



NSOS

Welcome Package

Our Mission

The NATO Special Operations School, as the leader for NATO SOF education, provides world-class, relevant instruction in order to enhance the capabilities, interoperability and effectiveness of Alliance and partner SOF, while continuously pursuing innovative educational strategies and courseware tailored to support current and future requirements.

Administration

All students are required to have an NSOS Educational Portal Account to be able to access course documentation and register for future courses. Students can register for an account on the NSOS Educational Portal at this link. <https://www.nshq.nato.int/nshq/>

For administration purposes, you are required to email the following information to your course director and nsoscourseadmin@nshq.nato.int **before arrival**.

- NATO Personnel Security Clearance Certificate - PSCC - (minimum NATO Secret level)
- English Language Certificate (only for non-native speakers)
- CISSR form filled and signed (if applicable to your course)

Prerequisites

Several Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) courses were developed to support NSOS residential courses. Please refer to the NSOS Course Catalogue to see which prerequisites are required for your course. The NSOS Course Catalogue is located in the NSOS Educational Portal. If you have already completed any of the ADL prerequisites as part of a previous NSOS course, you do not need to complete the ADL again. Contact your course director to let him/her know.

NATO Personnel Security Clearance Certificate (PSCC)

All students attending residential courses at NSOS are required to provide a valid NATO PSCC to the course director and student admin nsoscourseadmin@nshq.nato.int.

Failing to send the security document before your arrival could prevent or delay your participation in a course.

Transport

- Transportation is a national responsibility; all transportation to or from NATO Special Operations School facilities must be arranged and coordinated by each individual student. The campus is not accessible via public transportation; a rental car or other vehicle is recommended. *When accessing base, show the ID listed in your student profile.*
- The recommended airports for arrivals and departures are Brussels Airport (BRU) or Charleroi Airport (CRL). Chièvres AB is located near the town of Chièvres, Belgium, which is approximately 19 km from SHAPE in Casteau (near Mons). The closest train stations to Chièvres are in the towns of Brugelette, Ath, and Jurbise.
- Chièvres AB GPS Reference: Rue du Septième Wing — 7950 Chièvres, Belgium, [https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Brussels+Airport+\(BRU\),+Leopoldlaan,+Zaventem/Rue+du+Septi%C3%A8me+Wing,+7950+Chi%C3%A8vres/@50.58757,3.8188353,301m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x47c3ddb4c45275ed:0x24514e3e0e7f25e4!2m2!1d4.4855744!2d50.900999!1m5!1m1!1s0x47c2551c7ebf4b1d:0x3e086312a07daaf5!2m2!1d3.8193131!2d50.5884346!3e0](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Brussels+Airport+(BRU),+Leopoldlaan,+Zaventem/Rue+du+Septi%C3%A8me+Wing,+7950+Chi%C3%A8vres/@50.58757,3.8188353,301m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x47c3ddb4c45275ed:0x24514e3e0e7f25e4!2m2!1d4.4855744!2d50.900999!1m5!1m1!1s0x47c2551c7ebf4b1d:0x3e086312a07daaf5!2m2!1d3.8193131!2d50.5884346!3e0)
- SHAPE GPS Reference: Rue Grande 7010, Mons, Belgium [https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Brussels+Airport+\(BRU\),+Leopoldlaan,+Zaventem/Supreme+Headquarters+Allied+Powers+Europe,+Rue+Grande,+Mons/@50.6988374,3.9410169,76797m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x47c3ddb4c45275ed:0x24514e3e0e7f25e4!2m2!1d4.4855744!2d50.900999!1m5!1m1!1s0x47c24e3c8d4bd2c1:0xc2c8f15139c8d247!2m2!1d3.9821153!2d50.4969668!3e0](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Brussels+Airport+(BRU),+Leopoldlaan,+Zaventem/Supreme+Headquarters+Allied+Powers+Europe,+Rue+Grande,+Mons/@50.6988374,3.9410169,76797m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x47c3ddb4c45275ed:0x24514e3e0e7f25e4!2m2!1d4.4855744!2d50.900999!1m5!1m1!1s0x47c24e3c8d4bd2c1:0xc2c8f15139c8d247!2m2!1d3.9821153!2d50.4969668!3e0)
- **Entrance to the base is through Gate 1 or Gate 14.**
 - Gate 1 is only open Monday – Friday 0700 – 1800
 - Gate 14 is open 24 hours 7 days a week

