Education and training courses at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College available to foreign field-grade officers in 2026

Once again in 2026, the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College is offering a limited number of places to international field-grade officers on its education and training courses. These places are being offered on the basis of available capacity.
To take part in the courses, candidates are usually required – in accordance with STANAG 6001 – to have achieved a Standardized Language Profile (SLP) of at least 3332 in German and, if relevant, in English.
For details, see the course descriptions below.

Applications – **only for the courses specified here** – are to be submitted to

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Abteilung Ausbildung Streitkräfte
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Fontainengraben 150
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at the latest **8 weeks before the course is scheduled to begin**.

There are up to five places available to international field-grade officers on each course/seminar and per rotation. These places are awarded by the Armed Forces Office (Streitkräfteamt) on a first-come first-served basis. The Armed Forces Office will notify you of whether it was possible to allocate the requested place(s), which additional documents you are required to submit, and if any further action on your part is needed.

Course-related **costs** depend on existing bilateral agreements between the participating state and the Federal Republic of Germany. The Armed Forces Office can provide you with details of the costs upon request.

Overview

UN Staff Officer Course
(*UN Staff Officer Course – UNSOC*)
Course no. 179 451

This course is held in English and – based on the Integrated Mission Planning System (UN training standard) – prepares participants for staff assignments within the scope of UN peacekeeping missions.
Successful participants are authorized to receive the MOS UNStaffOfficer / MOSC 1000181.

Dates in 2026	**08–26 June / 17 August–04 September**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 English**

Current Developments in Security Policy for Reserve Field-Grade Officers
(*Aktuelle Entwicklungen der Sicherheitspolitik für Stabsoffiziere der Reserve – KOA - SiPoStOffzRes*)
Course no. 124 798

During the training course, the participants deepen their common understanding on the topic of security policy. The objective is for the participants to classify the activities of the Bundeswehr and other actors in security policy against the backdrop of DEU interests. In addition, the course aims at winning multipliers for this topic of continued relevance.

Dates in 2026	**02–04 June / 20–22 October**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Security-Policy Challenges of the 21st Century against the Background of the *Zeitenwende* (Historic Turning Point)
(*Sicherheitspolitische Herausforderungen des 21. Jahrhunderts vor dem Hintergrund der „Zeitenwende“ – SiPol21Jh.*)
Course no. 179 467

During the training course, the participants deepen their common understanding on the topic of security policy. The objective is for the participants to classify the activities of the Bundeswehr and other actors in security policy against the backdrop of this turning point in history. In addition, the course aims at winning multipliers for this topic of continued relevance.

Dates in 2026	**18–22 May / 07–11 September**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Competence-oriented training: Backgrounds and Perspectives of Strategic Thinking
(*KOA-Strategie Denken - Hintergründe und Perspektiven – KOA-StratDenken*)
Course no. 179 723

Within the scope of presentations, debates and forums of discussion, the main focus of the module will be to impart competences for action and design regarding strategic thinking, action and communication. This will enable the participants to understand, develop, process and implement challenges of strategic importance.

Dates in 2026	**09–13 March / 26–30 October**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German** **SLP 3332 English**

Geopolitics
(*Geopolitik – KOA-GeoPol*)
Course no. 179 465

Participants will acquire knowledge about the effects of "geofactors" on stability and conflicts within and between states/political systems as well as knowledge of other geospatial aspects relevant to the subject area of geopolitics. Participants discuss current conflicts and consider them from a geopolitical point of view.

Dates in 2026	**23–27 November**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Peace, Violence, Conflict – Challenges to Contemporary Policy Design
(*Frieden, Gewalt, Konflikt - Herausforderungen für eine zeitgemäße Politikgestaltung – KOA-FGK - HerausfzgemPol*)
Course no. 179 454

The course is intended to provide further training in the field of peace, violence and conflict. It is designed for national field-grade officers, reserve field-grade officers, international field-grade officers, captains/lieutenants holding a certificate for the Basic Staff Officer Course, civilian employees of the German Federal Ministry of Defence, executive personnel from other ministries and civilian executives of state organizations or NGOs/IGOs/INGOs/companies.

Dates in 2026	**09–13 March**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Transatlantic Seminar
(*Transatlantisches Seminar – KOA-TransAtlSem*)
Course no. 179 493

The course is intended to provide further training and, at the same time, prepare course participants employed in or earmarked for national or international positions at OF-5 level and above (German pay grades B3 and above). The course also serves as a platform for meeting US field-grade officers/senior officials of equal rank/paygrade to exchange opinions and information on the national positions so as to establish relations and contacts and to deepen the transatlantic partnership (network building and bonding). At the same time, it provides German course participants with the opportunity to learn about the national challenges the armed forces, society, ecology and economy in the United States face through visits on the ground. Participants will thus gain a better understanding of the position of an important NATO member. US course participants will gain a better understanding of the German and the European perspective through visits in Berlin.

Dates in 2026	**02–20 March**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 English** **SLP 3332 German**

Capability Development
(*Fähigkeitsentwicklung – KOA-FäEntw*)
Course no. 168 185

The course is intended to provide field-grade officers with continuing training on products, processes, methods and instruments of capability development as well as relevant tasks and responsibilities.

