

Advance Operations Course by Distributed Learning (AOC DL)

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Purpose. AOC credentials Basic Branch Field Grade Officers to serve on general staffs and lead battalion and brigade-sized units in the execution of unified land operations guided by mission command philosophy in joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environments. They are **prepared to lead and conduct** Large Scale Combat Operations in tactical units focused **at the division level, executing as part of Unified Action**. Officers that can see, understand and seize the initiative to exploit positions of relative advantage.

Key Tasks:

1. Analyze the conduct of Operations in Large Scale Ground Combat.
2. Analyze the commander's role in Unified Land Operations.
3. Analyze how to develop leaders and operational organizations.
4. Incorporate effective communication skills

End State: While operating as a staff officer, section or warfighting function lead in a division conducting combined arms, Large Scale Combat Operations in a complex, contested environment with in Unified Action against a peer threat, credentialed Basic Branch Field Grade Officers:

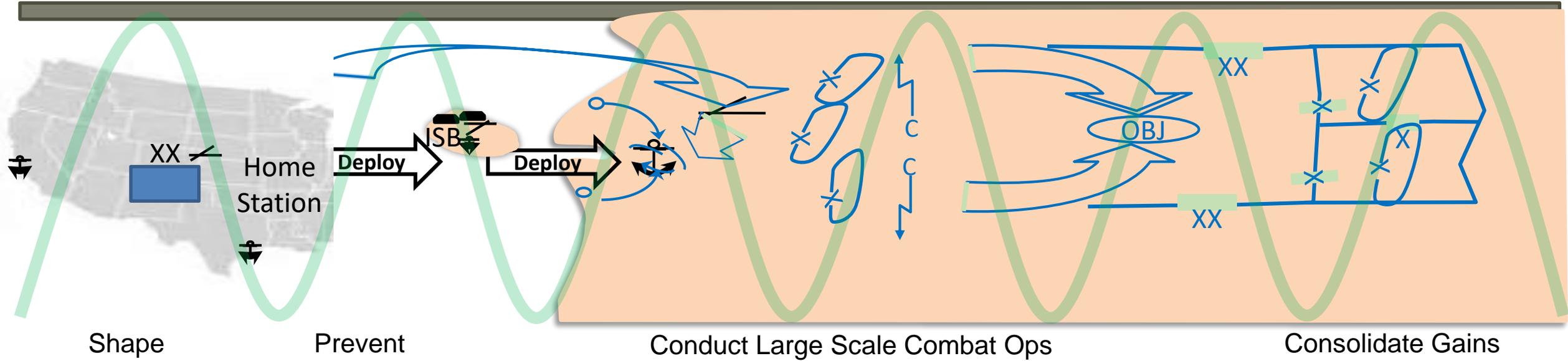
1. Are capable of preparing and leading organizations to prevail in large scale combat operations in complex environments.
2. Can synchronize the elements of combat power during planning to converse effects at the decisive point in sustained large-scale combat operations.
3. Apply critical and creative thinking, ethical reasoning, and problem solving processes to analyze complex operational problems and recommend solutions.
4. Can communicate information clearly, correctly, and convincingly to reach a shared understanding.
5. Apply historical context to inform military judgment and decision making.





AOC DL Construct

Built upon the FM 3-0 Framework



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Module 100
Train/Deploy
 - Training IPR
 - Deployment Plan

8 Weeks

Module 200
JRSOI
 - Movement Plan

7 Weeks

Module 300
**Transition to
Offense**
 - Targeting Practicum
 - MDMP thru COA Analysis

12 Weeks

Module 400
Division Offensive Operations
 - MDMP thru Orders Production
 - Attack Exercise