Chièvres Air Base



NSOS Campus



In-Processing

On the first day, the entrance to the NSOS Campus is in front of **Building 20160** (See page 3, Fig.2, NATO Special Operations School overview). After the first day students may walk in through the turnstile using the provided badge. Student access to the NSOS Campus is only available Monday - Friday.

The NSOS Working Day is Monday - Friday 0800 - 1700hrs ensure you are at the designated classroom promptly to start the academic programme.

The NSOS campus is a no hat, no salute area. However, when transiting outside the barracks to/from accommodation, all military students are to wear the appropriate military head dress. Military students in uniform are to transit directly to/from barracks and their accommodations. Students are not to wear uniforms whilst shopping, dining, or socializing outside of the base installations.

Dress Code

All students are to wear their national duty uniform throughout the course (BDU, ACU or equivalent). Non-military students and guest speakers are to dress in business casual attire.

Documentation

Ensure you have the following documentation with you upon arrival:

- Passport or ID card (EU members).
- NATO Travel Order (only for non-NSHQ members).

Accommodation

Students are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. Use the links below for recommendations.

- Army Lodge at Chièvres Air Base <http://army.dodlodging.net/propertys/Chievres-Lodging>

Local accommodations outside the base <https://www.nshq.nato.int/nsos/about/accommodations/>

Fitness Centre

- The Chièvres Air Base Fitness Centre is available Monday - Friday 0600 - 1800, Saturday and Sunday 1000 - 1600. Please bring your own towel and water bottle when using the fully equipped fitness room. Please make sure you are out by closing hours.
- NSOS Fitness gym is available Monday - Friday 0800 - 1700.
- There are no activities at the NATO Special Operations School during the weekend.
- **Due to the COVID 19 restrictions the NSOS Fitness Centre and showers are currently not available to students.**

Portable Electronic Equipment

- Photography is strictly forbidden.
- Cameras are not allowed inside the NSOS campus.
- Laptops, tablets (or equivalent) and mobile phones are allowed in the compound, but are not permitted in any classroom or syndicated room. All devices are to be switched off and secured in the lockers in the Student Support Centre when not in use.

Food/Dining Facilities

Chièvres Air Base has a food court in the Post Exchange and a Commissary grocery store, (\$60 daily limit to students). Currency used on base is US dollars. Payments can be made using cash or your bank card. A Belgian grocery store, Carrefour, adjacent to base Gate 14 is also available. ***The Food Court and Commissary are closed on Mondays, we suggest students bring their own lunch on that day.***

Microwaves and refrigerator are available to students in the NSOS Student Support Centre.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, lunch is only possible in the classroom or using the picnic tables outside.

| Commissary | | Food Court | | Carrefour | |
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| Sunday | 1000 – 1800 | Sunday | 1000 – 1800 | Sunday | 0830 – 1300 |
| Monday | Closed | Monday | Closed | Monday | 0900 – 1930 |
| Tuesday | 1000 – 1900 | Tuesday | 1000 – 1900 | Tuesday | 0900 – 1930 |
| Wednesday | 1000 – 1900 | Wednesday | 1000 – 1900 | Wednesday | 0900 – 1930 |
| Thursday | 1000 – 2000 | Thursday | 1000 – 1900 | Thursday | 0900 – 1930 |
| Friday | 1000 – 1900 | Friday | 1000 – 1900 | Friday | 0900 – 1930 |
| Saturday | 1000 - 1900 | Saturday | 1000 - 1900 | Saturday | 0900 - 1930 |

As of 18 August 2020, and in accordance with Belgian law and the SHAPE Chief of Staff Order dtd 7 Aug 2020, students travelling to NSOS from certain regions and countries are required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Belgium.

The SHAPE COS order requires **quarantine from all red areas** listed in the Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs website: <https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en>