

Common catalogue on NORDEFCO activities of training, exercises & education on Arctic cooperation

Sweden

SwAF has a Subarctic Warfare Center, situated in Arvidsjaur. They offer:

- qualified winter and Sub arctic training courses
- support during remaining and exercises
- tailored training programs
- support during military testing projects in sub-arctic and cold environments while maintaining high secrecy and classification
- support with the entire planning process of cold weather operations or exercises
- exchange programs for instructors
- the course fee is based on the principle of full cost coverage. For example: Basic Winter Warfare Course costs 2 800 euro and Basic Mountain Course 1 000 euro (2020).

Course catalogue 2020-2021 (performed in English)

Course	Duration	Purpose	Application & Course Fee
Diving in subarctic environment	10 days 16-24 FEB 2021	Provide a basis for continued diving in the subarctic environment. Course participants will receive a basic course in the abilities to which divers can operate in subarctic climate.	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.
Basic winter course	2 weeks 28 NOV-8 DEC 2021	Give the students a basic set of skills and knowledge to operate in a sub-arctic theatre.	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.
Intermediate winter course	11 days 28 NOV-8 DEC 2021	The course will give the students the ability to plan basic winter training packages at a unit level with the help of Swedish regulations, plans and Computer Based Training (CBT).	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.

Course	Duration	Purpose	Application & Course Fee
Winter warfare course	3 weeks and 10 days pre-training 11-29 JAN 2021, 1-20 MARCH 2021	This course will provide: - capability to perform duties in subarctic conditions without contracting cold injuries - capability to perform basic infantry combat skills, including movement without vehicles, in snow and cold weather - capability to lead smaller units (squad – platoon) in winter warfare.	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.
Basic mountain course	7 days 16-23 APRIL 2021	Give the students a basic set of skills for movement, navigate and build shelters in mountainous terrain. Emphasis is also to be able to rescue a team member buried in an avalanche and to be able to act as a team member in a search party. Mainly for OR 5-8, OF 1-2 and national equivalents.	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.
Intermediate mountain course	14 days 12-23 APRIL 2021	Certify leaders at unit level to conduct operations and exercises in mountainous terrain according to Swedish regulations. Also gain a deep understanding of the mountains as a warfighting domain and how it affects personnel and equipment. Mainly for OR 5-8, OF 1-2 and national equivalents.	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.

Course	Duration	Purpose	Application & Course Fee
High north indoctrination course	7 months OCT-APRIL 2021	Gives soldiers and junior leader's planning, execution and after action review phases of mobility, theatre specific training for Direct Action (DA) and Special reconnaissance (SA) by teaching the small unit tactics, and SERE. For OR 4-7, OF 1-2 and national equivalents. It is intended for infantry, SF or similar career fields. Please note that this course is set during dry-land season.	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.
Winter training planners course	5 days TBD (JUNE?)	Increase the students' ability to plan winter training in cold weather. Intended for commanders and staff planners on battalion level and lower.	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.
Pre hospital hypothermia course	5 days 23-27 MARCH 2021	The course is directed towards personnel with a medical background, from combat medic level up to medical doctor. The course will develop the participants' capability to apply his or her medical knowledge in the cold environment from a prevention perspective. The course gives the student full access to the latest knowledge on prevention and care of cold injuries. All information is based on scientific based information. The course involves practical exercises. Intended for commanders and staff planners on battalion level and lower.	Application and Course Fee by email: i19-subarcticwarfarecenter@mil.se.

Norway

Cold Weather Operations Centre of Excellence is located in Elverum in South Eastern part of Norway. They offer:

- NATO qualified cold weather courses.
- Instructor and subject matter expert (SME) support during planning, pre deployment preparations and exercises.
- Standard and tailored training programs for units.
- Support during military testing projects in cold environments.
- Exchange programs for instructors.

Cold Reponse is an exercise for winter training. It is conducted every second year (2022, 2024 ...).

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Allied Winter Instructor Course (AWIC)	11 th of January - 4 th of February 2021	The objective is to provide students basic knowledge and skills needed to serve as winter training instructors and advisers, including; - providing tactical and technical knowledge on how to take advantage of terrain and the conditions imposed by snow and cold weather - practicing survival, mobility and leadership under winter conditions.	

