



Hellenic Army Academy

Department of Military Sciences

International Semester Implementation

An Overview

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Introduction

- IS is implemented for the second time.
- With Romania and Poland, HAA currently 'runs' the Program in Spring Semester.
- IS implementation comprises 11 CMs as developed by the 5 military Academies.
- HAA implements IS in 6th semester (spring semester of year III).
- HAA has sent cadets to Romania only.



Courses [1/2]




Common modules	Dates	ECTS	Course Coordinator
Basic Military English	25.02-01.03	2	Asst. Prof. Artemis MICHAILIDOU
Cross Cultural Communication	04.03-08.03	2	Assoc. Prof. Mariana PATRONA
Cultural Awareness	12.03-15.03	2	Assoc. Prof. Ioannis RAGIES
Military Leadership B (Leadership Training)	18.03-22.03	2	Lt. Athanasios TACHOS
Comprehensive Approach	26.03-05.04	4	Assoc. Prof. Ioannis RAGIES
Electronic Warfare	08.04-12.04	2	Assoc. Prof. Irene KARANASIOU Asst. Prof. Michael GARGALAKOS
Law of Armed Conflict	15.04-19.04	2	Asst. Prof. Nikolaos KARADIMAS Assoc. Prof. Ioannis RAGIES

Courses [2/2]

Common modules	Dates	ECTS	Course Coordinator
Interoperability	22.04-23.04	6	Lt. Antonios KOSTAKIOTIS
	02.05-03.05		
	06.05-17.05		
Cyber Security	20.05-24.05	2	Asst. Prof. Nikolaos KARADIMAS
Military Leadership A (Tactics)	27.05-31.05	2	Lt. Antonios STAUROULAKIS
Military Leadership C (Physical Training)	25.02-17.05	4	Lecturer Stylianos KOUNALAKIS
Exam period	03.06-19.06		
TOTAL	26.02-13.06	30	

Participants

Cadets (Evelpides)		Semester	Total
Greek		10	10
Greek Cypriots		6	6
Total		16	16

Foreign Cadets		Semester	Total
Austrians		3	3
Italians			18
Romanians		11	11
Total		14	32

Daily Program

Schedule	Time
6 Teaching Periods	08:30 – 13:50
Breaks	10 min
Afternoon rest - Personal time	13:50 – 15:45
Meal	14:20 – 14:40
2 Teaching Periods	16:00 – 17:30
Personal time - Study	17:30 – 19:50
Dinner	19:50 – 20:30
Personal time – Study	20:30 – 23:00

Days Off

- Those designated in the HAA program.
- Every Wednesday (after classes)
- Weekends (Friday 15:00 – Sunday night)
- Easter Vacations (24th April – 05th May)

Accommodation

- All Erasmus+ cadets had free lodging inside the academy.
- Wi-Fi is available inside the Academy.



Meals

- 3 free meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) in the HAA restaurant.
- Canteens (coffee, sandwiches, etc.)



Cultural Programs



Acropolis
Museum



Social Events



Help achieve
the
objectives of
the Initiative



Acropolis
Archaeological
Site



Naval Ship
Museum
Battleship
"G. Averof"



Sports Activities



Running

- 100m/400m/1 mile with full gear
- Mountain running
- 4x100 and 4x400 relay race



