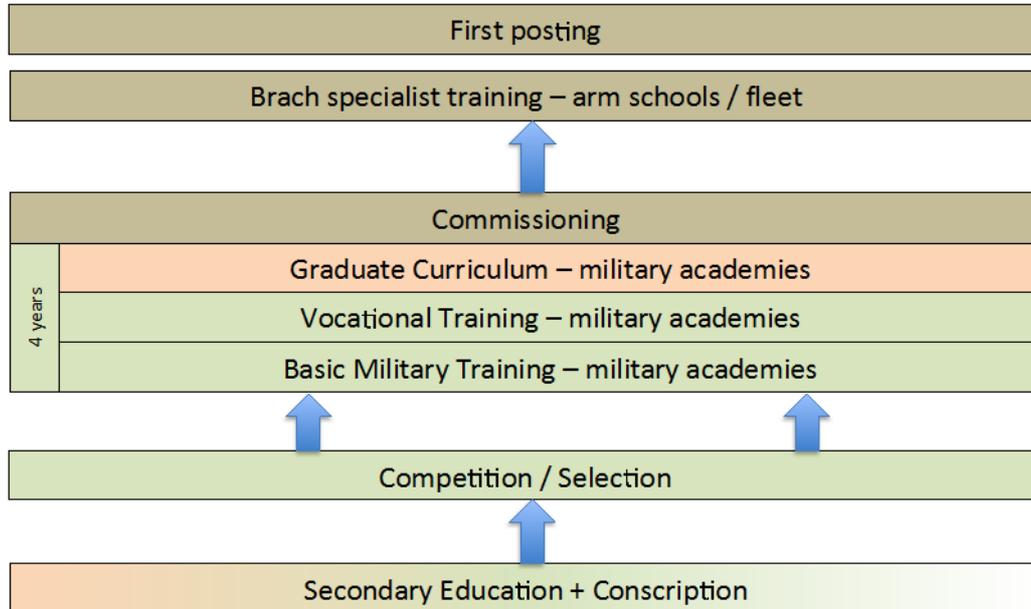




GREECE

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



The basic education and training of the officers of the Greek Army, Navy and Air Force is primarily the responsibility of three respective academies. The national conscript service contributes also to the training of the future military elites.

These academies, which are used to educate and train officers also for foreign armed forces, are now on the way to integrate the *acquis* of the European Higher Education Area in order to obtain the instruments, which will allow them developing further their exchange capacities.

These academies, indeed, provide academic curricula at the first cycle level. In addition, the Army Academy proposes postgraduate curricula as a part of the intermediate – or advanced – education of the Greek officers. The Air Force Academy also intends to develop its educational offer in proposing in the future a master curriculum on *flight safety*.

The vocational training of the future Greek and Cypriot military elites, since they are fully trained in the Greek institutions, is also assured by the academies, in cooperation with the specialist training centres.

NAVY

Hellenic Naval Academy

<http://www.hna.gr/snd/index.html>

Academic curricula

Bachelor (basic education)	Naval Sciences and Seamanship (specialisation offered for <i>line</i> officers or <i>engineers</i>)

Military specialisations

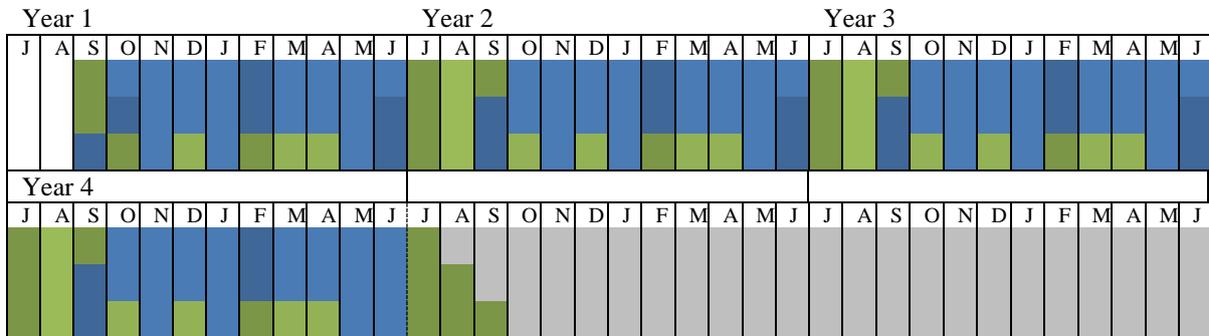
Navigation	Branch School (Skaramagas, Athens)
Weapons	
Anti-Submarine	
Communications	
Mechanical Engineering	

Number of cadets first year: 35

Total number of cadets: 200

Organisation of the basic officers' education

Bachelor:



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	
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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		
Specific	120		Y	Y	Y	Y	N

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Hellenic Naval Academy does not offer doctoral level postgraduate degree at the moment.	The Naval Academy does not have yet a formal structure for organising research internally.

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: 5

The Hellenic Naval Academy is following a long tradition and has created a solid culture of exchanging, hosting and training foreign officers. In particular, Greece trains on a regularly basis cadets of the European Union countries, like Cyprus, and from a numerous countries worldwide. With graduates from over 19 countries so far, the Hellenic Naval Academy represents a lighthouse of the Hellenic naval morals, culture and ethics. The Academy is also particularly active in the framework of the Conference of Superintendents and the Initiative for the exchange of young officers. It is looking forward to rapidly implement the acquis of the European Higher Education Area in order to develop both inward and outward mobility of its cadets, teachers and instructors

Context:

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

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

During their curriculum at the Hellenic Naval Academy, the future Hellenic Navy Officers and their counterparts following the same initial education must learn or improve their English. In addition, they may choose to study a second foreign language between French and German. In vocational training, the Academy progressively develops its offer of training to be provided in English, notwithstanding the teaching of regular international Navy standards and operating procedures. Additionally, it must be noted that the Hellenic Naval Academy provides – during a preparatory semester specifically designed for foreign cadets who are hosted for the entire duration of their initial education – courses of Greek language within its premises. One of the courses (CSDP common module) proposed at the Academy is provided in English.

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 military officers are recruited among the young nationals who have graduated from secondary education (High School) and succeed at the National Exams Scheme. On top of that, candidates must comply with medical, physical and psychological standards and successfully pass an entrance test.

In the course of their career, the Hellenic Navy Officers will receive additional advanced education and training at the Hellenic Naval Staff and Command College (Lieutenant), the Supreme Joint War College (Lieutenant Commander) and the Hellenic National Defence College (Commander).