Complex International Operations (OPS2205)

Organized by
The Norwegian Defence University College (NDUC)
The Norwegian Military Academy (NMA)

3 January – 12 March 2027
Linderud, Oslo, Norway

Administrative Information

1. Objectives and Description

The Norwegian Military Academy will conduct the international module *OPS2205 – Complex International Operations* from 3 January to 12 March 2027.

The course carries 15 ECTS and provides a comprehensive understanding of complex military operations in contemporary conflict environments. It focuses on planning, leading, and executing operations in a joint, interagency, and multinational context. Participants develop insight into the integration of tactical, operational, and strategic levels of war, while strengthening critical thinking, leadership skills, and cultural awareness. For more information about the module follow the link.

During the *International Week* in week 7, staff from participating nations will be invited to observe and exchange perspectives on how the Norwegian Military Academy conducts education and training within the field of complex operations. The purpose is to promote mutual understanding, institutional cooperation, and the exchange of best practices in officer education.

2. Methods and Outcomes

The module combines lectures, case studies, war gaming, and field exercises. It emphasizes understanding the dynamics of modern conflicts, hybrid threats, and the role of military forces in crisis management and peace operations.

Learning outcomes include:

- Understanding of the complexity of modern operations and the comprehensive approach.
- Ability to analyze operational environments and contribute to planning processes.
- Enhanced intercultural competence and cooperation in multinational contexts.
- Broader awareness of leadership and ethical dilemmas in operations.

3. **Evaluation Form**

Complex International Operations is subject to Pass/Fail assessment

4. **Preliminary Schedule**

Date	Activity
3 January	Arrival and transportation to NMA Please note that 3rd January is the **only** possible arrival day to NMA.
4 jan–12 Mar	Complex International Operations module (lectures, exercises, cultural activities)
12 March	Departure

5. **Participants and Prerequisites**

Participants should be cadets or officer candidates from partner military academies.
Each nation may nominate up to 2 cadets.

Requirements:

- Minimum 18 years of age.
- English language – B2 or NATO STANAG Level 2 (documentation required).
- Applicants must be at least a second-year cadet at the time of application.
- Physically and mentally fit for participation in academic and field activities.
- An academic prerequisite that will increase the benefit gained from the Complex course is that the participating cadets have previously completed courses in **basic military theory** and/or **security policy and International Relations (IR)**.

6. **Virtual Information Meeting**

There will be one virtual information meeting held after the registration deadline. The purpose of this meeting is to provide additional details regarding logistics, schedule, and expectations prior to arrival. The date, time and connection details will be communicated directly to registered participants.

7. **Costs, Meals, and Accommodation**

International participants will receive free accommodation and meals during the stay. Accommodation will be provided at the Norwegian Military Academy (NMA), Linderud, Oslo. No participation fee is required.

8. **Transportation**

Participating nations are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from Oslo International Airport (OSL). The organizer will provide free transportation between OSL and the Norwegian Military Academy on the official travel days (3 and 12 March 2027). Participants will be met at the Arrival Hall by personnel displaying a sign:
"Norwegian Military Academy – Complex International Operations".

9. **Uniform / Dress Code**

- Arrival / Departure / Cultural activities: Civilian clothing
- Lectures / Seminars: Battle Dress Uniform
- Field activities: Combat Uniform, winter
- Formal events / Closing ceremony: Battle Dress Uniform

Weather in Oslo during January–March can be cold (down to -10°C), so participants must bring warm clothing and appropriate outdoor gear.

10. Cultural Activities

Cultural and social activities will be organized by Norwegian Military Academy host cadets, offering insights into Norwegian culture, history, and traditions.

11. Registration

Please complete and return the attached Application Form by 15 November 2026.
If flight details are not known at the time of registration, these can be submitted later.

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12. General Information about Norway

Language: Norwegian (official), English widely spoken.
Local Time: Central European Time (CET, UTC +1).
Currency: Norwegian kroner (NOK). Credit/debit cards are accepted everywhere.
Electricity: Type C/F sockets, 220–240V, 50Hz.
Emergency Numbers: 110 – Fire | 112 – Police | 113 – Ambulance