

Jungle Operations Training Course

1. Training provided by The Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th ID, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

2. Description. The Jungle Operations Training Course (JOTC) spans 12 days through which students execute a 12 day program of instruction. Subjects focus on jungle mobility training, waterborne operations, combat tracking, jungle tactics, survival training, and situational training exercises at the squad level. Graduates of the JOTC learn tactics, techniques, and procedures required to fight, win, and survive within any jungle environment. The course consists of two weeks of training following the crawl, walk, run methodology embedded within each activity as well as the overall training path.

Week 1

Week one of JOTC builds the individual students' basic skills required to shoot, move, and communicate within the tropical environment. Students learn mobility techniques utilizing mountaineering equipment, as well as basic personal and team waterborne movement methods to include the use of zodiac boats. Cadre then teach basics in combat tracking and counter-IED techniques specific to tropical regions of the world. In addition, the students will learn how to properly conduct an ambush, employ early warning devices, and use camouflage techniques. Students will then demonstrate their understanding of tactics, techniques, and operating procedures through practical exercises in preparation for week two.

Students will be evaluated on critical skills on arrival and through out week one of the course. Each student must pass three out of four events in the CWSA (Equipment Don and Ditch, 50 meter swim, confidence jump, and a two minute water tread) and conduct a 5k Jungle Run in combat uniform, FLC, and weapon within 40 minutes. Students will conduct land navigation testing and must find at least one point to remain in the course. Students will also be evaluated on their ability to successfully tie 12 critical knots and three harnesses (hip rappel seat, around the body bowline, and aussie rappel seat) on day one of the course. Additionally, students will be assessed on their ability to tie two systems (one-rope bridge, and Z-pulley 3-1 line haul system) within week one. Any double failure of a single knot, harness or system will result in removal from the course.

Week 2

Week two of JOTC focuses on planning, preparation and execution of jungle operations as well as broadening the students' knowledge in employment of the squad within the tropical environment through a culminating situational training exercise. The week concludes with the Green Mile physical endurance course, recovery, and graduation.

JOTC Graduations occur on the final Friday, day 12 of the course at the Lightning Academy Compound on East Range Training Complex at 1630hrs unless otherwise posted on <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/25thID/lightning-academy>, or the Lightning Academy Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LightningAcademy25ID/>. The entrance gate to the Lightning Academy Compound is directly across the street from address 2492 California Ave. Wahiawa, HI 96786.

3. Eligibility. The Lightning Academy (LA) Jungle Operations Training Course is open to all military service members. There are no gender or MOS restrictions. PACOM personnel from all branches have priority for this course. Other installations (to include Reserve and National Guard personnel) must contact 25th ID G3 Schools (Comm: 808-655-8125) for availability and enrollment. Foreign allies are approved to attend and must coordinate all clearance through the 25th ID Chief of Force Integration (Comm: 808-655-8887).

4. Prerequisites. Students must have a periodic health assessment within the last 12 months (IAW AR 40-501), have a minimum profile serial of 111121 (PULHES), be current on the Army Physical Fitness Test or service equivalent and meet the Army height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9. Applicants must have one year of service remaining on active duty upon completion of the course. An equipment inspection must be completed by the home unit 30 days prior to the class start date. Students must also demonstrate the ability to successfully tie the 12 critical knots and three harnesses, as verified by a Commanding Officer's signature on the LA100 form. Instructional videos for the aforementioned knots and harnesses can be found on the Lightning Academy web page (hyper-link above).

5. Location/Time. The Jungle Operations Training Course is located at Schofield Barracks (East Range Training Complex), California Rd., Bldg. S-8502. Classes are held from 0530hrs until complete each day. Students will report on Day One to the Lightning Academy on East Range Training Complex at NLT 0530hrs.

6. Administrative.

- a. The Soldier is required to supply all equipment IAW the most current packing list.
- b. All seats are reserved in ATRRS, however wait status packets will be accepted prior to the enrollment suspense date after all ATRRS slots are filled.
- c. Attendees will report for in processing at 0530hrs on Day One of the course.
- d. Units will provide government transportation to students and their equipment as required in order to ensure students report to in processing on time, specifically when traveling from off of the island of Oahu. Soldiers reporting from on the island of Oahu may utilize a personally owned vehicle to report, however the vehicle will be stowed in the trainee parking lot for the duration of training with no access to the student.
- e. Packets will include the LA100 and ERB or ORB.

7. Enrollment. Please refer to Appendix A for Enrollment Procedures.

8. The class schedule for the Jungle Operations Training Course is as follows:

CLASS SCHEDULE

#08-19	04 AUG 19	05 AUG 19	23 AUG 19	
#09-19	08 SEP 19	09 SEP 19	27 SEP 19	
#01-20	06 OCT 19	07 OCT 19	25 OCT 19	
#02-20	03 NOV 19	04 NOV 19	22 FEB 19	
#03-20	12 JAN 20	13 JAN 20	31 JAN 20	
#04-20	09 FEB 20	10 FEB 20	28 FEB 20	
#05-20	15 MAR 20	16 MAR 20	03 APR 20	CANCELLED
#06-20	19 APR 20	20 APR 20	08 MAY 20	CANCELLED
#07-20	31 APR 20	01 JUN 20	19 JUN 20	CANCELLED
#08-20		03 AUG 20	14 AUG 20	12 Day POI
#09-20		07 SEP 20	18 SEP 20	12 Day POI