

Common Module Irregular Warfare (A) Module Description Implementation Group Doc.: Date: Origin: SNDU

Goal of the Module

Explain the tactics, techniques, and procedures

specific to the particular branch for employment in

warfare following national doctrine

irregular conflicts at the national level.

Explain the principles of employing branch subunits at

the tactical level in contemporary irregular and hybrid

Country	Institution	Common Module	ECTS			
SE	Swedish National Defence University	Irregular Warfare (A)	3.0			
Service	Minimum Qualification for Lecturers					
ALL	<ul> <li>PhD in war studies/political science/military history (or equal).</li> <li>English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2</li> </ul>					
Language						
English	or NATO STANAG Level 3.					
SQF	Competence area - Military service member					
MILOF	Learning area - Employment of forces - full spectrum operations					
	Organisation level - Single Arm/Branch					
Prereg	uisites for international					

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### Prerequisites for international participants:

- English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2.
- Basic knowledge and skills in military strategy and tactics (approx. two terms of studies).

# Knowledge • Know tactics and procedures of employing combined arms forces in irregular and hybrid warfare following national/ multinational doctrine. • Describe different applications of irregular and hybrid warfare. • Skills • Effectively deal with equipment and personal weapons in line with tactics, techniques, and procedures in irregular warfare. • Responsibility and Autonomy • Make decisions in coherence with the tactics, techniques, and procedures in irregular warfare.

## Verification of learning outcomes

- Test: Written assignment consisting of 1500 words delivered at the end of the module.
- Seminar: Active participation in one seminar.

### Grading

- The course module applies the following grading criteria: pass with distinction, pass, or fail.
- To pass with distinction, the cadet has to participate actively in the seminar and achieve the grade pass with distinction on the written assignment.
- To pass, the cadet has to participate actively in the seminar and achieve the grade pass on the written assignment.

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Module Details					
Main Topic	Recom- mended WH	Details			
Lectures	8	<ul> <li>Historical and theoretical overview of central concepts concerning irregular and hybrid warfare.</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>Contemporary irregular and hybrid conflicts and warfare.</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>Theories of how military forces can be used in counter-insurgency operations.</li> </ul>			
	3	<ul> <li>Using the latest articles and research as a basis for seminar discussions.</li> </ul>			
		Critically engaging with the theory and practice of irregular warfare.			
Seminar		<ul> <li>Covering key questions and current debates such as:</li> </ul>			
Seminar		<ul> <li>What is hybrid warfare? Assess the merits of Hoffman's arguments about hybrid warfare in the twenty-first century.</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>Is counterinsurgency (COIN) a special form of warfare' (Scheipers, 2014)? Discuss.</li> </ul>			
Writing	20	Writing of individual paper			
Self-studies	49	-			
Total WH	80	The detailed amount of hours for the respective main topic is up to the course director according to national law or home institution's rules.			

### **Remarks:**

Literature for the module (in total approx. 400 pages):

- Williamson Murray & Peter Mansoor, Hybrid Warfare: Fighting Complex Opponents from the Ancient World to the Present (Cambridge: CUP, 2012) (Selection)
- Russel Crandall, America's Dirty Wars: Irregular Warfare from 1776 to the War on Terror (Cambridge: CUP 2014). (Selection)
- In addition to the two books there will be three to five articles.

# List of Abbreviations:

CEFR	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
COIN	Counterinsurgency
CUP	Cambridge University Press
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
STANAG	Standardization Agreement
WH	Working Hour

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