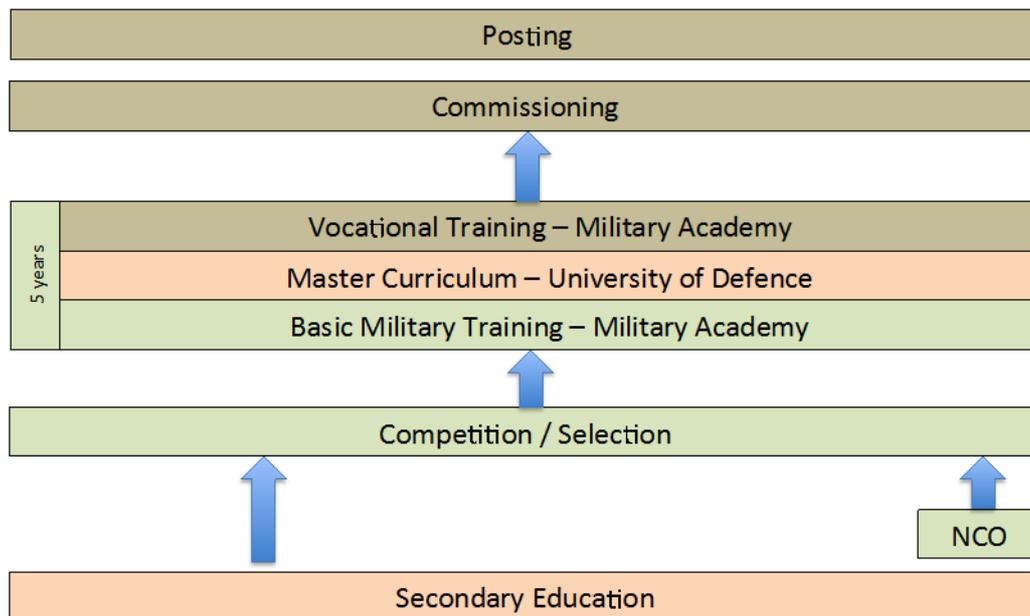




CZECH REPUBLIC

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



The basic education and training of the officers of the Czech Army and Air Force is the role of the University of Defence in Brno. The University of Defence provides the basic academic education to the future officers of the two forces and also future civilian specialist for the Czech national security system according to the principles of the European Higher Education Area.

The University of Defence offers accredited studies in the Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral degree programmes. Most of the courses and training, eventually, are provided by and at the University of Defence, but this one may also collaborate with other universities and military institutions for specific curricula or courses. The Czech military students must obtain the Master's degree in order to be commissioned. The commissioned officers may also complete doctoral studies within the University. There is also possible to join the Czech Armed Forces after graduating the civilian university and completing the basic military.

The lifelong learning is also granted by the University of Defence, which is responsible for the ultimate defence non-accredited education in the form of qualification courses intended for senior officers. The University is open to accept international students, particularly within the "Erasmus+" programme.

AIR FORCE

University of Defence

(<http://www.vojenskaskola.cz/school/ud/Pages/default.aspx>)

Military Academy

(<http://www.vavyskov.cz/en/node>)

Academic curricula

Military specialisations

Master	Military Technology	All specialties	Military Academy (Vyškov)

Number of cadets first year: NK

Total number of cadets: 92

Organisation of the basic officers' education

Master:

Year (Ma) 1													Year (Ma) 2													Year (Ma) 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	144	72	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	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		
ECTS	72	36	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
PhD in Military Technology.	The University of Defence is involved in 21 defence research projects funded by the Czech Ministry of Defence (such as “Advanced Automated Command and Control System”, “Expert Laboratory in Arms/ Ammunition/ Equipment Design/ Measuring/ Testing for the Czech Armed Forces”, “Cooperative Robotic Systems in the Czech Armed Forces”) and in 38 projects funded by other than defence research support agencies (e.g. “Development of Special Police Ammunition Intended for Air Marshalls”).

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: 7

The University of Defence has a reliable experience and a solid culture of mobility, in both academic and vocational fields. They exchange future officers, mostly throughout the European Union for academic or vocational periods, every year. The University of Defence also regularly hosts military students and teachers sent by its European and international counterparts since it is active not only in the Initiative for the exchange of young officers but also in the Erasmus academic exchange programme.

Context:

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

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

Within the University of Defence, the students are required to learn English during the first six semesters of study. Then they have to choose another foreign language (French or German) for the rest of the study. No vocational training is provided in English in the Military Academy. However some students can choose several subjects 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 2	SLP 2

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited from among the young criminal record-free nationals who are graduated from secondary education and comply with medical, psychological and physical standards. Furthermore, candidates have to successfully pass an entrance knowledge examination, which includes tests on the English.

In the course of their career, the Czech officers will receive additional education and training at advanced levels, notably the “Senior Officer Course” and the “General Staff Course”, which are also under the responsibility of the University of Defence.