

Lightning Academy

Jungle Operations Training Course

Course Description and Joining Instructions

1. Description. Training is provided by the Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th ID, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. The 25th ID Jungle Operations Training Course (JOTC) focuses on jungle mobility training, waterborne operations, combat tracking, jungle tactics, survival training, and situation awareness exercises at the Squad level. Graduates of 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” training progression methodology. Week One builds the individual Student’s basic skills required to shoot, move, and communicate within the tropical environment. Subjects covered include: mobility, waterborne movement, combat tracking, jungle medicine, early warning devices, and camouflage techniques. Students will then demonstrate their understanding through practical exercises. 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 (CULEX). Week Two concludes with the “Green Mile” physical endurance course, followed by recovery and graduation.

Students will be evaluated on critical skills upon arrival at, and throughout, Week One of JOTC. Each Student must pass three out of four events of the Combat Water Survival Assessment (CWSA). Students must also complete the Jungle 5k Run within 40 minutes, and pass Land Navigation under time to remain in the course. Students will also be evaluated on their ability to successfully tie nine critical knots and three harnesses on Day One of the course. Additionally, Students will be assessed on their ability to tie two rope systems during Week One. Any double failure of a single knot, harness, or rope system will result in removal from the course.

2. Who. JOTC is open to all military service members. There are no gender or MOS restrictions. There is a maximum of 75 participants in each class. INDO-PACOM personnel from all branches have priority for this course. Other installations (incl. Reserve and National Guard) must contact 25th ID G3 Schools at (808) 655-8765 for availability and enrollment. Foreign allies are approved to attend and must coordinate all clearance through the 25th ID Chief of Force Integration (Comm: +1-808-655-8887).

3. 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), meet the Army height and weight standards (IAW AR 600-9), and have passed the APFT/ACFT (IAW FM 7-22 or service equivalent) prior to class start date. Applicants must have one year of service remaining on active duty upon completion of the course. An equipment inspection must be completed by the Student’s unit prior to

the class start date. Students must also demonstrate the ability to successfully tie the nine critical knots, three harnesses, and two rope systems, as verified by the Commanding Officer's signature on the LA 100 form. Instructional videos for the aforementioned knots, rope systems and harnesses can be found on the Lightning Academy YouTube page @LightningAcademy.

4. When. JOTC spans two weeks, consisting of 12 active training days (Monday Week One to Friday Week Two). Students will report NLT 0600 hrs on Day One of the class, always on a Monday. Classes are held from 0530 hrs until complete each day.

5. Where. JOTC is located at Camp Lightning Jungle HQ (Building S-8502, 2491 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96857-5000).

6. Transportation.

a. Arrival. All Soldiers travelling to JOTC by commercial aircraft must carry a complete uniform, and all necessary paperwork in their carry-on bag. The uniform is OCP/JUNGLE/Multicam, or service equivalent.

b. Commercial Transportation. All Students flying by commercial air to attend JOTC may take public transportation (bus, taxi, ride-sharing, etc.) from Honolulu International Airport to Camp Lightning. Lightning Academy does not transport Students prior to Day One reporting.

c. Travel by POV. There is a parking lot located at the entrance to Camp Lightning, which is fenced and locked during non-duty hours. Personally owned vehicles (POVs) and rental cars are authorized. Students reporting with POVs or rental cars must park them in the lot area before the yellow barricades, during in-processing, and leave them there for the duration of the course. Students will not have access to the parking lot during the course. Due to Lightning Academy's proximity to civilian residences, all vehicles must turn off their stereos upon entering the parking lot and back into their parking space and turn off their lights immediately after parking. Lightning Academy will not be held liable for any missing or stolen items.

d. Units will provide government transportation to Students and their equipment as required in order to ensure Students report to in-processing on time, especially when traveling from off-island.

