

SOUTHCOM Theater for SOF Course (STSOF)

	Course: SOED-STSOE (4.5 Days)	PDS Code: 077
	DSN: 579-4757/4758	Comm: 850 884-4757/4758
	CCAF Credit(s): None	Enrollment By: <u>Open Enrollment</u>
	E-Mail: usafsos.stsof@hurlburt.af.mil	Security Level: SECRET
	Enrollment/Registration: Please refer to the open enrollment information for specific instructions.	

■ Course Information

Target Audience: This course is designed for SOF personnel who are currently serving in or preparing to deploy to Latin America. Other joint, DoD, or government personnel, who are assigned, or are programmed for assignment to a Latin America country, may also be interested in attending this course. Adult dependents of individuals on accompanied overseas status may attend the course at their sponsor's expense, subject to space availability and USAFSOS approval. SOF quota requests are given priority.

Description: SOUTHCOM Theater for SOF is a 4.5-day course that focuses on U.S. national security interests in Latin America and the Caribbean with emphasis placed upon items of greatest interest to U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF), in particular, to Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) units that operate within the SOUTHCOM AOR as well as newly assigned staff at SOCSOUTH. The course covers political, military, cultural, and historical factors which influence SOF operations in SOUTHCOM as well as SOCSOUTH efforts to support SOUTHCOM's Theater Campaign Plan. Due to its SOF focus, significant time is dedicated to studying Irregular Warfare in the region as exemplified by threats posed to U.S. interests by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People's Army (FARC-EP), the Shining Path of Peru, international Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs), transnational gangs as well as populist movements. Students are also exposed to other subjects of interest to the U.S. government including terrorist activities occurring within the Tri-border area of South America, illicit trafficking throughout the region and revolutionary succession in Cuba. This is a nominative course for which students must apply and be accepted to attend.

Course Enrollment: STSOF is an Open Enrollment course. As such, it requires no prior approval from USAFSOS faculty.

Students are required to obtain a training line number (TLN) from their unit training manager. For enrolling through unit training manager (Open Enrollment link above), supply the PDS code found in the above panel, along with desired course dates to your local training manager, who will in turn reserve a course quota for you in the training system. After obtaining a TLN, students need to access and complete registration for the course through Blackboard. Please see the link below and follow the instructions. All students should request a USAFSOS Blackboard account, which also enables access to specific course materials. To access Blackboard, copy and paste the following address into your browser's address bar:

<https://afsoc.blackboard.com>. (We are currently unable to link directly to the USAFSOS Blackboard site per AFI 33-129, paragraph 6.91.)**Note:**

- On the first day of class, students should report NLT 07:30. This course is scheduled through 13:00 on the last day class. Course credit will not be given for early departures. Travel arrangements should be made accordingly.

Special Security Instructions:

SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

DOD Security Managers must submit visit request 14-30 days prior to class start date through JPAS (*use class acronym "STSOF" in POC block*) to SMO code EE0VFPP56 being sure the student's personal summary page reflects the proper access to be granted.

Non DOD agencies must FAX clearance 14-30 days prior to class start date on official letterhead to DSN 579 1866, COMM 850 884 1866. (*Write the course acronym "STSOF" and inclusive dates as the purpose for visit*).

Security questions? Call Glenn LeMay @ DSN 579 4673 Comm 850 884 4673.

STSOF Scheduled Offerings				
Status	Course #	Dates	Location	Notices
X	12C	30 Jul-3 Aug 2012	Hurlburt Fld FL	CANCELLED
⚠	12D	13-17 Aug 2012	Hurlburt Fld FL	Dates changed from 10-14 Sep
	13A	11-15 Feb 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
	13B	29-Apr 3-May 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
	13C	09-13 Sep 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	

⚠ = Change || N/C -- No Change || X = Cancelled