14 Weeks

Module 500
**Transition
from Offense**
 - Army Design
Methodology

9 Weeks



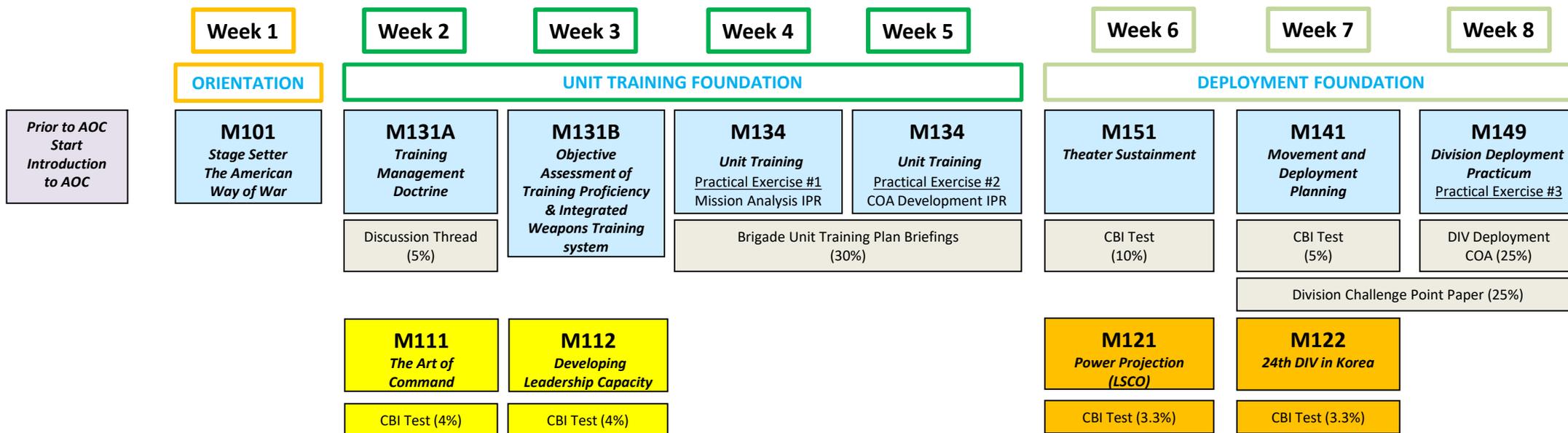
DATE-Europe Scenario



- Takes place in the Baltic region of Europe
- Uses notional countries from areas we know as Scandinavia and Russia
- 4ID operations will take place in Latvia and Lithuania which are not altered in the scenario
 - Students can use real-world mapping information to analyze their operations
- Adversary in the scenario is **Bothnia** supported by Otso and Donovia.
- Bothnia is near-peer enemy with modern Soviet weaponry. They are a proxy of Donovia which is a hegemonic power in the region.
- Bothnia invades Estonia and NATO responds
- Background on the situation is provided to students in DATE-E Scenario Study Guide and Bothnia National Intelligence Estimate.



Brigade Training and Division Deployment Operations



ASSESSMENTS:

M131 Discussion Thread	5% (I)
M134 Brigade Unit Training Plan Briefings:	30% (G)
M151 BB Test	10% (I)
M141 BB Test	5% (I)
M149 Division Deployment COA Brief	25% (G)
M100A1: Division Challenge Point Paper	25% (I)
FGOCO: (select individuals); delayed grade in M500	10%