7. Administrative.

a. In- processing. Report date and time is NLT 0600 on Day One (Monday) of the class in front of Jungle HQ on Camp Lightning. Students will report in OCP/JUNGLE/Multicam uniform, or service equivalent, sterilized of all rank and skill ID badges. Students will report with the complete JOTC packing list and with the following packing list items on-hand: 1x printed copy of packing list, 1x LA 100, 1x

ERB/SRB/ORB or service equivalent, 1x Common Access Card, 1x pair ID tags, 1x writing pad, 1x black ink pen, 1x DD 1610 (off-island Students only). **This is a resident course and sponsor attendance is mandatory Day One.** Students will be billeted on Camp Lightning proper for the duration of the course.

b. **CVSP: Students aged 40 or over** are required to bring 1x copy of Cardiovascular Screening Program (CVSP)/EKG on-hand as well. These Students will be evaluated for coronary heart disease risk factors as part of their periodic health assessment. The medical procedures for the CVSP are outlined in AR 40-501. It is the Student's responsibility to ensure that the CVSP is conducted as close to the 40th birthday as possible and as promptly as medical facilities permit. Students aged 40 and over will additionally provide proof of completion of this requirement upon arrival to the course.

c. Equipment. Students will report to Day One with all items on the JOTC Packing List and be prepared for the equipment layout. The most current packing list can be obtained from the Lightning Academy website or unit Schools NCOs. Students that are coming from off-island locations will be provided a weapon by the Lightning Academy. All Students that are stationed on Oahu must have a unit representative drop off their weapon on Day Two (Tuesday) of the course NLT 1300. All weapons delivered will be accompanied with a by-name MAL including the Student's full name, weapon system type, weapon system serial number, additional items by serial number, and a point of contact with two methods of contact. No weapons will have optics or lasers attached. All weapons will be picked up by unit representatives on Day 12 (Friday) of the course NLT 1400.

d. Contraband. No unauthorized items, as defined in the JOTC packing list, will be stored by JOTC cadre. Any contraband will be confiscated on Day One.

e. All slots are reserved in ATRRS through G3 Schools, however, wait status packets will be accepted prior to the enrollment suspense date after all ATRRS slots are filled. Walk-ons are accepted if all ATRRS slots are not filled. Walk-ons will be subsequently enrolled in ATRRS.

f. Out-processing. The following must be completed before the Student is released from the course, regardless of the circumstances: all hand receipt items issued to the Student will be returned to LA; Students will fill out an end-of-course-critique (EOCC) to provide honest, constructive feedback to the JOTC Cadre.

g. The most up-to-date documents and resources, including the JOTC Packing Lists, can be found at the Lightning Academy website: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/25thID/units/lightning-academy>. Knots videos can be found on the Lightning Academy YouTube page @LightningAcademy.

8. Services.

- a. Meals. Meals are provided during the course.
- b. Haircuts. Students will report on Day One with an appropriate haircut (IAW AR 670-1).
- c. Clearance. No security clearance is required to attend JOTC.
- d. Telephone. Cell phones are confiscated on Day Two of JOTC. Telephones are available at Lightning Academy. Cell phone use can be coordinated through JOTC Instructors for emergency use only. The Lightning Academy TAC (Staff Duty) phone number is +1-808-656-1018.
- e. Laundry. Washers and dryers are not authorized for Student use on Camp Lightning. Students will be provided materials (not including detergent or soap) to hand wash uniforms if needed.

9. Class Schedule. The JOTC class schedule for FY21 is as follows. Graduations occur on the final Friday, Day Twelve of the course. Graduations are held at 1100 hrs on Weyand Field on Schofield Barracks. In the event of a Division DONSA, JOTC graduation will take place at 0800 hrs on Camp Lightning. In the event of a same-day graduation as the Air Assault Course, JOTC graduation will occur at 1300 on Weyand Field (1000 hrs on Camp Lightning in the event of a same-day graduation DONSA):

**CLASS
SCHEDULE**

Class #	Start Date (Day One)	Grad Date
01-21	12 Oct 20	23 Oct 20
02-21	02 Nov 20	13 Nov 20
03-21	30 Nov 20	11 Dec 20
04-21	11 Jan 21	22 Jan 21
05-21	15 Feb 21	26 Feb 21
06-21	22 Mar 21	02 Apr 21
07-21	19 Apr 21	30 Apr 21
08-21	17 May 21	28 May 21
09-21	07 Jun 21	18 Jun 21
10-21	02 Aug 21	13 Aug 21
11-21	12 Sep 21	07 Jun 21

*In the event of a discrepancy between this document and the published "Lightning Academy FY21 Course Schedule", this class schedule should be considered inaccurate/outdated.

*Off-Island/TDY Students will be able to continue training in the event they fail a critical event, but will not be issued a certificate of completion or Jungle Tab, or be allowed in the graduation formation