



General Course for Civil Monitors, Observers and Field Staff

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A unique opportunity

This course has been developed by the Folke Bernadotte Academy to suit the professional attributes of Civil Monitors, Observers and Field staff in missions led by the UN, the EU and the OSCE as well as international and national NGO's. For selected UFS members, the course will be free of charge thanks to a generous scholarship granted by the Folke Bernadotte Academy. UFS covers some of the course fee and the travel expenses to and from the course facilities at Sandö, Kramfors municipality.

Course description

The role of international organizations in conflict management, both civil and military, will be presented and the need of different expertise in the various conflict phases will be discussed. The course equally focuses on the role of civil society in conflict management and cross-cultural awareness. The course participants will learn different aspects of monitoring and report writing. The skills of communication and negotiation will be presented and trained. Other course components include gender awareness, operating in mixed teams and working with interpreters.

To increase each participant's personal security, an important part of the course will entail risk assessments and safety training. This part of the course focuses on how to keep good health, manage stress and on media handling. In addition, the participants will learn how to drive a 4x4 vehicle, to read maps, to use radio communication and to give first aid as well as cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Participants

Approximately 25 Swedish and international participants will train together. The participants are requested to have limited experience with complex peace operations and/or with future expectations to be operational in a peace mission. The Academy has granted UFS members two places at the course.

Application and Eligibility

Applicants should have a profound knowledge of English, an understanding of the international community, and a professional ambition that corresponds with the Academy's goals and mission. Previous engagement in UFS is a merit. Please send your application with a CV and a cover letter by e-mail by the 1st of February, 2009 to ufs.ordf@gmail.com

UFS will compile a short list of candidates and then The Academy will make the final selection of participants.

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