



*OBSERVE, INTERACT, EXPERIENCE, SIMULATE*

2024 NATO Field School and Simulation Program  
POL 484-12 and POL 880-6  
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## NATO Field School and Simulation Program 2024 Syllabus

### OUR AMBITION FOR YOU

The NATO Field School and Simulation Program (NFS) offers an innovative method of student learning by engaging and observing professionals and experts in their working environment and by student immersion in the decision tasks that political, diplomatic, and military personnel face. This program creates a cohort of transatlantic students by admitting students from across NATO alliance and fulfills a closely tailored set of goals to prepare students for entry careers in foreign affairs, the defence and security sectors, international organizations, commerce, and other careers in the private sector.

Beside academic study, students are educated in practical and professional problem-solving by simulating international crisis resolutions and strategic communications at a professional level. The program takes place at multiple locations in Europe and includes multiple short modules led by experts, senior officials, and visiting professors. Students will meet with Canadian, European, and NATO diplomatic and military leaders in privileged settings to pursue their analysis and questions. The comprehensive and diverse nature of the program develops a new learning community for students, a non-traditional classroom experience, and innovative internationalization training to prepare the next generation of Canadian, European, and NATO decision makers at home and in the multilateral setting.



How recent initiatives promote the role of women in peace and security.  
How to optimize collective defence and cooperation in crisis decision making.  
How legal opinion and interpretation informs the politico-military decision process.



May 15 – June 29 (In-Field)

Students arrive in Riga no later than May 15 (which for North America means a May 14 departure)

The NFS starts in person in Riga, Latvia on May 16









Week 7: June 17-21



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