BLENDING METHODS TO ENHANCE HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

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COURSE PRIOR TO OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT

WHY? Course goal
WHEN? Course duration and structure
WHO? Course participants and instructors
WHERE? Location
HOW? In-class study, self-study, language immersion
HOW DID IT TURN OUT? Participants' exam results
WHAT'S NEXT? Planning the new course

….. and the course is already running.

WHY? Course goal

- To enable course participants to attain SLP 3 English proficiency prior to foreign deployment

WHEN? Course duration and structure

- **8 April – 10 April: Residential phase – 18 hours**
- **13 April – 12 May: Self-study**
- **13 May – 10 June: Residential phase – 126 hours**
- **12 June – 7 July: Self-study**
- **8 July – 15 July: Residential phase – 36 hours**

WHO? – Course participants and instructors

- 8 trainees participants:
- High level of English communicative competence
- High motivation: need to achieve SLP 3 in all subskills / renew existing qualification prior to overseas deployment.

- Instructors: 2nd English Department, native speakers from Language Centre, Testing and Methodology Section.

WHERE? Location

- **Language Centre, University of Defence in Brno**
- **2nd English Department**
- **Černá Pole Barracks**

HOW? In-class study

- 180 hours of face-to-face teaching
- Working days 8:00 – 13:10
- Study materials: on-line

During the course:

- Information on using AI when working with written texts
- 4x mock test
- 2-day introduction to presentation skills + practice

HOW? Self-study

- **Online consultations:** via MS Teams
- **Frequency:** Minimum twice a week, maximum daily
- **Availability:** Working days, 8:00–16:00 (by prior arrangement with the teacher)
- **Duration:** 45 minutes

HOW? Language immersion

- Afternoon sessions with native speakers – 5 times during the course, assisted by core teaching staff from Department 2
- Meeting with astronaut Andrew Feustel at the UoD Club in Brno
- Field training / Field trip: Visit to the helicopter airbase in Náměšť

HOW DID IT TURN OUT?

	EXAM TERM I				EXAM TERM II
	LISTENING	SPEAKING	READING	WRITING	RETAKE
A	3	3	3	2+	2+
B	-	-	-	-	-
C	3	3	3	2+	3
D	-	-	-	-	-
E	3	2	3	2+	2+/2+
F	3	3	3	3	x
G	-	3	-	-	x
H	-	-	-	3	x

….. and the course is already running

- Launch date: September 21, 2026
- 186 hours of face-to-face instruction, 6 hours of language immersion, 15 days of self-study
- Course divided into two parts: successful participants finish after the first exam
- Language immersion without the assistance of core teachers 3 times during the course
- Introductory briefing on the exam, 3 day presentation skills training, using AI for exam preparation

UPDATED COURSE DESIGN

	INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS	IMMERSION HOURS	SELF-STUDY DAYS
PILOT COURSE	180	30	40
AUTUMN 2026 I	186	12	15
AUTUMN 2026 II	54	x	13

Thank you for your questions, thoughts, or comments.