation. There are no lodging facilities available at TC SWISSINT outside the designated course windows.

The costs for all non-training related, private leisure activities are to be borne by the participants. TC SWISSINT does not provide any financial reimbursement or logistical support in this regard.

Meals

The dining facility is able to accommodate a vegetarian diet. However, dining facility is unable to accommodate special dietary needs, e.g., gluten-free, vegan etc.



SUNMOC – SWISS UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVER COURSE

Course 1 SUNMOC

This course is
UNDPO certified

International



As conflicts become increasingly complex, the mandates of the various UN missions are becoming broader and multidimensional. The UN no longer merely monitors cease-fires but must collaborate and cooperate with a variety of local, regional and international governmental and non-governmental actors. United Nations Military Observers (UNMO) must be strictly impartial and capable to serve in multi-national teams, deployed under the flag and mandate of the United Nations. The Swiss United Nations Military Observer Course (SUNMOC) prepares students during several weeks for future deployment as UNMO. During this tailor-made course, participants are trained by an experienced team of national and international instructors.

The training content is comprehensive and varied. Core topics relevant to UN military (observer) missions are delivered through classroom-based lessons and consolidated by practical exercises. Important background information is explained through briefings on the roles of UN (mandated) forces, UN police, International Organisations (IO), Governmental Organisations (GO), and non-Governmental Organisations (NGO). Team building and, inter-cultural awareness and sensitivity are vital aspects of the programme. The course concludes with a field exercise, which runs under the “4PCE-Fo(u)r Peace Central Europe”-umbrella, in which students cooperate in multinational teams and operate their base within a simulated post-conflict environment while working and living together.

Careful attention is paid to ensure that the course content is derived from current core pre-deployment training material and specialised training material, in accordance with United Nations Department for Peace Operations (DPO) guidelines, making the course an officially United Nations certified training.

On successful completion of the course, participants will:

- » Be familiar with the organisation, structure, and role of the UN in relation to peacekeeping operations.
- » Be familiar with the roles and functions of UN forces, agencies and partners in the field.
- » Be competent to perform duties demanded by the role of a UNMO.
- » Be able to recognise and deal competently and safely with various personal security challenges.
- » Be able to communicate effectively and competently in various situations using appropriate strategies and techniques.
- » Be competent to interact appropriately with the media in all situations.



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SUNSOC – SWISS UNITED NATIONS STAFF OFFICER COURSE

Course 2 SUNSOC

This course
is UNDP
certified

International
National

(as part of
SUNMOC for
selected
candidates)



The Swiss United Nations Staff Officer Course (SUNSOC) prepares the participants for future deployments as UN Military Staff Officers. This training is in line with the United Nations Department of Peace Operations (DPO) training standards and ensures a common military approach to work at force and sector HQ-levels in UN peacekeeping missions. It targets all military personnel selected by member states to be deployed as military staff officers in UN peacekeeping operations. Military staff officers are required to have at least completed their national basic military staff course prior to this course.

On successful completion of the course, participants will:

- » Be confident in applying the Military Planning Process (MPP) in a UN force headquarters, sector headquarters or similar, under normal operating conditions in accordance with the UN Specialised Training Materials (UN STM).
- » Be familiar with the concept of the integrated approach and competent to cooperate and liaise between military, civilian organisations and other mission actors including (formed) police units and elements within the mission area of responsibility.
- » Be able to implement all essential military planning tools in order to contribute to a holistic mission approach.
- » Be capable to contribute efficiently towards the implementation of the military aspects of UN peacekeeping mandates in accordance with DPO/DFS principles and guidelines.
- » Be competent to perform within your military function in an effective, professional and integrated manner.
- » Be able to demonstrate the core values and competencies of the UN.
- » Be able to identify all requirements within the planning and decision-making process for military operations focused on the protection of civilians.
- » Have gained knowledge and developed skills to support the goals of the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse as well as sexual violence, the prevention of conflicts, the building of rule of law, the promotion of human rights, the empowerment of women and the delivery of field support.
- » Know, understand and be confident to promote the key issues of child protection and of women, peace and security.



