

The Bundeswehr Verification Center (BwVC) offers arms control training for course participants from different countries.

These training courses are generally open to military and civilian representatives of the States Parties and/or participating States of the different arms control treaties and agreements.

For information on the training courses offered by the Bundeswehr Verification Center, please see here.

We would be happy to welcome you to one of our training courses.

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Bundeswehr Verification Center (BwVC)

Geilenkirchen, Germany

International Course Schedule 2026

Course number	Course title	Course period	Date of arrival	Application deadline	Confirmation of participation
03/2026	International On-Site Inspection Course (based on the CFE Treaty)	16 – 27 March 2026	15 March 2026	6 February 2026	13 February 2026
04/2026	International Open Skies Treaty Course	13 – 24 April 2026	12 April 2026	16 March 2026	23 April 2026
07/2026	1 st International Vienna Document 2011 Course	22 June – 3 July 2026	21 June 2026	15 May 2026	22 May 2026
08/2026	Assessment Visits/Small Arms & Light Weapons Course	14 – 18 September 2026	14 September 2026	14 August 2026	21 August 2026
09/2026	Recognition Course for Major Weapon and Equipment Systems Relevant to Arms Control	5 – 16 October 2026	4 October 2026	4 September 2026	11 September 2026
10/2026	2 nd International Vienna Document 2011 Course	26 October – 6 November 2026	25 October 2026	18 September 2026	25 September 2026
12/2026	Executive-Level Course on Weapons and Ammunition Management (BICC)	23 November – 4 December 2026	23 November 2026	16 October 2026	23 October 2026



**Bundeswehr Verification Center:
Provider of Multinational Arms Control Training**

BwVC Student Information

Welcome to the Bundeswehr Verification Center (BwVC)! We hope that your attendance will be rewarding both in personal and professional terms. Before your trip, we would like to offer some useful information that will help make your stay here more enjoyable and trouble-free. Together with the allocation of a training course slot (confirmation of participation), we are going to send you more detailed information on the training course in question.

1. IMPORTANT PACKING AND TRAVEL NOTES

Security clearance

You DO NOT NEED any security clearances for the courses.

Travel order

You DO NOT NEED any NATO travel orders or national travel orders.

Visa arrangements

If a participant needs a visa to enter Germany, he/she will be responsible for obtaining the visa himself/herself. BwVC will provide an official letter of invitation upon request.

2. PRE-COURSE PREPARATION

At the moment there is no requirement for pre-course online preparation.

3. ARRIVAL AT GEILENKIRCHEN

You must arrive at the City Hotel in Geilenkirchen for check-in procedures between 15:00 and 21:00 hours on the Sunday prior to class. Your class start times, course schedule and transportation schedule will be given to you during the check-in on Sunday.

If it is not possible to arrive within the specified time, please contact the BwVC Student Administration Office (+49-2451-992-4501) before 12:00 hours on the Friday prior to the beginning of the course and, if your accommodation is there, the City Hotel. In addition, you should report to the Student Administration Office on the first morning of the scheduled classes at 08:00 hours.

If you arrive on Sunday after 21:00 hours, please contact the City Hotel as there is a specific procedure for your check-in.

In case of emergency during the weekend or after duty hours, please call the following number:

BwVC Ops Center (24/7): +49-2451-992-4444

Most of the BwVC courses run from Monday through Friday. If your course ends on a Friday, the ceremony to hand out the certificates will normally take place around 11:30 hours. Please do not plan your departing flight from Duesseldorf before 15:00 hours.

4. ACCOMMODATION

Since there is no military accommodation available, we have reserved rooms at the City Hotel in Geilenkirchen. After receipt of the course slot allocation, every participant has to book a hotel room himself/herself or via his/her responsible agency by email (office@cityhotel-geilenkirchen.de). It is absolutely necessary to indicate "BwVCTraining" as a reference for the reservation. Accommodation costs have to be paid by the participant himself/herself. The price of a single room with breakfast will be EUR 86.00 a night. Please do not use commonly accessible internet portals for booking your room since in that case you will not be able to benefit from our special rates. For further information on the hotel, please refer to their website.

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Internet: www.cityhotel-geilenkirchen.de

An extra fee may be charged if students fail to change or cancel their reservations in due time.

The reception desk is open on workdays from 7:00 hours to 21:00 hours and on Sundays and holidays from 8:00 hours to 18:00 hours.

5. TUITION PAYMENT

No course fees will be charged.