Dates in 2026	**09–13 February / 12–16 October**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Naval Warfare at the Operational Level
(*Seekriegsführung auf der Operativen Ebene – KOA-SeeKrgFü OpE*)
Course no. 166 895

The course is designed to prepare field-grade officers for staff and headquarters positions tasked with operational planning and command and control of naval operations and to train field-grade officers already serving in such positions. The participants acquire skills to develop operational ideas as the core element of a concept of operations (CONOPS). In addition to applying the principles of operational thinking, this course is also about working effectively as a team under time pressure and under the pressure to quickly make decisions.The competitive war game "War at Sea" enables the testing of operational ideas and requires constant reassessment and adaptation to changing framework conditions such as the actions of the adversary.

Dates in 2026	**14–18 September**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 English** **SLP 3332 German**

Methodology of Future Analysis
(*Methodik der Zukunftsanalyse – KOA-MethZukA*)
Course no. 179 426

The training course familiarizes the participants with current developments, trends and scenarios from the field of security and military policy (global economic, technological, social, ecological and legal aspects with regard to German security interests).

Dates in 2026	**02–06 November**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Whole-of-Government Approach to Security and the Contribution of the Bundeswehr
(*Gesamtstaatliche Sicherheitsvorsorge und Beitrag der Bundeswehr – KOA-GesstSiVBBw*)
Course no. 126 289

The training course addresses the overall defense of the Federal Republic of Germany, comprised of civil and military components, and the whole-of-government security provision, of which the Bundeswehr is a part. It covers the legal aspects of domestic Bundeswehr operations and looks at the emergency preparedness and control legislation and the military components of overall defense with regard to homeland security/national territorial defense, the Operation Plan Germany and the disposition of national defense forces at the strategic, operational and tactical level. In addition, the participants will study the civilian components' structures and tasks regarding whole-of-government security provision, as well as the tasks in the field of police and non-police public safety. The participants will conduct a war game to apply the knowledge they acquired and deepened. Finally, individual aspects of overall defense (such as KRITIS) will be addressed and discussed. The training course also promotes a common understanding of cooperation across organizations and ministries.

Dates in 2026	**04–08 May / 21–25 September**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

NATO/EU Staff Assignments
(*NATO/EU_Stabsverwendungen – KOA-NATO/EU StVerw*)
Course no. 126 399

The training course imparts fundamentals and knowledge about security policy, the command and force structures, organizational structures and procedures as well as the planning and command and control processes in NATO/EU staffs.

Dates in 2026	**31 August–11 September**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Operational Command and Control for Generals/Admirals
(***Operative Führung für Generale/ Admirale – KOA-OpFü B6+***)
Course no. 179 815

The course imparts fundamentals of operational and logistic planning in the context of command and control of joint operations in multinational command authorities at the strategic and operational command level. How can deployment concepts be integrated into operational concepts? Which requirements regarding deployment and movement are applicable in joint operations under the command and control of a Joint Force Command? What role do civilian and military agencies play in this context?

Dates in 2026	**07–11 December**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 English** **SLP 3332 German**

Strategic and Operational Mobility
(***Strategische und operative Mobilität – StratOpMob***)
Course no. 126 422

Course participants will be given an overview of the fundamentals and principles of strategic and operational mobility, including force deployment.

Dates in 2026	**01–05 June**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 English** **SLP 3332 German**

Multinational Logistics
(***Multinationale Logistik – MNLog***)
Course no. 126 460

Course participants will be given an overview of the fundamentals of operational planning and command and control of joint operations in multinational NATO command authorities at the strategic and operational level, the integration of logistic concepts in operational concepts, as well as joint theater logistics requirements for joint operations.

Dates in 2026	**05–16 October**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Fundamentals of Designing and Conducting Multinational Exercises
(***Grundlagen für das Erstellen und Durchführen von streitkräftegemeinsamen Übungen – GrdlAnlgSKgemÜb***)
Course no. 178 240

The training course provides basic knowledge of the NATO Exercise Process and enables course participants to apply the relevant regulations in the coordination, preparation, conduct and follow-up of joint and combined exercises.

Dates in 2026	**26–30 October**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Change Management
(***Veränderungsmanagement – KOA-VerMgmt***)
Course no. 132 166

"As a matter of fact, it's possible to manage changes successfully!" This interactive training course will provide the fundamentals and how-tos of change management. The course is based on two methodological modules, "Moving Motivators" and "de Bono", which enable the participants to grasp the change process in its complexity.

Dates in 2026	**24–26 March / 17–19 November**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

An Interest-Oriented Approach to Shaping and Influencing Negotiations
(*Verhandlungen interessenorientiert gestalten und beeinflussen – KOA-VerhFü*)
Course no. 179 210

The training course focuses on the Bundeswehr-wide command and control philosophy, offering theoretical and instrumental knowledge and opportunities to exchange experiences and expertise among participants.

Dates in 2026	**16–20 March**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**

Leadership Skills Put to the Test: Managing Complex Situations
(*Führungskompetenz auf dem Prüfstand, komplexe Situationen meistern – KOA-SitFüHdl*)
Course no. 179 211

Today's work environments are characterized by volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity. This leads to significant challenges to peoples' leadership skills. Eventually, it comes down to personality traits that determine the success or failure of decisions taken in such environments. By means of non-computer-aided conflict simulation, leadership situations will be generated, in which the participants will immediately be confronted with the consequences of their leadership conduct and its implications for their own intent.

Dates in 2026	**07–10 April**
Required language skills	**SLP 3332 German**