KFOR SWISSCOY / EUFOR LOT PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING

Course 3 KFOR SWISSCOY/ EUFOR LOT

National

The SWISSCOY / LOT training course prepares participants for deployment to peace support operations with the KFOR in Kosovo or the EUFOR in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The course complies with both Swiss national training regulations and the pre-deployment requirements of international military partners. The duration of the training consists of a preparatory course, five weeks of basic peace support training in order to achieve the required level of interoperability, followed by function specific training.

The event encourages participants and assists in developing key skills to enable them to successfully, safely and confidently fulfil their mandated tasks in peace support operations. Participants will be provided with background information about the history, geography and cultural specifications about the country of assignment. Later some of these details and information will be integrated into practical exercises to simulate, as close to reality as possible, the operational environment and challenges the participants may face during their deployment. This way participants can practice and strengthen skills in highly realistic scenarios, while remaining in a safe environment. The training priority focuses on safety and security, both in training and on operations.

In addition, participants will:

- » Undertake small arms basic training (according to assignment).
- » Achieve certification in Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Service Members (TCCC ASM), Swiss Resuscitation Council Basic Life Support – Automatic External Defibrillator (SRC BLS-AED), Intervverband Rettungswesen (IVR) 1.

On successful completion of all the training components of the course, participants will qualify for deployment with SWISSCOY or EUFOR LOT for a duration of at least six months.

This course is only available to Swiss citizens.



HEAT – HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS TRAINING

Course 6

HEAT

This course is delivered in accordance with a curriculum recognised amongst 4-PCE training centres.

International



The HEAT-training is a pre-deployment course specifically designed for non-military personnel and staff of national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations in the field of humanitarian assistance and development programs, as well as media professionals in crisis theaters. The course is designed for individuals whose professional activities take them to conflict regions and who work or support peace in volatile security environments.

The HEAT course covers important basic safety, security and self-protection issues in an intensive five-day program. Our expert training team is on hand to help participants expand their knowledge and develop key skills to successfully face a wide range of difficult situations in insecure environments.

On successful completion of the course, participants will:

- » Be effective in assessing and recognising safety and security threats and risks in order to be able to develop an Incident Response Plan (IRP).
- » Be confident and competent to make crucial and time appropriate decisions in stressful situations in order to mitigate impact by response of critical incident.
- » Be able to effectively and competently negotiate and communicate in order to defuse threatened situations using appropriate strategies and techniques.



BWT – BASIC WEAPONS TRAINING

Course 7 BWT

National



The BWT course qualifies individuals in the handling of weapons that are sent armed for a selective (short) mission in the context of a peace support operation within the KFOR or EUFOR mission. The course meets both current national guidelines and the requirements of international military partners.

The objective of BWT is to acquire and improve technical skills in the use of irritant spraying devices, pistols and / or assault rifles and includes training in the Rules of Engagement (ROE) applicable to the area of operation.

On successful completion of the course, participants will:

- » Be familiar with mission specific ROE.
- » Be qualified to handle and engage their personal weapon(s) and / or irritant spray safely, and according to the situation and in compliance with the ROE.

This course is only open to federal employees of the Swiss Confederation.



DRIVING TRAINING FOR CATEGORIES C1 / D1

Course 8 Driving Training C1 / D1

National

After successfully completing the deployment preparation course for military observers, Swiss United Nations Military Observer Course (SUNMOC), selected Swiss officers are trained in a special driving course for civilian categories C1 / D1.

The two-week driving course for categories C1 / D1 includes both theoretical and practical education. Prior to the course, participants must study the key theoretical content through distant learning. During the course, participants will be trained by civilian driving instructors and tested by military experts.

On successful completion of the course, participants will:

- » Have acquired the basic knowledge needed by a driver in the relevant category.
- » Be able to drive the vehicle safely in traffic, in the field, in manoeuvres and under all conditions.
- » Pass the theoretical and practical driving test for categories C1 / D1.
- » Be familiar with armoured vehicles (introduction to armoured vehicles of the Mercedes G-class).

This course is only available to Swiss selected participants..



TCCC/TC3 – TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE PROVIDER COURSE

Course 9 TCCC/TC3

International

This course is
NAEMT
certified



Within the context of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme, the Swiss Armed Forces International Command SWISSINT introduces a Tactical Combat Casualty Care Provider Course (TCCC).

