The Institute for Security Governance (ISG) offers a United Nations Military Observers (UNMO) course. The goal of this training is to improve the ability of national armed forces to participate in the United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations (PKO) to resolve international crises. The specific purpose of the UNMO is to prepare and train officers for service as UN military observers in any current, or forthcoming, UN peacekeeping mission.

**OBJECTIVES**

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Prepare trainers to coach officers for service as UN Military Observers
- Serve as UN Military Observers

**TOPICS**

Daily instruction includes a variety of learning methods to include presentations, small group activities, discussions and multi-media aids.

Possible modules include:

- Issues UN peacekeeping operations
- Legal aspects of UN peacekeeping
- Roles and responsibilities of local government, civilian agencies, and other actors in the operational environment
- Key UNMO skills such as liaison, negotiation, cultural understanding and others
- UN integrated peacekeeping operations

**PARTICIPANTS**

Participant rank or grade should be equivalent of Captain to Lieutenant Colonel. Previous peacekeeping experience is desirable but not required. Preference should be given to nominees who might potentially be assigned as military observers in peacekeeping operations.
**FACULTY**
ISG employs a diverse faculty with strong professional, academic, military, and government backgrounds. This faculty core is augmented by other government experts (both civilian and military) and subject matter experts (SMEs) drawn from universities, think tanks, international organizations, and industry.

**ENROLLMENT**
Courses are conducted for partner countries as part of the United States government's security assistance and security cooperation efforts. As such, participation in ISG courses is managed through the security cooperation office of the US Embassies in partner countries. Interested, non-US persons should contact the international cooperation section of their own government or the relevant US Embassy for selection processes and enrollment. ISG reserves limited space in courses for US citizens. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

**FUNDING**
ISG can accept most types of US government funding. Courses are typically funded by IMET, FMF, FMS, CTIWFP, PKO, and other DoD-wide O&M funds (333, MSI, etc) on a case-by-case basis. Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG.

**ABOUT ISG**
The Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is a global security cooperation organization established to build partner capability and grow the field and practice of institutional capacity building (ICB). Located in Monterey, California, ISG serves as the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)’s primary resource for ICB integration and implementation, project scoping and design, and education and advising expertise.

This course is a key component of ISG’s 25-year-long effort to provide military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues and foster peer-to-peer learning, this custom-tailored course offering brings theoretical and applied learning practices into a exciting and rich classroom environment.