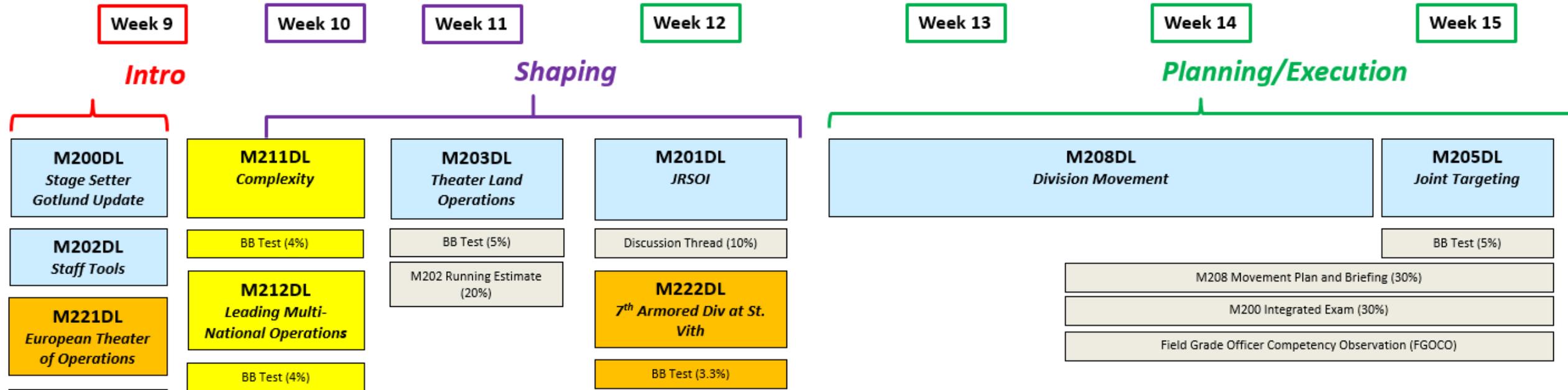
HISTORY AND LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENTS:

History and Leadership grades are cumulative over all five of the AOC Modules and do not count toward the M100 grade.

M111 Blackboard Test	4%
M112 Blackboard Test	4%
M121 Blackboard Test	3.3%
M122 Blackboard Test	3.3%



Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (JRSOI)



M200 ASSESSMENTS

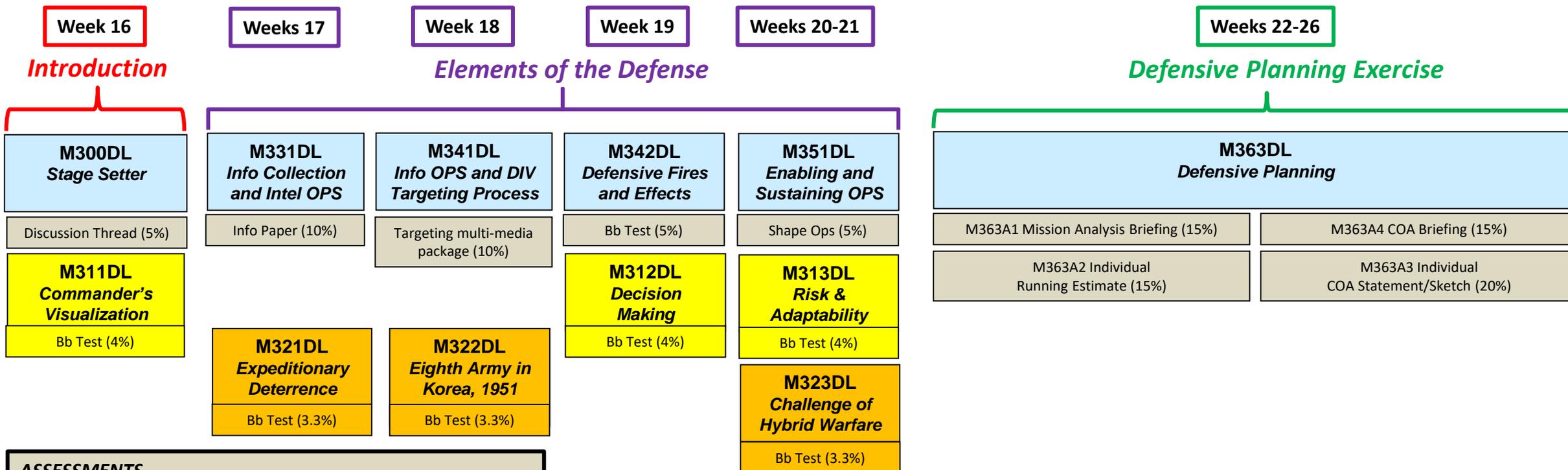
M200 Integrated Exam	30%	(I)
M201 JRSOI Discussion Thread	10%	(I)
M202 Running Estimate	20%	(I)
M203 Blackboard Test	5%	(I)
M205 Blackboard Test	5%	(I)
M208 Movement Plan and Briefing	30%	(I)
FGOCO (select individuals)		

