

International Specific Courses

The International Specific Courses (*Internationaal Specifieke Opleidingen*, ISO) at the Netherlands Defence College are specific courses and activities of an international nature. The courses are intended for officers and civilians in middle, higher and top management.

3 kinds of international courses

- **Job-specific courses**

Intended to prepare Dutch officers for international deployment.

- A Comprehensive Approach to Gender in Operations
 - In this 5-day course, participants learn to apply a gender perspective while on mission. The aim is to increase the mission's effectiveness. This course is organised on behalf of the Netherlands MoD directorate of operations in collaboration with the Spanish government, and it takes place once a year in the Netherlands and Madrid.
- Military Operational Law
 - The target audience for this course consists of operational commanders and staff officers who are involved in operational decision-making and in military tasks and operations. It is organised twice a year on behalf of the Netherlands MoD directorate of legal affairs.

- **Course and conference activities**

Intended for Dutch attachés, and their partners, who represent our armed forces abroad.

- Military Attaché Course
 - This course is part of the programme that prepares participants for postings as military attachés abroad. The 2-week job-specific course takes place once a year around April. It is organised on behalf of the Netherlands MoD directorate of international military cooperation.
- International Military Cooperation Conference (IMS Conference)
 - During this 5-day conference, organised on behalf of the Netherlands MoD directorate of international military cooperation (*Internationale Militaire Samenwerking*, IMS), diplomatic representatives of the Netherlands armed forces who hold posts abroad are informed about relevant national and international developments. The conference takes place once a year.

- **International course**

Intended for officers and civilians who work in non-NATO, non-EU countries. The aim is to support and expand the international defence network of the Netherlands armed forces.

- International Military Cooperation Course
 - This 5-week course takes place twice a year, and it is organised on behalf of the Netherlands MoD directorate of international military cooperation.

Network

The ISO department organises the courses and activities. Rather than having its own teachers, the department maintains a wide network of internal and external speakers with expertise on current and relevant themes concerning international peace and security. Besides teachers and experts from the Netherlands Defence Academy, ISO works closely together with organisations such as the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Leiden University, Clingendael Institute, The Hague Centre for Security Studies, and European Security and Defence College.

ISO works on behalf of the Netherlands Ministry of Defence directorates of international military cooperation (*Directie Internationale Militaire Samenwerking*, IMS), operations (*Directie Operaties*, DOPS) and legal affairs (*Directie Juridische Zaken*, DJZ).

More information

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