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NATO Avalanche Warning Course (NAWC)	9 th - 19 th of February 2021	The objective is to provide the students advanced knowledge to serve in the capacity of avalanche instructors and advisers, including; - understand the snow layers, and use of stability tests. Understand and use meteorological data together with snow layering and results of stability tests to predict an avalanche hazard warning - be able to do route planning in the mountains wintertime with respect to the avalanche hazard.	
Army Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Extraction Instructor Course (ASERIC) Winter	8 th – 19 th of March 2020	The objective is to provide the students advanced knowledge to serve in the capacity of Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Extraction (SERE) instructors and advisers, in arctic and winter environment in accordance to STANAG 7196 (NATO SERE level B). In order to; - educate and train instructors to conduct SERE courses according to NATO standards within their respective national Armed Forces.	

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Allied Staff Officers Winter Course (ASOWC)	23 rd of March – 3 rd of April 2020	<p>The main objective of ASOWC is to give the students further knowledge and understanding of the influence of cold weather and winter conditions on planning and conducting of operations.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- present and familiarize the students with Norwegian winter warfare training – and techniques- to give the students further knowledge and understanding of the importance of leadership during winter operations- to present the possibilities of conducting winter warfare training in Norway.	

Finland

The Jaeger Brigade (JBDE) is premier winter training unit of the Finnish Defence Forces (FDF). The JBDE trains light infantry troops to operate in the sub-arctic conditions in Northern Finland (Lapland). The JBDE situated in Sodankylä.

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Course	Duration	Purpose	Application & Course Fee
Winter Combat Course	15 days TBD (January)	The learning objective is to train squad/platoon level commanders and instructors in the knowledge and skills required to successfully conduct military operations in cold, snow-covered environment. The course challenges student's physical and mental endurance, stamina and confidence in the harsh winter conditions and sub-arctic environment.	According to Jaeger Brigade Info letter (every year).
SERE Instructor Course	15 days TBD (August), 1 st part and 10-15 days TBD (February 2021), 2 nd part	Target audience is future Army SERE instructors and specialists. Training is based on NATO stanag 7196 (draft); The NATO Survival Evasion, Resistance and Extraction Standard. The course will give SERE C qualification.	According to Jaeger Brigade Invitation (every year).

Denmark

Denmark does not have a single authority that coordinates and arranges winter/arctic training and exercise. Instead the responsibility is distributed between units, commands and centres of excellence. Units and commands offer courses tailored to their own needs, while centres of excellence offer courses that are limited to their area of expertise. The table below gives an overview over courses that are, or will be, open to international participants.

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Course	Duration	Purpose	Application & Course Fee
Pitugfik Arctic Survival Course	1 week 2 courses in 2021: 15-19FEB (TBC) and 22-26FEB 2021 (TBC)	To train air craft pilots and crew in survival in an Arctic environment. Venue: Sdr. Strømfjord, Greenland.	Application through Air Transport Wing. Accommodation etc. is limited, so participation cannot be guaranteed. Fee TBD.
Combat Enhancement Training (CET) North	2 weeks 24AUG-04SEP 2021	To train and maintain C-130 skills aimed at Arctic operations, specifically Short Field Landings, Temporary Landing Zone and Drop-operations. Venue: Sdr. Strømfjord, Greenland.	Application through Air Transport Wing. Accommodation etc. is limited, so participation cannot be guaranteed. Fee TBD.
Joint Arctic Operations Course	4 days 2021 time frame TBD	Theory, background knowledge and introduction to Arctic operations. Venue: Nuuk, Greenland.	Application through Joint Arctic Command. Fee TBD.

Course	Duration	Purpose	Application & Course Fee
RESPONDEX	2 weeks Typically end FEB – mid MARCH	Deployment exercise. Specialist course. Venue: North east Greenland.	Application through Special Operations Command. Course will not be available to external participants until 2022 (at the earliest). Fee TBD.
FSK310 Arctic First Responder	5 days 18-22JAN 2021	Basic Arctic medic training aimed at the Sirius patrol and personnel at arctic bases. Venue: Århus, Denmark.	Application through Danish Defence Medical Command. Fee TBD.
FSK311 Arctic First Responder Advanced	5 days 17-21MAY 2021	Arctic medic training including live tissue training. Requires FSK310 Arctic First Responder. Venue: Århus, Denmark.	Application through Danish Defence Medical Command. Fee TBD.

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