Global Peacekeeping Operations Initiative (GPOI/PKO) at the Institute for Security Governance (ISG) offers a peacekeeping training course entitled “United Nations Staff Officers Course” (UNSOC). The goal of this training is to assist nations in improving the abilities of their armed forces to better participate in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations. Upon completion of the UNSOC, participants are expected to be competent in the knowledge, skills and attributes of effective UN staff officers.

OBJECTIVES
At the end of this course, participants will be able to:
- Examine major issues in peacekeeping
- Understand UN role and responsibilities in peacekeeping
- Understand the military staff functions and responsibilities in UN peacekeeping
- Conduct operational staff planning processes for UN peacekeeping

TOPICS
This course has received official training recognition by the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Integrated Training Service. It also includes best practices from training conducted by other nations involved in peacekeeping training.
Sample topics include:
- UN Mission Structures and Staff, principles of peacekeeping, and the role of military peacekeepers
- Integrated mission concepts, mission planning process, and military component planning process
- Course of action development and decision brief
- Course of action validation and comparison
- Concept of operations
- Writing and issuing an Order, and writing and issuing a fragmentary order

PARTICIPANTS
The optimum course size is 30 students selected from countries in the region or worldwide. Participant rank or grade should be equivalent to Captain-Lieutenant Colonel. Previous peacekeeping experience is desirable but not required.
**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.