Team Sports

- Football
- Basketball
- Volleyball



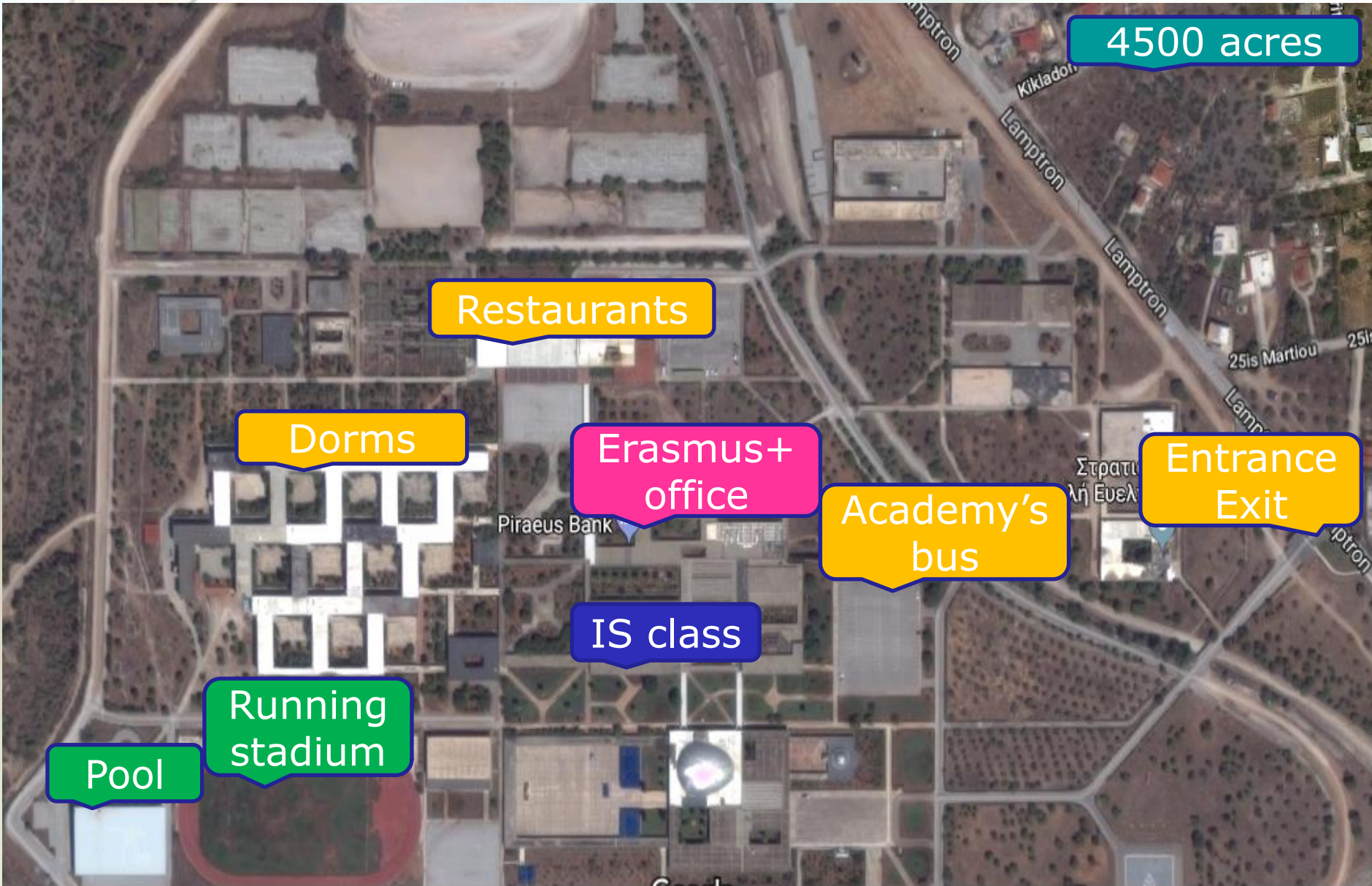
Military Games

- Tug of War
- 200m carrying a wounded person
- Throwing a grenade
- Assembly and Disassembly of MINIMI
- 4x100 and 4x400 relay race



Swimming Races

HAA Map



4500 acres

Restaurants

Dorms

Erasmus+ office

Academy's bus

Entrance Exit

IS class

Running stadium

Pool

Sports Facilities

Tennis
court

Olympic size
swimming
pool

Volleyball
court

Indoor
gymnasium

Martial Arts
Room

Football and
basketball

Weight lifting
room

Other Facilities [1/3]

Rappelling
Tower

Artillery
Mortar
observer
simulator

Sandboxes
Room

Auditorium
for 1200
persons

Laboratories

War games
simulator

Small arms
simulator

Other Facilities [2/3]

Museum

Recreational
Hall

Firing
range

Library
opening hours
07:00 – 22:00

Dormitories

Orthodox
chapel

Small
auditoriums

Other Facilities [3/3]

Laundry

Tailor

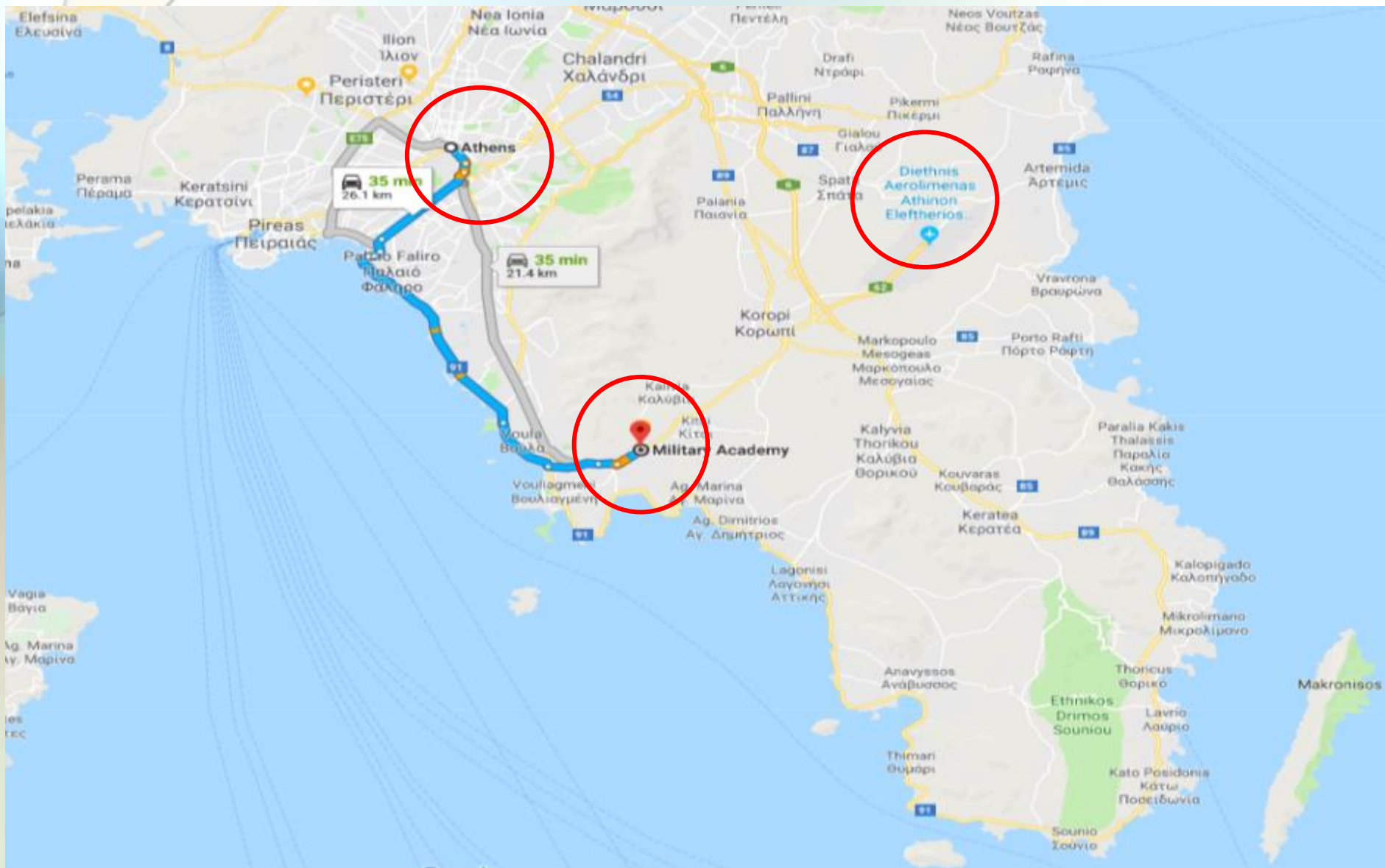
ATM

Hairdresser

Three
canteens

Cadets
Mess Hall

Location of HAA



Transportation

- Academy bus
 - Transports cadets to Metro Station (Elliniko) on Fridays at 15:00.
 - On Sunday evening the same bus returns to the academy at 21:00
- Public Transportation
 - Buses pass outside the Academy destined to Metro Station (Elliniko)

General Feedback [1/2]

- This is our second appraisal of the Program.
- Positive and negative points from the IS implementation so far.
- Still pending:
 - General feedback from all cadets
 - Cadets' feedback from the evaluation of each module
 - Instructors' feedback for their modules
 - Final grades
 - Final instructors' evaluation meeting

General Feedback [2/2]

- The implementation of IS was beneficial to the academy and the cadets.
- All modules are necessary for IS.
- Cultural differences affect the behavior of the cadets.
- Helps develop best practices for better adapting to a multicultural military environment
- Some modules require more time (i.e. 2 weeks instead of 1)
- In many modules the available material was enriched by instructors (presentations, tutorials, etc.)

Positive Points [1/2]

- High level of preparation, language proficiency and instructors' performance
- Instructors received substantial positive input from the class.
- Moodle material proved very effective prior to the launch of courses (e-books, multimedia, detailed instructions for students, etc.)
- Experiential activities involved cadets in constructive intercultural cooperation (not just 'dry' lectures)
- Contact with other military cultures
- Connection & harmonization of Greek military training with European ones

Positive Points [2/2]

- Increased international experience with other EU countries in a multi-cultural learning environment
- Interaction with different ways of thinking
- Active participation and engagement by cadets during the courses
- A fulfilling experience for the instructors
- Good performance in oral and midterm exams

Negative Points [1/2]

- Students did not know in advance the importance of personal preparation for the course (e-book, self evaluation tests, etc.)
- E-book quality → Mistakes, repetitions, insufficient explanations/examples, absence of case studies
- Insufficient background knowledge by cadets
- Difficulty in understanding Greek data by some foreign cadets
- In certain cases, there was low participation (indifference) from some of the cadets.
- Many modules used unfamiliar technical terminology.

Negative Points [2/2]

- The language used in both e-books and tests was, in many modules, difficult to understand.
- Uneven educational level/knowledge level of cadets
- Certain participants considered that, due to their military specialty, did NOT need deeper knowledge of particular modules.

Suggestions (1/2)

- Cadets should have 2-3 days before classes start (orientation days with welcome events, lectures, guided tours, etc.)
- Instructors are willing to help to improve and enrich existing e-books and exams.
- Adding new common modules to existing ones; for instance, developing an IS for the winter semester.
- Some modules should have two weeks instead of one.

Suggestions [2/2]

- Cadets should be on the same overall level of study (e.g., 3rd year cadets)
- Preparatory seminars for specific, specialized modules (e.g. Electronic Courses).
- The selection process should take more carefully into consideration cadets':
 - Language proficiency in English
 - Motivation to participate
 - Knowledge level (e.g., technical terminology relevant to the Electronic Warfare module)

Conclusion

- Implementing IS is still a challenge for all involved
- However, some difficulties have been overcome.
- More Academies should adopt IS.
- HAA will 'run' IS during spring semester 2020.
- We are looking forward to your participation!

***Thank you
for your attention!!***

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