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United Nations Military Observers Course (MASL # P309446 MET; 279046 Regional)

The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) 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 to resolve international crises. The specific purpose of the UNMO is to prepare and train officers (Captain - Lieutenant Colonel) for service as UN military observers in any current or forthcoming UN peacekeeping mission. CCMR conducts this course through the United States (US) Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) program.

Course Details: The UNMO training can be conducted in a host country through a Mobile Education Team (MET) as a national (MASL P309446) or a regional course (MASL P279046). If regional, participants are invited from other participating countries in the area or worldwide to attend the UNMO. The duration of the training is 19 calendar days inclusive of weekend/cultural/social programs. Participants could use GPOI funding, IMET/EIMET or be self-funded.

The specific objectives of the UNMO course are to:

- Prepare trainers to prepare officers for service as UNMOs;
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- Examine major issues in UN peacekeeping operations in the context of UNMO functions;
- Understand the legal aspects of UN peacekeeping;
- Understand UN structure and component roles;
- Understand the role and responsibilities of local government, civilian agencies and other actors in the operational environment;
- Gain knowledge of UN integrated peacekeeping operations; and
- Discuss key UNMO skills such as liaison, negotiation, cultural understanding and others.

Course Instructors: The resource staff for the UNMO consists of 3-4 SMEs and one senior SME with experience as a UN Military Observer in the field.

Participants: The optimum course participant strength is 25 students. Participant rank or grade should be equivalent to Captain - 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.