6. MEALS

Breakfast is served at the hotel starting at 06:30 hours (Monday – Friday). During the training course, lunch is provided at the BwVC dining facility. Participants with special dietary requirements for religious, health or other reasons are requested to inform us accordingly in advance. Participants will have to make their own arrangements for supper.

7. OTHER EXPENSES

(N/A for students from countries receiving military training assistance)

The following miscellaneous costs may arise for course participants, depending on the options they choose:

- Flat charge per week for unlimited coffee, tea and soft drinks
- EUR 4.57 per meal for lunch, or an overall sum of EUR 18.28 for lunches from Monday to Thursday. On the day of departure, you may eat lunch at the dining facility or take a packed lunch. The packed lunch must be ordered in advance.

German course participants are recommended to use the chip card issued by their agency for meals.

8. SECURITY PROCEDURES

You are allowed to bring mobile phones, PDAs, cameras or any other recording device into Selfkant Barracks. However, the devices must be switched off in all classrooms, syndicate rooms and in the Academic Building.

9. DRESS CODE OR UNIFORM REQUIREMENT

The standard dress for the courses is your regular uniform (duty or field uniform). Civilian dress may also be authorized by the Course Director for certain occasions or during periods of high alert status. In these cases, students will be advised accordingly.

There is a no-hat policy within the barracks (no obligation to wear headgear).

10. TRANSPORTATION

You are required to make your own arrangements for the trip to and from BwVC. Please be aware that courses may be cancelled or course dates may be changed up to 5 weeks prior to the beginning of the course.

BwVC will arrange transportation from and to Duesseldorf Airport. Upon your arrival, a staff member with a BwVC sign will be waiting for you at the exit. In case you fail to meet him/her, you can contact us at the 24/7 emergency number +49-2451-992-4444 (BwVC Ops Center).

Daily transport from the hotel to Selfkant Barracks (BwVC) and back will also be provided by BwVC for the course participants. In the morning, the bus will leave at 07:50 hours from the bus station in front of the hotel. The return trip will be in accordance with the course schedule.

If you are traveling with your own vehicle, you are allowed to enter the barracks and you may park your vehicle in the designated area which is signposted.

11. SOCIAL EVENTS AND ATTIRE

Some social events have been planned for the courses. The dress code for those events may be duty uniform or casual civilian dress.

12. WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

During a two-week course, a weekend event may be offered if a sufficient number of participants want to take part. Participation is voluntary. Participants are free to make their own arrangements for weekend activities which they have to plan and carry out on their own responsibility. If you wish to do so, we will be glad to provide you with information on recreation activities/events.

13. INTERNET

Participants will be able to get internet access at the hotel as well as at Selfkant Barracks (WLAN).

14. SPORTS ACTIVITIES

BwVC is able to offer only a limited range of sports facilities.



Bundeswehr Verification Center (BwVC)
Germany
International On-Site Inspection Course
(based on the CFE Treaty)

1. Background

The Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE Treaty) has been in force since 9 November 1992. The main objectives of the Treaty, which was negotiated by the member states of the former Warsaw Pact and NATO, are as follows:

- Establishing a secure and stable balance of conventional armed forces in Europe at lower levels; and
- Eliminating disparities and the capability for launching surprise attack and for initiating large-scale offensive action in Europe.

The exchange of relevant information and the verification of such information by mutual inspections are essential instruments for the implementation of the Treaty.

The CFE Treaty is an integral part of Europe's security architecture and is closely intertwined with other treaties and agreements. Its proactive application and proper implementation support the fine-meshed security structures in Europe.

2. Course aim

The course is designed to qualify the participants to perform the duties of an inspector or escort in preparing and conducting CFE inspections. Participants must therefore be able to:

- Explain the structure and procedures of the information exchange;
- Obtain information about an object of verification from the exchange of information and relevant notifications;
- Exercise the rights and perform the duties of an inspector or escort during an inspection; and
- Record the information obtained in the inspection report after conclusion of the inspection.

3. Venue

Bundeswehr Verification Center in Geilenkirchen, Germany; for the practical exercises: objects of verification within Germany or abroad.

4. Participants

Military personnel and civilian members of verification organizations as well as secondary-function arms control personnel.

5. Methodology

The course topics will be taught in a logical order. Two practical exercises (training inspections) will complement the course.



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Germany
International On-Site Inspection Course
(based on the CFE Treaty)

6. Language skills

Participants should have a Standardized Language Proficiency (SLP) of 2221 (or higher) in English, as described in STANAG 6001, or comparable skills.

