

Operational English Language Course (OELC)

HTP Ostrava provides Operational English Language training. The course is designed for the complete helicopter crews (Pilots, Navigators, Door Gunners and Flight Engineers).

The OELC is composed to cover language training demands at the operational level of command of the helicopter units. The syllabus consists of 2 parts; general English language training, taught by TEFL-certified teacher and a specialized terminology course (operational aviation terminology, DG terminology and military jargon used in multinational operations), instructed by two experienced helicopter QHTI from Great Britain. Specialized terminology course is subdivided into classroom theory, practical exercises and practical simulator phase. For the duration of the course, each student will receive tablet with loaded course materials. Each student will spend 4 hours on tactical simulator.

OELC-DG/FE short description

The first part includes general English grammar and should serve as a refresher section, focusing on grammar, differences between normal English, and military terminology as well as a revival of active language skills. The length of the general is one week. Generally the normal week has 5 working days, each day with 8 hours. The aim of the general part is to prepare students for the specialised part. It does not require verification of knowledge upon completion general parts.

The second part should address professional military terminology focusing on the operation of pilots, door gunners and flight engineers as members of the helicopter crew. Discussed terminology should include helicopter hardware, weapons systems, duties on board, threat calls, voice marshalling, ballistic theory, description of tactical activities/events such as TIC, MEDEVAC, MIST(AT), CASEVAC, EMERGENCY LANDING, SLING LOAD, DART, CAS, ECAS, CCA, JPR, CSAR, but also for example, individual reports and formalised documents used in C2. The special terminology part is three weeks long (8 hours per day, 5 days per week). The aim of the training is to unify and instruct English terminology used either by airborne gunners or helicopter pilots within NATO. It is recommended to perform a practical verification of newly acquired knowledge. Such verification can be conducted as simulations of English communication onboard a helicopter assessed in a tactical simulator for the purpose of receiving an end-of-course certificate.

In 2017, there were four OELC courses organized in HTP Ostrava. 39 crew members received the operational English language training (26 Czech, 6 Hungarian, 7 Croatian).

OELC basic facts

Course site: HTP Ostrava (CZ)

Course length: 4 weeks

Course designed for Helicopter crews from NATO/PfP

Number of participants: 10

Entrance criteria: none (STANAG 1 is an advantage)

Course cost: Free of charge (financed by Multinational Helicopter Initiative)

Accommodation can be organized on request. There are several possibilities for accommodation in the vicinity of the HTP. We have special conditions based on our long-term mutual cooperation.

For further information contact MATC directorate or directly HTP Ostrava.

Remaining Courses in 2018:

Course nr 6: 14 May – 8 June 2018

Course nr 7: 10 September – 5 October 2018

Course nr 8: 22 October – 16 November 2018