This five-day training is intended to build up the essential skillset necessary for participating to effectively provide care to wounded personnel in combat situations. Through classroom lectures and practical work, participants will be trained and coached to perform essential life-saving medical procedures.

During the course the participants basic medical skills will be refreshed. Our training center's team of experts and specialised trainers will guide the participants through this comprehensive and challenging course and prepare the participants to operate in difficult and potentially life-threatening situations in unstable environments.

In accordance with the TCCC guidelines provided by the United States Department of Defence Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care (CoTCCC), participants will learn essential skills and knowledge focused on the most important elements when conducting TCCC related activities.

On successful completion of the course, participants will:

- » Have a comprehensive understanding of the current TCCC guidelines and the various phases of TCCC.
- » Be effective in implementing and executing a basic management plan for care under fire (Phase 1).
- » Be confident and competent to plan, arrange and provide tactical field care (Phase 2).
- » Be able to effectively and competently plan, execute and conduct tactical evacuation care (Phase 3).
- » Be confident in applying first aid measures above the combat threshold in accordance with TCCC principles (Phase 4).



MMPC – MILITARY MEDICAL PERSONNEL COURSE IN THE BALKANS AREA

Course 10 MMPC

International

Within the context of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme, the Swiss Armed Forces International Command (SWISSINT) conducts the Military Medical Personnel Course (MMPC) for the Balkans area. This Training of Trainers (ToT) course is run as a stand-alone module for military medical personnel in the Balkans area and the Balkan medical task force. During this course, participants will be trained by a specialised military medical team to prepare them for the challenges of international deployment.

The aim of this tailor-made course is to:

- » Conduct a Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), Training of Trainers (ToT) course and in turn extend any currently certified instructors' qualification by four years.
- » To refresh knowledge and skills with regards to Basic Life Support 1.
- » To prepare participants to be able to develop training manuals and lessons from beginner to advanced levels.
- » To provide further education / advanced training in invasive emergency techniques.

This course is conducted in Skopje (North Macedonia). Admission is upon invitation only.



HOST NATION SUPPORT TO GENEVA CENTRES FLAGSHIP COURSES

Course 11 GSCP & GICHD Host Nation Support

The TC SWISSINT lends its expertise to the Geneva Centres. The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GSCP) Swiss Peacebuilding Training Course is hosted and conducted in association with the TC SWISSINT as well as the Swiss Peace Foundation (swisspeace).

International

The GCSP offers a two-week professional training course on peacebuilding on behalf of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) for members of the Swiss Expert Pool for Civilian Peacebuilding (SEP) and selected international participants.

Additionally, the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) Non-Technical Survey Training (NTS) is delivered within the training facilities of TC SWISSINT.

Non-Technical Surveys (NTS) are essential for determining how to allocate limited resources in the land-release process. It is important that these surveys are of high quality and the necessary emphasis is put into training and equipping NTS teams, coaching their command structures as well as verifying and analysing survey information. Strong communication between the teams conducting the surveys and the staff responsible for analysis and information management is also essential.

Admission and place allocation to either the GCSP or GICHD course remains with the Geneva Centres.



4-PCE



The four training centres of the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Austria cooperate closely under the quadrilateral framework of “4-PCE / Fo(u)r Peace Central Europe” in the interest of developing close relations in the field of Peace Support Operations (PSO). As such, the purpose of 4-PCE is to promote the national PSO capabilities, to identify synergies and facilitate operational cooperation. Furthermore, it aims at intensifying the cooperation between the four centres and provides a basis for investigating new initiatives for cooperative efforts in the fields of policy, capabilities, education, training and deployments.

Since 2009, 4-PCE also conducts the exercise “Blue Flag”. This exercise takes place in the border area of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, South-East of the Lake of Constance. The specially designed training scenario is situated along real national borders and uses a common ‘background story’ of the fictitious country of “CENTLAND”. The aim of the exercise is to simulate a UN peace operation, allowing the future United Nations Military Observers (UNMO) to apply their knowledge, practice their skills and demonstrate their abilities.

Participants are coached, assessed and evaluated by experienced instructors from the four participating training centres. The Netherlands, Germany, Austria and Switzerland work closely together to ensure that the future UNMOs are fit for mission.



