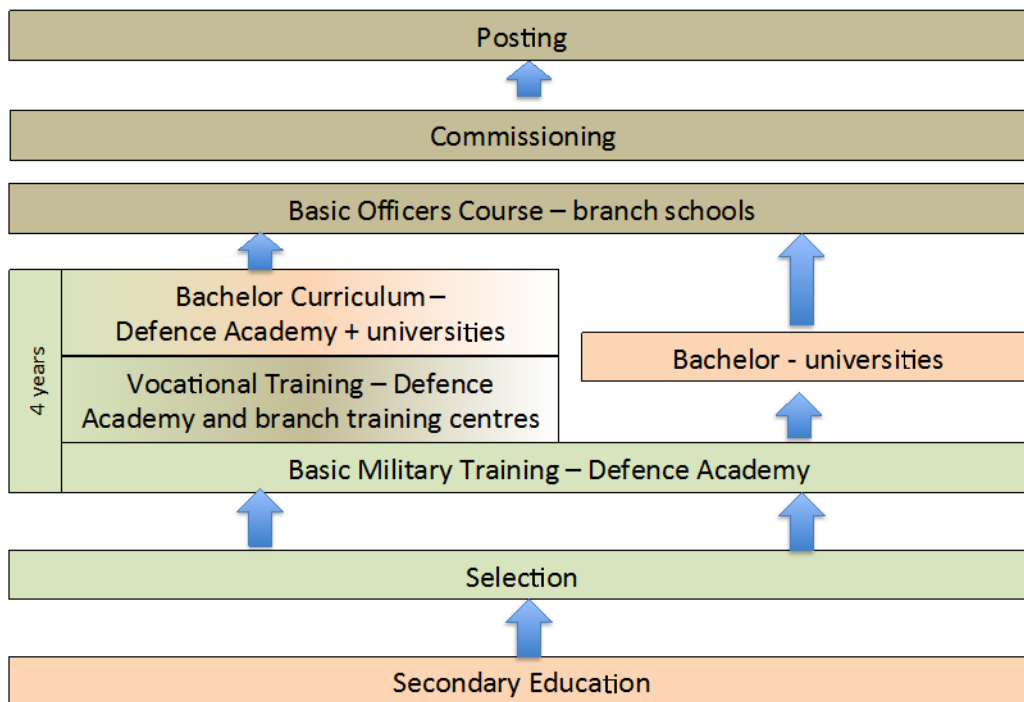




CROATIA

How to Become a Military Officer in the Croatian Forces:



The Croatian Defence Academy is the main institution responsible for the basic education and training of the Croatian armed forces' officers.

For their academic education, in all three branches, it closely co-operates with the civilian universities. For specific qualifications, the civilian universities may be responsible for the academic part of the curriculum.

The vocational training is operated by the Academy, together with the branch specialists training centres. After its current transformation, the education and training system will enable the future Croatian officers following their academic education and vocational training programmes in parallel in the same accredited curriculum.

Academic curricula

Bachelor	Bachelor of Aeronautics
	Civilian universities' curricula

Military specialisations

Pilots	Flight School (Zemunik-Zadar)
All specialties	Officer School (Zagreb)

Number of cadets first year: 6

Total number of cadets: 12

Organisation of the basic officers' education**Bachelor:**

Year (Ba)1												Year (Ba)2												Year (Ba)3											
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
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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	180	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Case-by-case

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		N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Case-by-case

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Croatian Defence Academy “Dr. Franjo Tuđman” does not organise the doctoral studies. Officers of the Croatian Armed Forces attend doctoral studies at civilian universities.	The Croatian Defence Academy “Dr. Franjo Tuđman” has established the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies. Research fields of the institution are under development.

An exchange culture

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

With the establishment of new academic programmes, the Academy increases its efforts in regard with European and international mobility of military students and staff. It especially increases its cooperation with the institutions of military education of the CEFME Member States.

Context:

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

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

During the 6 semesters at the university the cadets are required to attend English (English and English phraseology classes) as an obligatory subject. During flight – vocational - training, use of English language and English phraseology is mandatory. Currently there are no other subjects or courses offered in foreign languages. During his professional career, the officer has a possibility to attend language courses in English, German, French and Italian at the Foreign Language Centre of the Academy.

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

	Speak	Write	Read	Listen/Understand
Bachelor curriculum	B2	B2	B2	B2

Before and beyond basic education

The future cadets need to fulfil general requirements of the final state exam (Croatian, English and Mathematics), medical exam for military pilot, flight screening, as well as special requirements prescribed by the MoD.

In their advanced education, the officers may complete the following courses:

- Flight Instructor School (2 semesters, performed at Flight School in Zemunik-Zadar and University of Zadar departments of Psychology and Pedagogy);
- Advanced Officer Course (1 semester, performed at the CDA in Zagreb);
- Command and Staff School (2 semesters, performed at the CDA in Zagreb);
- War College (2 semesters, performed at the CDA in Zagreb).