

NATO Joint Synchronisation Course (JSC)

OF3 and OF5 Practitioner:

The JSC is for you; this NATO event is normally offered residentially twice yearly to the J35/J33/JAS in JTF HQs, Single Service Commands and Components engaged in medium-term planning and JCB processes. Functional SMEs such as those in JISR, Targeting, PSYOPS, CIMIC, Joint Fires/Effects and J4 supporting the JCB process are particularly welcome. To prepare for the course, recommendations for pre-course study are provided, including JADL online learning. The residential course runs for a working week, five days, ending on a Friday lunchtime. Due to COVID restrictions JSC (1) 2021 is offered online; see JSC (1) Invitation for more details. The method of delivery for JSC (2): 6-10 September will be made by 30th June.

OF5 and OF6 Senior Delegate:

The Senior JSC is for you; this yearly event is a NATO UC activity offered virtual (online) to 16 Delegates who are Chairs of Boards and Working Groups in Operational level HQs, TCC/SSC and their Board/WG Secretaries. GRF(L) HQs preparing as JFTs may also apply, as can those representing NCS and NFS HQs, JWC, JFTC and HQs preparing for LTRP; consideration will also be given to OF7 in the DCOS Ops role at JFCs too. To prepare for this course, a period of pre-study is highly recommended with details provided to those selected. Due to the delegate geographical locations the SJSC runs over 3 consecutive afternoons using BRAVO time.

METHOD AND OBJECTIVES

The residential and virtual (online) JSC content is guided by a former ACT Senior Mentor, and who is currently NATO Joint Warfare Centre's Senior EXCON Advisor that is supported by various SMEs. Both activities comprise of SME-led presentations, facilitated discussions and practical problem-based learning directed at delivering the course performance objectives that are focused on: Doctrine; Joint planning and orders; JTF processes for synchronisation; delivering effects; and the use of Synchronisation tools. Delegates have access to a resource library containing tips and hints on successful joint synchronisation. A supportive learning aid is likely to include the examination of an OCCASUS scenario from an Article 5 operation; those attending either activity will leave the course with a clearer understanding of the 8 main functions of synchronisation: Prioritisation; Allocation of resources; Sequencing of operations in time and space; Coordination; Harmonising to ensure third parties' alignment; Opportunity and Risk Management and De-confliction.

The JSC and Senior JSC will be conducted in English with a required language proficiency of 3333. To apply, contact the Course Director directly, not SWEDINT. An early application is highly recommended as demand for both activities is expected to be high.