



Program

Name:

Military Skills Program

Objectives:

- Development of individual and decision-making skills on battle field operations, operating from a Forward Operating Base (FOB).
- Development and practice of techniques to Overcome Natural Obstacles in mountain environment.

Learning Outcomes:

- Procedures and techniques to operate from a FOB.
- Principles, rules and procedures for overcoming natural obstacles.

Target:

Up to 10 students (2nd grade) and 2 instructors (observers).

Period:

22-26 July 2024.

Prerequisites:

- English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Level B1;
- Adequate physical fitness, psychological preparation and good medical condition (military standards).

Activities:

Mountaineering

Perform lashings and assembly of safety equipment (ropes and hardware), intended for vertical and horizontal crossing of obstacles. Climbing (15-20 m), abseiling (20-25 m), zip lining (20 m) and orienteering / navigation (km) (with sport's maps and military charts). Mountaineering hike (kms).

Military

Implementation of a Tactical Area Of Responsibility (TAOR), alert states, contingency plans, combatant's individual techniques, recognition of conventional and improvised explosive devices.

A Tactical Area of Responsibility will be implemented in a fictional country. This area comprises a Main Gate, Defensive Positions, Patrols, Command and Control Room and a Quick Reaction Force.

The aim of this exercise is to assess the implementation of Alert States according to Security Plan's doctrine.



Several injects will be created according to a Main Events List/Main Incidents List (MEL/MIL), where students will have to apply Contingency Plans.

It is intended that students apply the knowledge acquired and know how to respond to different situations that arise in the field using the Individual Combatant Technique. It is also intended that in incidents related to explosive devices, students will be able to recognize conventional and improvised explosive devices and follow adequate procedures.

Schedule:

WED 17JUL	THU 18JUL	FRI 19JUL	SAT 20JUL	SUN 21JUL	MON 22JUL	TUE 23JUL	WED 24JUL	THU 25JUL	FRI 26JUL	SAT 27JUL
Arrival at AFA and logistics processing	Preparation	Preparation	Free time	Free time	Deployment and Mountain activities	Mountain activities	Military activities	Military activities	Return to AFA	Transport to the airport

Shuttle from and to airport, and all trips outside the Academy:

The participants will be transported by the Portuguese Air Force Academy bus.

Accommodation:

The participants will be accommodated at the Portuguese Air Force Academy facilities during the preparation, and the night before the departure.

During the field exercises the participants will be accommodated in tents.

Meals:

All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided.