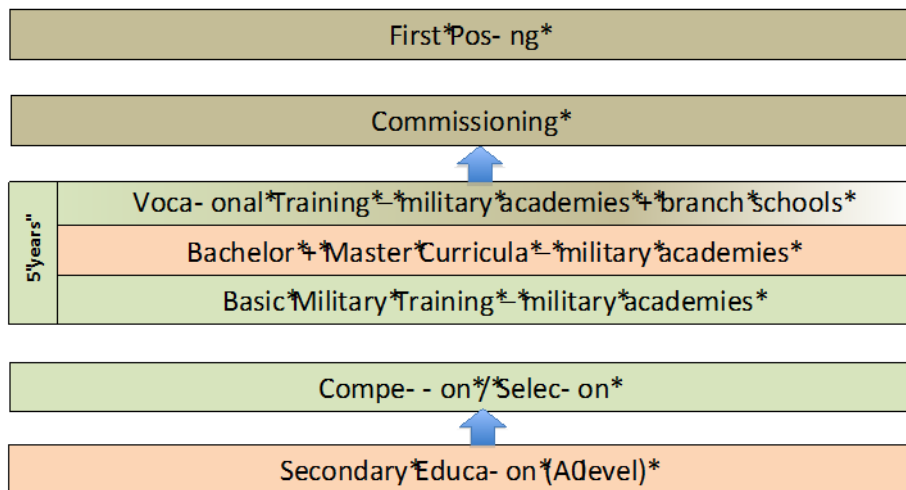


POLAND

How to Become a Military Officer in the Polish Armed Forces:



The Ministry of Higher Education has a full supervision over military universities and academies in the context of education. This means that education in the MoD HES is conducted in the same way as in civil universities and that the MoD HES is the subject to the same regulations and requirements as the civil one.

The military universities and academies enhance, maintain and develop defence capabilities determined by the commanders of all kinds of armed forces and resulted from security needs and state economy.

Currently there are a few sources of candidate acquisition for commissioned officers. The main source is a study in one of the mentioned military academies or universities as a cadet. The graduates of the secondary schools, after successfully passing the entrance assessment to military universities or academies, study as candidates (on condition of signing a special contract with MoD). After the completion first and second level of education as master degree holders, they are commissioned to the second lieutenant rank.

The next option is an Officer Training Course (OTC) addressed to bachelor or master degree holders of civil universities. This course is recommended as a subsidiary system to the previous one, and is designed to train officers for the personnel branches, for which military universities and academies do not provide education e.g. chaplains, accountants, prosecutor, lawyers etc.

Academic curricula

Military specialisations

| | |
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| Bachelor and Master | <p>Bachelor/Master of Science in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aviation and astronautics - Civil engineering - Chemistry - Computer science - Cryptology and cyberdefence - Electronics and telecommunications - Geodesy and cartography - Logistics - Mechanical engineering - Mechatronics <p>Additionally (for civilians): <i>National security, Power engineering, Technical physics, Security engineering, Materials engineering, Management, Computer science in medicine</i></p> |
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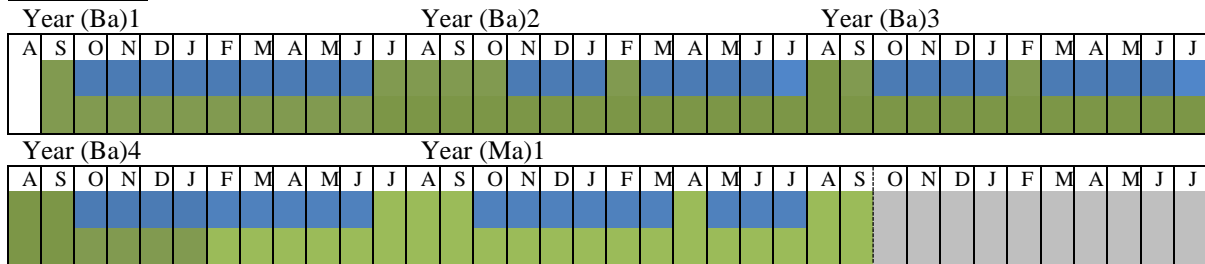
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Military Logistics - Air Defence - Aircraft Engineering - Artillery - Communications and Informatics - Cryptology - Mechanical Engineering - Meteorology - Military Engineering - NBC Protection - Reconnaissance and EW | <p>Military University of Technology (Warsaw)</p> |
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Number of cadets first year: 280 (all services)

Total number of cadets: 1080 (all services)

Organisation of the basic officers' education

Master level:



Integration in the European Higher Education Area

Academic education:

| Credit system | | | Learning outcomes (described and used) | Internal quality assurance mechanisms | | External quality assurance mechanisms | | Recognition of education taken abroad |
|---------------|-----|----|--|---|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Nature | Ba | Ma | | Following the European Standards and Guidelines | Involving the students | National accreditation | Involving EQAR agencies | |
| ECTS | 210 | 90 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

Vocational training:

| Credit system | | | Learning outcomes (described and used) | Internal quality assurance mechanisms | | National accreditation | Recognition of training done abroad |
|---------------|----|----|--|---|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nature | Ba | Ma | | Following the European Standards and Guidelines | Involving the trainees | | |
| None | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

| <u>Doctoral studies</u> | <u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u> |
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| The Military University of Technology offers doctoral studies in: <i>Chemistry; Computer science; Construction engineering; Electronics; Geodesy; Machine construction and exploitation; Mechanics; Material engineering; Telecommunications</i> | The Military University of Technology is active in scientific research, notably in the following fields: <i>civil engineering, geodesy, cartography, chemistry, informatics, logistics, mechanical engineering, mechatronics, aviation and astronautics, electronics and communication, optoelectronics.</i> |

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: 2 (all services)

The Military University of Technology has acquired experience of the mobility of civilian students and both civilian and military teachers and instructors in exchanging notably with European civilian higher education institutes. Cadets participate in short-time programs (e.g. CSDP Olympiad). The integration of the University in the European Higher Education Area makes it a reliable partner for exchanges in both academic and vocational aspects of the initial education of the European officers.

Context:

| Erasmus charter signed | Member of fora | Use of the framework arrangement | Joint degrees with European military institutions |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Y | EUA, FEANI | Y | N |

Practice:

| Academic | | | | Vocational | | | Practice of full-curriculum mobility | Common modules proposed | Offer of "international programmes" |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sends students | Hosts students | Exchanges staff | Exchanges with civilian | Sends students | Hosts students | Exchanges staff | | | |
| Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N | N | |

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

During their entire initial curriculum at the University, the future officers must learn English language. The education of foreign language goes, also in the Polish system, through practical vocational training. The students have also the possibility to study a second foreign language. In addition to the regular teaching of international military standards and procedures, the University seeks to increase its offer of courses and training modules in foreign languages. Currently, 5% of its offer of courses and training is provided in English.

Command of the English at the end of basic education and training (CEFRL/STANAG 6001):

| | Speak | Write | Read | Listen/Understand |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Master curriculum | SLP 2 | SLP 2 | SLP 3 | SLP 3 |

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited among the young (without criminal record) nationals, who are secondary education graduates and comply with medical, physical and psychological standards. Candidates for studies must know English language up to the level B2 (entrance exam of English is possible) and pass a practical exam of fitness.

In the course of their career, members of the Polish Armed Forces undertake postgraduate studies, personal development courses and eligibility courses in the framework of the vocational enhancement system.