7. Tuition payment

No course fees will be charged.

8. Contact address

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Bundeswehr Verification Center (BwVC)
Germany
International Vienna Document 2011 Course

1. Background

The Vienna Document 2011 (VD11) is composed of politically binding confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) designed to increase openness and transparency on military activities conducted within the OSCE zone of application. The zone of application covers the territories, adjoining sea areas and air space of all European and Central Asian participating States, including Russia from its western border to the Ural Mountains. Various information exchanges, on-site inspections, evaluation visits, observation visits, and other military-to-military contacts take place in the framework of VD11 provisions.

2. Course aim

The course is designed to train the registered participants in, and qualify them for the performance of, the tasks of an inspector, evaluator, observer and escort in the field of verification according to the VD11. This will enable them to exercise their respective rights and perform their duties as a member of an evaluation or inspection team.

Specific objectives:

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to

- describe the confidence- and security-building measures provided by the Vienna Document and the associated duties of personnel involved in their implementation;
- plan, coordinate, conduct, and report about VD11 observation activities, evaluation visits and CSBM-related inspections in specified areas as a member of a national or multinational team; and
- apply the provisions of the VD11, plan, coordinate and escort evaluation visits, inspections, other visits and observation activities as a member of a Vienna Document escort team.

3. Venue

Bundeswehr Verification Center in Geilenkirchen, Germany; for the practical exercises: military installations in other countries.

4. Participants

The course will be open to all OSCE participating States which have a verification organization.

It has been designed for individuals with duties in the field of arms control, i.e. for military and civilian members of verification organizations as well as for secondary-function arms control personnel assigned to ministries of defense, arms control agencies or ministries of foreign affairs of OSCE participating States. The number of participants is limited to 20.



Bundeswehr Verification Center (BwVC)
Germany
International Vienna Document 2011 Course

5. Methodology

The two-week course includes interactive plenary lectures, followed by brief moderated Q&A sessions. Additional lecturers from other verification agencies, the OSCE and ministries of defense of other countries provide supplementary points of view.

Several syndicate work periods (group-based discussions, problem solving, exercise participation, etc.) and two training evaluation visits are included to promote student team building and consolidate the knowledge gained.

6. Language skills

Participants should have a Standardized Language Proficiency (SLP) of 2221 (or higher) in English, as described in STANAG 6001, or comparable skills.

7. Tuition payment

No course fees will be charged.

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Bundeswehr Verification Center (BwVC)
Germany
Assessment Visits/Small Arms & Light Weapons Course
(SALW/AV Course)

1. Background

Surplus stockpiles of small arms and light weapons (SALW) pose significant hazards to people, the environment and the security of countries. The UN and various regional organizations therefore address these problems with many initiatives, with the common aim to decisively improve the current situation through international cooperation and assistance. This may include financial and technical assistance, as appropriate, to support and facilitate efforts at the local, national, regional and global level.

There are several crucial thematic areas in the field of international assistance and cooperation that focus on reducing destabilizing accumulations and combatting the uncontrolled spread of SALW as well as on preventing illicit trafficking in SALW:

- Reduction of global surplus SALW stockpiles;
- Containment of the illegal spread of SALW; and
- Promotion of proper management and security of national stockpiles.

The Multinational Small Arms and Ammunition Group (MSAG) has assumed the tasks of promoting capacity-building for physical security and stockpile management (PSSM), sharing best practices with regard to SALW and orchestrating destruction and disposal in order to reduce accidents and the number of SALW in circulation.

The MSAG is an apolitical, unofficial, multinational group of like-minded nations. At the discretion of its member states, it undertakes the development of SALW-related SOPs and training programs deemed necessary to improve the quality of efforts made in the field of SALW.

2. Course aim

The members of an assessment visit (AV) team need to have an understanding of the hazards and consequences of improperly stored and inadequately managed SALW stockpiles. This will ensure the personal safety of the team members and improve the effectiveness of the AV. The AV team members should have the relevant expertise in the field of technical and administrative safety and security of SALW storage. They should be able to work with national governments and relevant organizations to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the organization of a state's management of SALW, including storage facilities, before providing recommendations for actions to be taken to improve the organizational structure as well as safety and security on site.

3. Venue

Bundeswehr Verification Center in Geilenkirchen, Germany.

