Analysis and planning exercise, 3 credits

Core aims of the course

The course aims to give students a systemic understanding of international crisis and conflict dynamics. In particular, students will consider the goals and means that different actors within the system have and apply. At the end of the course, students draft a comprehensive crisis management concept related to a real or imaginary crisis, aiming to take into account all relevant actors and the resources that are at their disposal.

Course content is updated every year so as to correspond with the contemporary security environment.

Course dates

Weeks 3-4, January 2018

Place / Residency Period

The course takes place in Santahamina, Helsinki

Learning objectives

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to devise a crisis management concept based on a systemic analysis of the political, economic, military and humanitarian goals and resources at hand.

Entry requirements / prerequisites

Bachelor's Degree in military science or from a civilian university

Security clearances: NATO Secret clearance is required.

National Defence University students have priority. However, other employees within the military and civilians can also be accepted as students.

The course will be taught in English and requires good academic English skills. Although students are expected to have prior studies in military history, all students will complete a pre-task on the basics of insurgency and counterinsurgency warfare so as to ensure a common basis. (English language proficiency as described in STANAG 6001: listening 2, speaking 2, reading 2, writing 2. Language testing is a national responsibility. No additional training or translation will be provided.)