History and Leadership Assessments:
History and Leadership assessments are cumulative over all five of the AOC Modules. History and Leadership tests do not count toward the Module 200 block grade.

- M211 Blackboard Test (4%)
- M212 Blackboard Test (4%)
- M221 Blackboard Test (3.3%)
- M222 Blackboard Test (3.3%)



Transition to the Offense



ASSESSMENTS

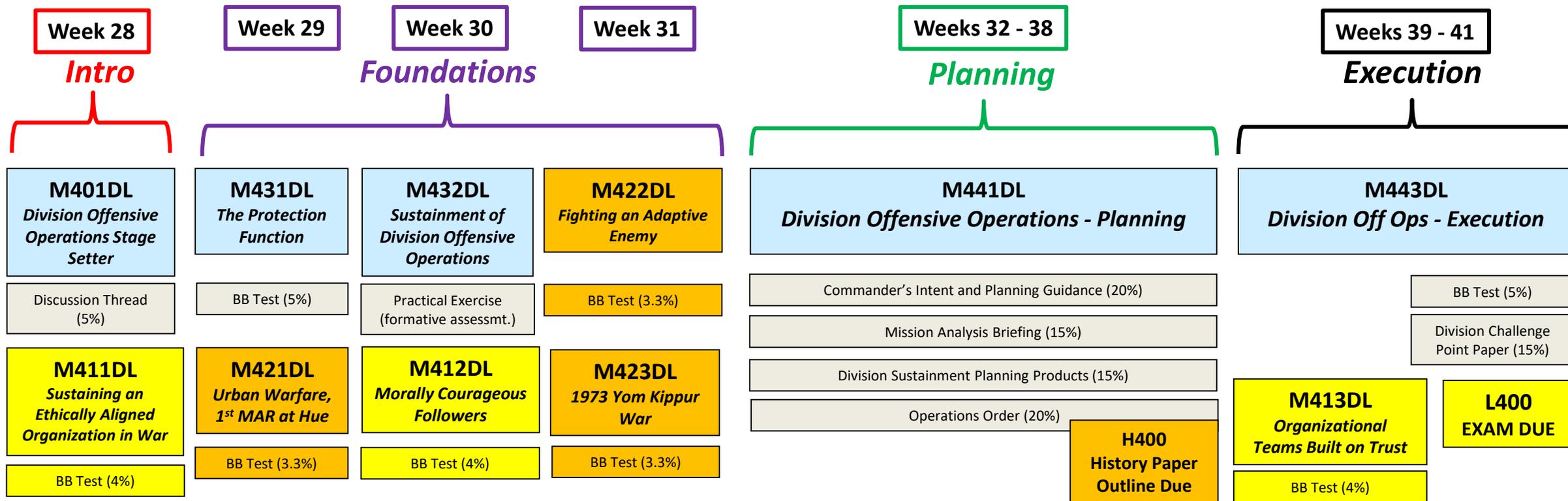
M300DL Discussion Thread	5%	(I)
M331DL Information Paper	10%	(I)
M342DL Blackboard Test	5%	(I)
M341DL Targeting Multi-media Package	10%	(I)
M351DL Shaping Operations PE	5%	(I)
M363A1DL Defense MA Briefing	15%	(G)
M363A2DL Running Estimate	15%	(I)
M363A3DL COA Statement and Sketch	20%	(I)
M363A4DL Defense COA DEV Briefing	15%	(G)
FGOCO (select individuals)		

HISTORY AND LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENTS:
History and Leadership grades are cumulative over all five of the AOC Modules and do not count toward the M300 grade.

