Important information

"Infantry Officer Winter Warfare Basic Module" Estonian Military Academy Tartu, Estonia 29.01–04.02.2024

How to apply for the course?

- Please use the attached Application Form (if you do not know your flight data at this stage you can forward it later on) and send it to the Estonian Military Academy's (EMA) POC Mrs Piret Tamm piret.tamm2@mil.ee
- Last date for registration is **Friday**, **1 December 2023**
- Participation will be assigned in the order of registration.

Accommodation and meals

- Accommodation, teaching aids and meals will be provided free of charge. The sending organization must cover transportation costs to the nearest airport and daily allowance.
- Accommodation will be organized at the EMA dormitory or under alternative cover during exercises.
- Meals will be provided in all locations.
- All outdoor activities will be monitored by professional medics.

How to get to Tartu, Estonia?

- Arrival on Saturday, 27 January 2024; departure on Monday, 5 February 2024
- There are 2 airports you can use to reach Tartu.
 - **Tallinn airport** (Estonia) connections to major European airports.
 - **Riga airport** (Latvia) connections to major European airports.
- The EMA will provide free transport from the Tallinn (TLL)/Riga (RIX) airport to the EMA and back. A representative of the EMA will meet the participants at the Arrivals Terminal of the TLL/RIX, according to the flight information provided. Please send information about your arrival/departure times to piret.tamm2@mil.ee by Friday, 19 January 2024 at the latest.
- The Estonian Military Academy's address is Riia Street 12, Tartu.

Weather forecast

• Temperatures in Estonia in the beginning of February will probably be about 0 °C, possibly lower. Snow, cold wind and ice are just some of the expected weather events foreseeable during your stay in Tartu. Please pack and dress accordingly!

Certificate

• Participants will get a certificate of participation in "Infantry Officer Winter Warfare Basic Module" (2 ECTS).

Required Equipment

MANDATORY PERSONAL EQUIPMENT				
Tactical vest (or webbing)	1 set	Including: first aid kit, knife (fixed blade) utensils, canteen (CamelBak is not a substitute), survival kit (min. fire starting tools).		
Helmet with NVG mount	1 piece		can be provided by EMA	
Body armour	1 set	without ballistic plates	can be provided by EMA	
Head torch	1 piece	3x sets of respective type of batteries		
Tactical or hunting knife	1 piece			
Eye-pro, ear-pro, goggles with ballistic glasses	1 piece each		ballistic glasses can be provided by EMA	
Tactical gloves	1 pair min			
Tube scarf	1 piece	polo neck		
Knee pads	1 set			
Poncho/Bivvy	1 piece		can be provided by EMA	
Tactical water bottle	1 piece	0,5-1L		
Rucksack	1 piece	min 80L		
Sleeping bag	1 set	arctic (at least -20 degrees)	can be provided by EMA	
Sleeping mat	1 piece		can be provided by EMA	
Hygiene kit	1 set			
Field uniform jacket	2 pieces			
Field uniform trousers	2 sets			
T-shirt	3 pieces min			
Underwear	6 sets			
White camouflage jacket	1 piece		can be provided by EMA	
White camouflage trousers	1 piece		can be provided by EMA	
Waterproof(rain) jacket	1 piece			
Waterproof(rain) trousers	1 piece			
Winter parka	1 piece	with hood		
Winter pants	1 piece			
Warm base layer	2 sets			
Sweater/fleece(warm mid layer)	1 piece			
Winter gloves	2 pairs min			
Mittens	1 pair	shell mitten + inner mitten	can be provided by EMA	

Winter hat (fleece)	1 piece				
Socks	6 sets min	min 3 sets winter socks, min 70% wool; the rest cotton boot socks			
Boots	2 pairs	Leather shell-type boots. Ensure relax fit with thick socks.	can be provided by EMA		
Overboots	1 pair		can be provided by EMA		
Maintenance kit for boots	1 set	brush and polish/wax			
OPTIONAL PERSONAL EQUIPMENT					
Gaiters	1 pair				
Multitool	1 set				
Waterproof bags	2 pieces	necessary if your rucksack is not waterproof			
Suspenders	1 set	preferred instead of belt			
Patrol pack	1 set	day sack			
Mesh/string base layer	1 piece	wool/merino			
Thermos	1 piece	min 0,5L			

- The list of mandatory equipment a participant needs and <u>can be issued by the EMA</u> should be sent to the EMA with application form (**there is a special field in the form for listing the items**).
- For any further questions or concerns about the required equipment, please contact POC Mrs Piret Tamm.

Some more useful information

- There is cultural programme happening on Sunday, 28 January, visit to the Estonian National Museum and Ice Breaker takes place in Cadet Mess Hall.
- Please don't forget to pack casual clothing as well.
- Rest assured that card payments and cash are accepted in all shops/restaurants/bars in Estonia.