PARTNERSHIP TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTRES (PTEC)



Switzerland has been participating in the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme since 1996. PfP is a political initiative that is jointly realized by the 30 NATO member states and 20 partner states. Cooperation within PfP is aimed at enhancing trust and transparency in sensitive areas relating to security and defence policy. The objective of the partnership is to promote the security policy dialogue in the Euro-Atlantic area and to enhance peace, democracy and security in Europe through substantial cooperation.

For Switzerland, the PfP programme is an instrument for cooperation with NATO and other partner states selectively and according to its own security policy interests. Cooperation is always voluntary and is determined by the partner itself.



In 2010, the Swiss International Command Training Centre (TC SWISSINT) became an accredited member of the Partnership Training and Education Centres (PTEC). The PTECs are nationally or multi-nationally sponsored education and training institutions that are united under a single concept that is endorsed by the North Atlantic Council and recognized by NATO. As such, the TC SWISSINT offers courses, seminars and workshops to both military and civilian personnel in order to provide education, training and instruction in diverse areas consistent with the objectives and priorities of NATO's policy on partnerships. PTECs also provide a platform for operational training by offering both classroom and field venues for exercises. The PTEC community has grown to 34 members from countries in NATO, PfP, the Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI).



UNITED NATIONS TRAINING LOCATION IN SWITZERLAND



Since 2015, the UN has made wide-ranging efforts to reform aspects of its peacekeeping missions and has introduced comprehensive measures to improve operational standards and levels of training. Switzerland has supported these efforts from the outset.

On 20 November 2019, the Federal Council approved an agreement between Switzerland and the UN on cooperation in the context of training for international peace support. This agreement provided the legal framework for closer cooperation, and in 2019, led to a successful UN peacekeeping pilot course for staff officers at the TC SWISSINT.

Since 2022, host nation support has been provided to a variety of training courses such as the UN Weapons and Ammunition Management (UNMAS), the Triangular Partnership Programme (UN TPP) as well as various workshops.

One area where there is potential to improve quality is in the training of persons deployed on UN peacekeeping missions. Targeted measures should be used to ensure that individuals deployed by countries providing military personnel are better prepared for their duties. The UN plans to run these training courses jointly with countries that support the UN and can provide the required infrastructure.

By providing support and cooperation, the Swiss Armed Forces gain direct access to the UN's expertise and to the content of the latest training programme. This means the Swiss Armed Forces can keep its own courses up-to-date and benefit from the experience of UN specialists. These successful trainings demonstrate a clear benefit for the UN, Switzerland and the Swiss Armed Forces.



CERTIFICATIONS



The United Nations only award certification to training providers which fully reach the exacting standards set by the UN Department for Peace Operations (UNDPO). The TC SWISSINT was first recognised with this award for the Swiss United Nations Military Observer Course (SUNMOC) in 2004 and has retained its certification since then.



Partnership for Peace (PfP) is a programme of practical bilateral cooperation between individual Euro-Atlantic partner countries and NATO. The TC SWISSINT is an officially recognised Partnership for Peace (PfP) training provider.



WELFARE

As a host nation, we would like to give our international participants the opportunity to enjoy working and learning in our beautiful country. Stans-Oberdorf is ideally located between the well-known ski resort of Engelberg and the historic city of Lucerne. Both are accessible by public transport and are no more than a 30 minutes' drive away.

Whether you are interested in outdoor activities or sightseeing and shopping, we are more than capable to offer both. Although the TC SWISSINT does not organise welfare activities, we do encourage visiting our sights and trying the Swiss cuisine.

Joint activities outside of class not only offer cultural insights, but also contribute to a friendly course atmosphere.

HOW TO APPLY, CONTACT INFORMATION & COURSE DATES



Interested participants are welcome to contact us for further information about our courses.

After the close of registration, TC SWISSINT evaluates the applications received and allocates the available course places in such a way that both operational needs and diversity are taken into account.

Subsequently, the applicants will be informed about an acceptance or rejection.

We look forward to your application.

All information provided in this course guide is also available online.
<https://www.vtg.admin.ch/en/courses-dates-and-application>

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