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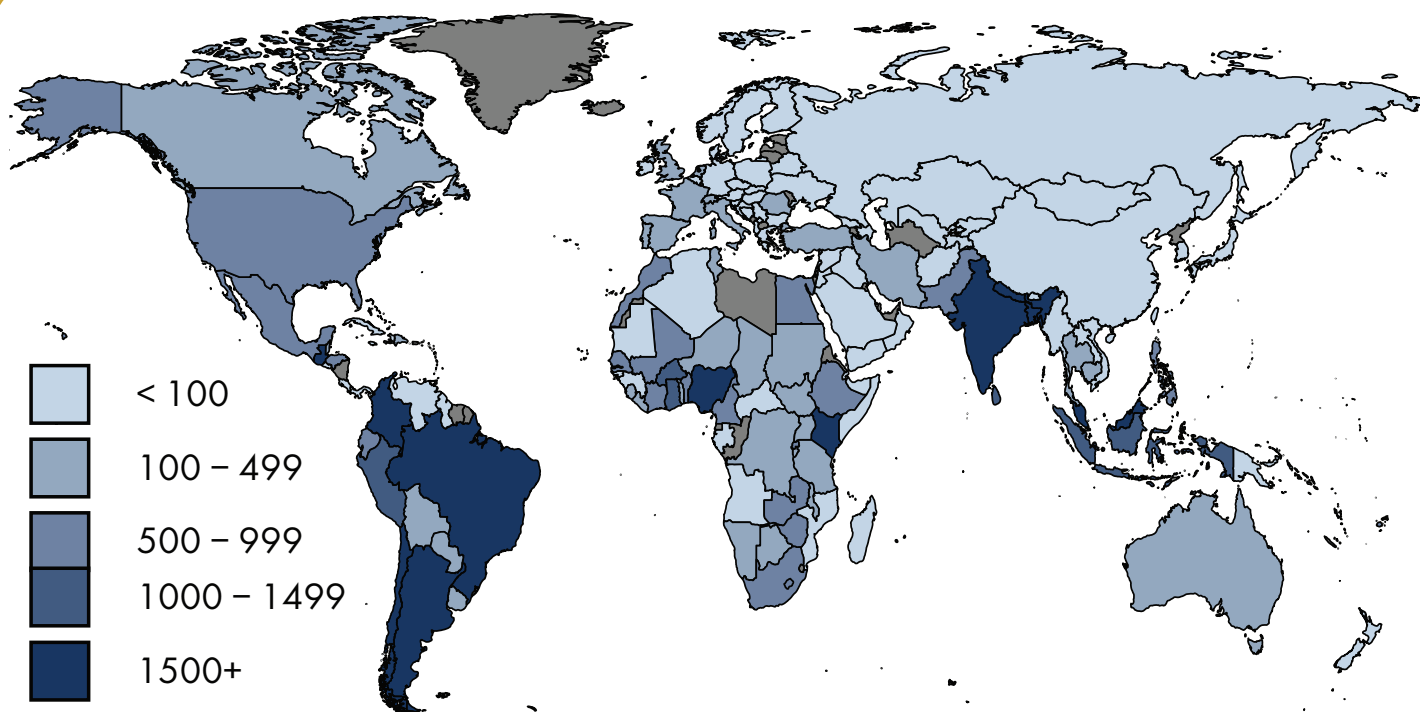
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2025 COURSE ENROLMENTS

New and Upcoming Releases

The Institute has released two course updates. A new version of [*Mine Action and Explosive Hazard Management*](#), which was produced with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), is now available for enrolment. It is a comprehensive introduction to the policies, procedures, and standards that shape Mine Action activity around the world. The update also includes a new chapter about improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Additionally, there is a new version of *UN Military Specialised Training Materials on Child Protection*, sourced directly from the United Nations Integrated Training Service (ITS). The updated course has a new name: [*Child Protection for United Nations Military*](#). The course is intended to help United Nations personnel understand and implement their peace operations' child protection mandates. It also features scenario exercises to help personnel navigate complex situations regarding child protection. These course materials have been sourced directly from the United Nations Peacekeeping Resource Hub under a revocable licence issued by the Integrated Training Service.

A Spanish translation of *Technology and Innovation in United Nations Peace Operations* ([*Tecnología e innovación en operaciones de paz de Naciones Unidas*](#)) is now available. Spanish speakers can explore the current and emerging landscape of technology in peace operations, including its key advancements and risks.

In September, the Institute expanded its multimedia offerings with the release of the [*Peacebuilding*](#) interactive module. It features sorting activities, review



questions, and other engaging interactive content. The module is intended as a supplement to the full course that can help students solidify their understanding of peacebuilding and prepare for the end-of-course exam. Learners may benefit in particular from reviewing key scholars and political actors in the conceptual development of peacebuilding.

In the coming months, POTI will release a course on misinformation, disinformation, and hate speech. This topic has been a popular request from students and training centres, as it is an increasingly urgent concern in peace operations. These course materials will be sourced directly from the United Nations Peacekeeping Resource Hub under a revocable licence issued by the Integrated Training Service.

POTI Hosts Women, Peace, and Security Focus Groups

From June to August 2025, the Peace Operations Training Institute hosted three focus groups to gather comprehensive feedback on the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) course suite. Created in collaboration with UN Women, the course suite includes three region-specific courses: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. This suite discusses the role of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and related resolutions, and it explores the importance of considering gender in peace operations. Each course is available at no cost to all POTI students.

To assess the strengths, weaknesses, and practical applications of the WPS courses, the Institute invited students with varied professional and personal backgrounds to participate in one of three focus groups. Invitees were balanced across POTI training eligibility programmes.



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Of the 21 participants, 85 per cent reported using the knowledge gained from their WPS course "often" or with higher frequency ("very often" and "always"). Participants resoundingly agreed that enhancing women's political participation and promoting gender equality are essential components of lasting peace. Moreover, students noted that the materials affected their personal beliefs. By changing their views of gender equity and issues related to women in conflict, the WPS courses had a profound impact on these students' personal lives.

Participant Occupation

2025 WPS Focus Group

5%
Other

15%
Police

10% Humanitarian or peacekeeping-related NGO employee

10% Civilian working on a peace operation

45%
Military personnel

15%
Civil servant

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Pressure on UN and other peace operations has been mounting as they face budget shortfalls, fewer resources, and upcoming plans to reduce personnel. It is our mandate at POTI to provide quality, accessible training to those on and preparing for deployment, and we will continue to be true to this stated goal.

We continue to update and transform the 32-course curriculum, most notably with a new version of the Mine Action and Explosive Hazard Management course. We extend our deepest thanks to the many contributors to this course from the UN Mine Action Service and UNICEF. We are also proud to work with UN Women to provide courses on the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda.

We are most grateful to students who provided feedback on WPS materials not only through focus groups, but also through meetings, feedback forms, and on the POTI website itself. I hope to hear from more of you regarding your training needs, your personal stories from peace and humanitarian missions, and your future plans.

Our thanks to the Member States of the Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations (PELP) for providing the support that makes e-learning on peace operations possible.



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Women in peace operations are a key to peace. POTI encourages women to enrol and study our courses.