- M311 Blackboard Test (4%)
- M312 Blackboard Test (4%)
- M313 Blackboard Test (4%)
- M321 Blackboard Test (3.3%)
- M322 Blackboard Test (3.3%)
- M323 Blackboard Test (3.3%)



Division Offensive Operations



M400 Assessments:

M400 Warfighting Function Point Paper (15%)	(I)
M401 Discussion Thread (5%)	(I)
M431 Blackboard Test (5%)	(I)
M441 Commander's Intent & Planning Guidance (20%)	(I)
M441 Division Sustainment Planning Products (15%)	(I)
M441 Mission Analysis Briefing (15%)	(G)
M441 Operations Order (20%)	(G)
M443 Blackboard Test (5%)	(I)

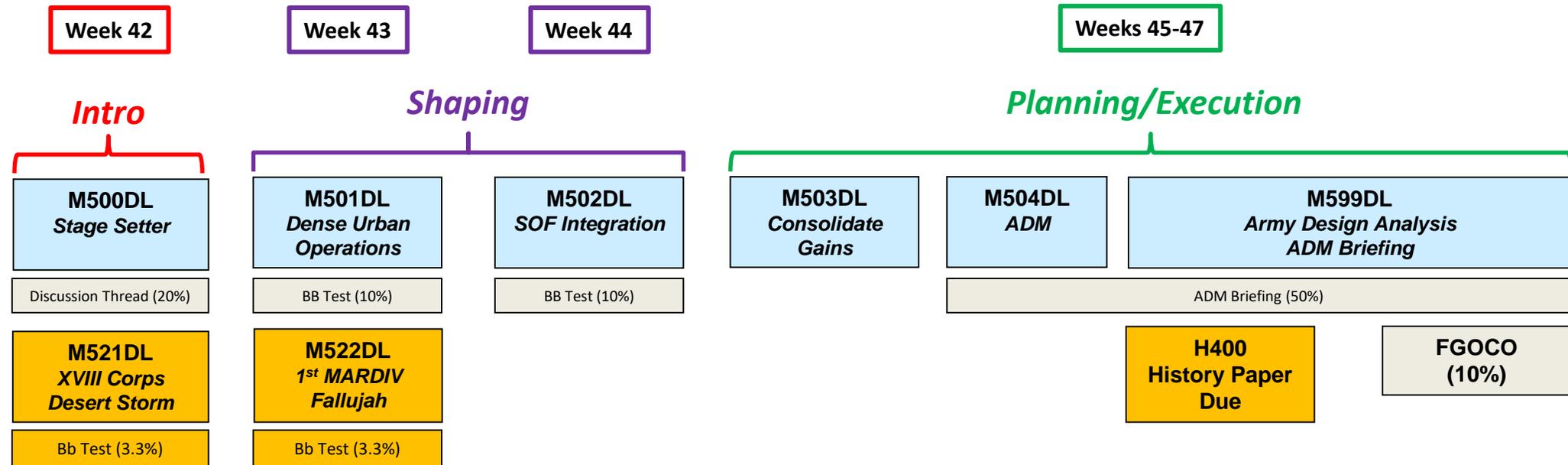
History and Leadership Assessments:

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M411 Blackboard Test (4%)	H400 Essay Outline (P/F)
M412 Blackboard Test (4%)	L400 Leadership Exam (60%)
M413 Blackboard Test (4%)	
M421 Blackboard Test (3.3%)	
M422 Blackboard Test (3.3%)	
M423 Blackboard Test (3.3%)	



