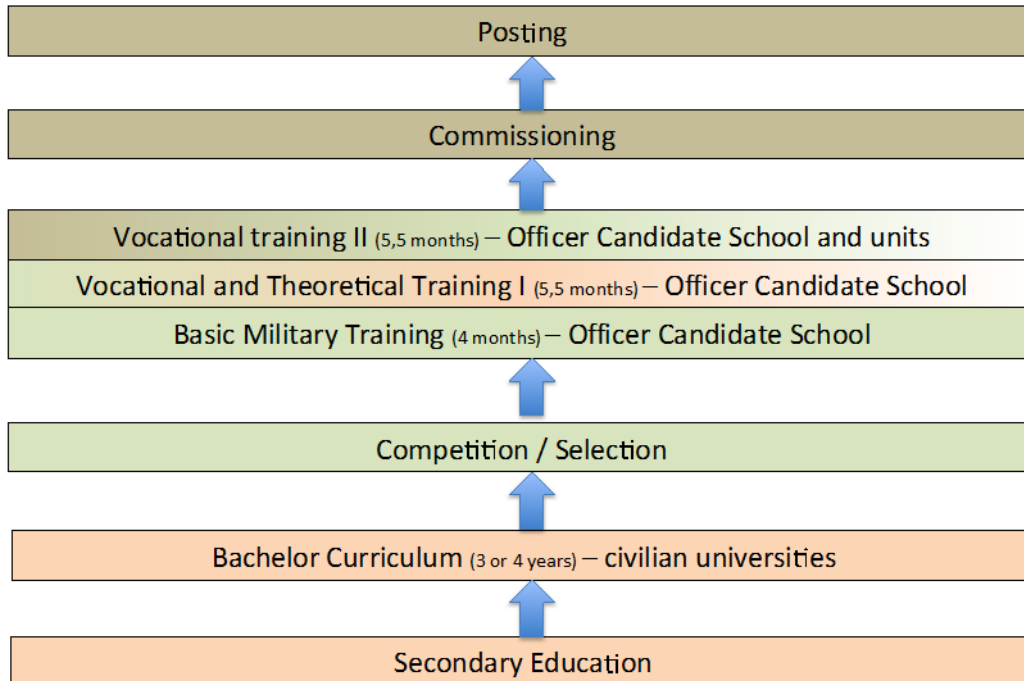




SLOVENIA

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



basic education and training of Slovenian officers is the product of fruitful cooperation between the civilian higher education institutions, the Officer Candidate School and the units. There is indeed no proper academic education provided by the military institutions, except a few instances of theoretical teaching which are supporting the acquisition of leadership skills by officer candidates.

However, a Slovenian officer should first, as a precondition for his/her recruitment, obtain a bachelor degree from a civilian university. The academic education, even though it is not provided by military institutions, represents the pillar of the officer's basic education and training, formally delegated to the civilian higher education.

The basic military education and training is provided first by a joint institution, *i.e.* the Officer Candidate School, and then through cooperation of both the School and the operational units for the training of practical skills.

Officer Candidate School

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<http://www.slovenskavojska.si/en/structure/general-staff-commands-and-units/doctrine-development-educational-and-training-command/officer-candidate-school/>

Academic curricula

Military specialisations

Bachelor and/or Master	Civilian bachelor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infantry - Armoured units - Artillery - Air defence - Engineering units - NBC defence - Signalling - Technical service - Logistics - Transport - Medical service 	Officer Candidate School (Maribor) + Initial Training Centre (Vipava) + units
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Number of cadets first year: 25 (all services)

Total number of cadets: 25 (all services)

Organisation of the basic officers' education

Bachelor level (in civilian higher education):

Year 1												Year 2																							
A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J

Integration in the European Higher Education Area

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	Pending	Case-by-case

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Officer Candidate School does not organise doctoral study programmes for the Slovenian officers.	The Officer Candidate School does not have research activity within its premises.

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: 0

Officer Candidate School has little experience of mobility since the military institutions only provide the vocational training. However, Slovenia and its military units have already hosted European and foreign cadets. Based on its participation to the Initiative for the exchange of young officers – notably in sending cadets to common modules - however, the Officer Candidate School actively promotes outward and inward mobility of the future military elites from and to Slovenia.

Context:

Erasmus charter signed	Member of fora	Use of the framework arrangement	Joint degrees with European military institutions
N		N	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			
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N	N	Y		N

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

During their basic military training at the Officer Candidate School, the future Slovenian officers must compulsorily follow a course of their first foreign language, i.e. English. In parallel, the School is progressively developing its offer of training to be provided in English, notably in sending cadets to common modules created in the framework of the Initiative.

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

	Speak	Write	Read	Listen/Understand
Commissioning curriculum	SLP2	SLP2	SLP2	SLP2

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited among the young, criminal records-free and political party affiliation-free nationals who have obtained a bachelor diploma from a civilian university. They must comply with physical and psychological standards and successfully pass an entrance test, including a test of the knowledge of the English language.

The career path of Slovenian officers comprises 4 levels of education and training:

- *Level 1: Commissioning course*
- *Level 2: Junior Officer phase (Junior Staff Course – 5 months)*
- *Level 3: Intermediate Officer phase (Senior Staff Course – 12 months)*
- *Level 4: Senior Officer phase (General Staff Course – 12 months)*

In the past, levels 3 and 4 were integrated in some of our programmes with other civilian faculties.