

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What to expect at the OC/T Academy?

The First Army OC/T Academy equips Soldiers with the core competencies required of an Observer-Controller/Trainer (OC/T).

This program ensures standardization across First Army and provides a foundation for professional development and delivering effective training across the Total Force.

What does the OC/T Academy curriculum focus on?

Our curriculum focuses on the following areas:

- 1: Doctrinal methods for conducting After Action Reviews (AARs) tailored for Company and below levels (FM 7-0)
- 2: Proper evaluation techniques using Training and Evaluation Outlines (T&EOs)
- 3: Risk management processes and utilizing the DD 2977 form.
- 4: Developing efficient training lanes and creating lane sketches
- 5: Fostering partnerships within the Total Force, including mobilization requirements for National Guard and Reserve Units with assistance from Active-Duty units.

What is the OC/T Academy course structure?

The program combines classroom instruction and practical exercises:

Classroom: The classroom portion focuses on core OC/T competencies, duties, and responsibilities. You'll learn to utilize the Army Training Network (ATN) for training lane planning and execution and conduct effective AARs.

Practical Exercises: Hands-on experience in planning, executing, and observing training on a lane culminates in a graded AAR.

When should I receive my welcome letter for the course?

You will receive the welcome letter approximately 14 days prior to the class start date.

What is the OC/T Academy pre-course requirements?

a) Students should be Soldiers in the rank of CPL through CSM, 2LT through COL and WO1 through WO5.

Soldiers possessing a profile may attend the OC/T Academy and train within the limits of their profile; however, profiles must not prohibit full participation and be within full compliance with the course graduation requirements.

Soldiers must bring a copy of their profile to the Academy.

b) Prior to enrolling into/attending the First Army OC/T Academy, the following online VCLASS must be completed in Joint Knowledge Online (JKO): First Army Observer Controller Training Distant Learning.

A passing grade of 75% is required, prior to enrolling into the First Army OC/T Academy course.

c) To enroll into the course, follow the instructions below:

1: Go to JKO at link: JKO LMS (jten.mil)

2: Login with CAC or create account

3: Click VCLASS tab

4: Click the 'Enter Classroom' Button

5: On the left-hand side of screen, click on Membership

6: Go to the Joinable sites tab

7: Find class named 'First Army Observer Controller Trainer Distant Learning.'

8: Click 'Join Now'.

9: The class will show up under the tab 'My Current Sites'

10: Complete required reading, lessons and DL test.

What is the OC/T Academy packing list?

a) Packing list for Academy attendance is included with this letter as well as the First Army Homepage. The packing list outlines the items necessary to conduct the Academy's required training events and reflects items not currently available for issue at the Academy.

The students' respective commands are responsible for ensuring that their soldiers are within compliance with the packing list and properly outfitted with the necessary equipment.

Soldiers must ensure that the following items are hand-carried and available to OC/T Academy personnel during in processing:

1: Valid military ID card and ID tags

2: Copy of any profiles or medical conditions (DA Form 3349)

3: Return flight information.

b) Uniforms:

Required standard daily uniform for garrison activities is (OCP) with patrol cap and for Physical Readiness Training is APFU.

Unit PT shirts are authorized.

Uniforms must comply with standards outlined in DA Pam 670-1

How will training lanes be conducted?

All training lanes are conducted using a Virtual Battlefield Simulator (VBS3).

Are students going to conduct PT while at the OC/T Academy?

Yes, PT is conducted. During PT hours, Students will participate in a mobility assessment and a travel fitness.

I misplaced my certificate; can the Academy send me another one?

The Academy cannot issue a replacement copy of a lost certificate. However, ATTRS serves as the official record of your course completion.