Transition from the Offense

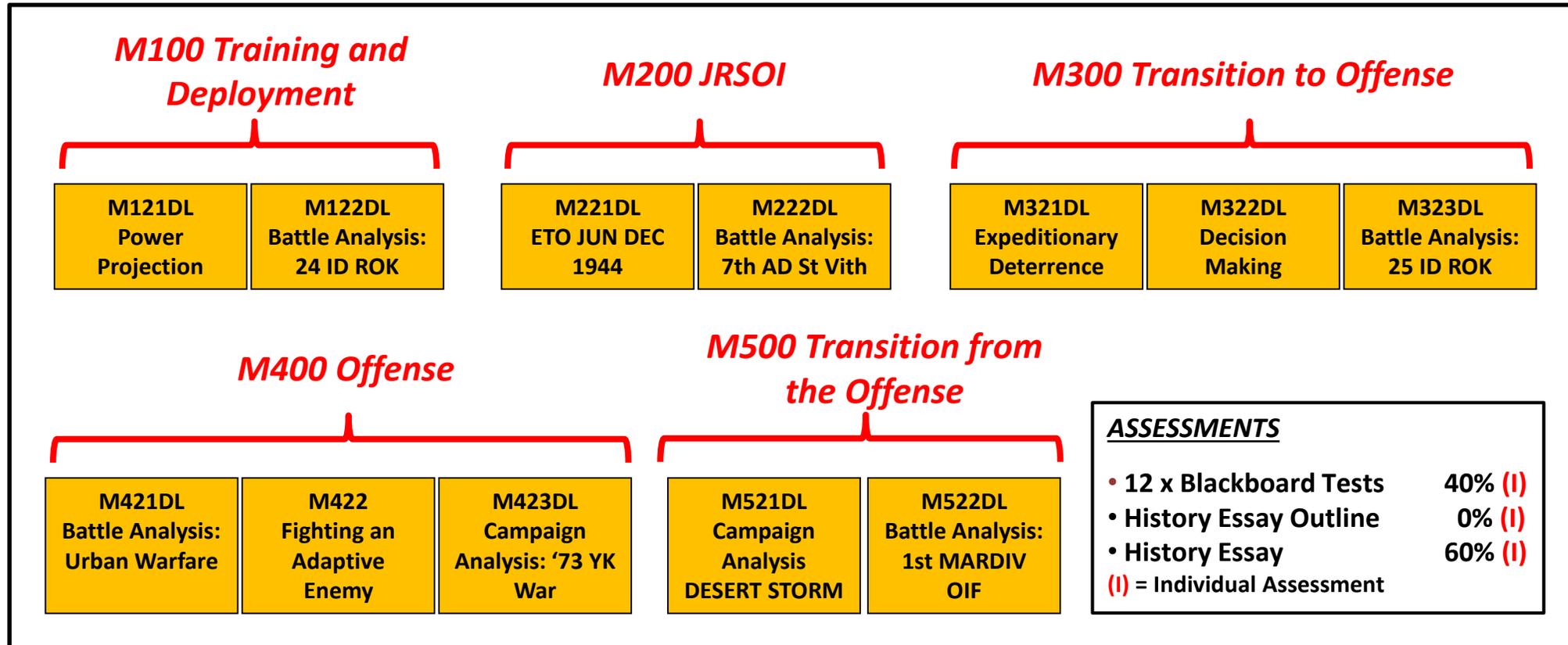


ASSESSMENTS	
M500 Discussion Thread	20% (I)
M501 Blackboard Test	10% (I)
M502 Blackboard Test	10% (I)
M599 Army Design Brief	50% (G)
FGOCO	10% (I)

HISTORY ASSESSMENTS:	
History and Leadership grades are cumulative over all five of the AOC Modules and do not count toward the M400 grade.	
H400 Essay	(60%)
M521 Blackboard Test	(3.3%)
M522 Blackboard Test	(3.3%)



Note: There is not a stand alone H400 Module; the lessons are embedded.
The outline and essay will be submitted at a date to be determined in M400 and M500.





Note: There is not a stand alone L400 Module; the lessons are embedded.
The Leadership Exam is submitted in M400.

