

CENTCOM Theater for SOF Course (CTSOF)

 CTSOF	Course #: SOED-CTSOF (4.5 Days)	PDS Code: 06Z
	DSN: 579-4731/4757/4758	Comm: 850 884-4731/4757/4758
	CCAF Credit(s): None	Enrollment By: Open Enrollment
	E-Mail: usafsos.ctsof@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 will be operating in the CENTCOM theater, with emphasis on SOF aviation. The focus audiences include combat aviation advisors, aviation special tactics personnel, and standard- and non-standard aviation mission planners. Other audiences include non-aviation SOF and those who support them. This is a nominative course for which students must apply and be accepted to attend.

Description: This 4.5-day course covers the entire CENTCOM region. The course covers political, military, cultural, and historical factors which influence SOF operations in CENTCOM, and it also provides relevant background information and effective strategies for inter-cultural communication with people from the region. Due to the major combat operations ongoing in Iraq and Afghanistan, significant time is dedicated to those regions and other regions of interest to SOF. The origins and development of political Islam and its motivational effect on extremists are also covered, as well as U.S. policies and interests. The course features resident faculty instructors, guest civilian and military subject-matter experts as well as AFSOC Warriors. This is a nominative course for which students must apply and be accepted to attend.

Course Enrollment: CTSOF 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.) **Notes:**

- On the first day of class, students should report NLT 0730. This course is scheduled through 12:00 on the last day of 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 "CTSOF" in POC block**) to SMO code EEQVFPP56 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 "CTSOF" and inclusive dates as the purpose for visit**).

For security questions Call Glenn LeMay @ DSN 579 4673 Comm 850 884 4673.

CTSOF Scheduled Offerings				
Status	Course #	Dates	Location	Notices
N/C	13A	25-29 Mar 2013	Hurlburt Fld FL	
N/C	13B	10-14 Jun 2013	Cannon AFB, NM	
N/C	13C	22-26 Jul 2013	Hurlburt Fld, FL	
N/C	13D	9-13 Sep 2013	MacDill	

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