4. Participants

Military personnel and civilians of national and international organizations, predominantly from MSAG nations, who will be tasked to carry out assessment visits to states in the field of weapons and ammunition management and/or to conduct training courses on combatting the illegal spread of arms as well as on physical security and stockpile management.



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Germany
Assessment Visits/Small Arms & Light Weapons Course
(SALW/AV Course)

5. Methodology

The course topics will be taught in a logical order, with the aid of modern IT equipment. Theoretical lectures will be complemented by practical exercises. The assessment visit exercise in an SALW storage facility will be the highlight of the training and familiarize participants with the procedures and the conduct of an assessment visit.

6. Language skills

Participants should have a Standardized Language Proficiency (SLP) of 2221 (or higher) in English, as described in STANAG 6001, or comparable skills.

7. Tuition payment

No course fees will be charged.

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Bundeswehr Verification Center (BwVC)
Germany
International Training Course
Recognition of Major Weapon and Equipment Systems
Relevant to Arms Control

1. Background

The Vienna Document 2011 (VD11) is composed of politically binding confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) designed to increase openness and transparency on military activities conducted within the OSCE zone of application. The Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE Treaty) was an integral part of Europe's security architecture and is closely intertwined with other treaties and agreements. Its proactive application and proper implementation support the fine-meshed security structures in Europe.

2. Course aim

The course is designed to enable participants to recognize and identify conventional armaments and equipment subject based on the former CFE Treaty as well as major weapon and equipment systems, so that they will be able to verify the information provided in the various information exchanges during inspections and evaluations in other countries.

3. Venue

Bundeswehr Verification Center in Geilenkirchen, Germany.

4. Participants

The course will be open to all NATO member states, plus Austria and Switzerland, with a verification organization.

The course is designed for individuals with duties in the field of arms control, i.e. for military and civilian members of verification organizations as well as for secondary-function arms control personnel assigned to ministries of defense, arms control agencies or ministries of foreign affairs of NATO member states plus Austria and Switzerland.

The number of participants is limited to 20.

5. Methodology

This two-week course includes interactive plenary lectures followed by short tests at the beginning of the next day to check the level of knowledge. There will be no exam and no performance assessment.

Additional lecturers from other verification agencies and organizations from other countries provide supplementary points of view.

6. Language skills

Participants should have a Standardized Language Proficiency (SLP) of 2221 (or higher) in English, as described in STANAG 6001, or comparable skills.



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7. Tuition payment

No course fees will be charged.

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Bundeswehr Verification Center
Germany
International OS Treaty Course

1. Background

The Treaty on Open Skies (OS Treaty) is one of the confidence-building measures designed to strengthen openness and transparency of activities among states. Its area of application currently comprises the territories of 32 States Parties. The Treaty permits observation flights that are carried out using clearly defined and certified sensors. Observation flights are always mutually agreed by the States Parties involved, and the observed State Party participates in the relevant activities.

2. Course aim

The course is designed to familiarize participants with the planning and conduct of missions, using the German Airbus A319 OH aircraft as an example, and to enable them to fulfill their duties and exercise their rights in a potential active/passive role or as a member of a joint OS mission.

After completing the course, participants should

- be able to describe the confidence- and security-building measures set out in the Treaty on Open Skies as well as the resulting responsibilities of the personnel involved in those measures;
- have acquired knowledge about the preparation and conduct of an observation flight as well as about the related reporting; and
- be able to take the parameters of an observation aircraft into account when planning shared flights or flights involving a lease option, using the A319 OH as an example.

3. Venue

Bundeswehr Verification Center in Geilenkirchen, Germany, as well as other national military installations that are used to conduct an observation flight.

4. Participants

The course may be attended by personnel from all OS States Parties and associated states.

It has been designed for members of verification organizations; the number of participants is limited to 14.

Prior attendance of the Open Skies Orientation Course at the NATO School Oberammergau is generally desirable.

5. Methodology

The two-week course comprises interactive presentations on the fundamentals of the OS Treaty and the applicable decisions as well as the preparation and conduct of one or more OS observation flight(s).

Syndicate work periods and practical conduct of flight activities are also included to consolidate the theoretical knowledge gained and to strengthen confidence in the OS observation platform provided.

Additional instructors from other States Parties provide supplementary points of view.



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Germany
International OS Treaty Course

6. Language skills

Participants should have a Standardized Language Proficiency (SLP) of 2221 in English, as described in STANAG 6001, or comparable skills.

7. Tuition payment

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- STUDENT APPLICATION FORM -

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CHOOSE COURSE

PERSONAL DATA

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