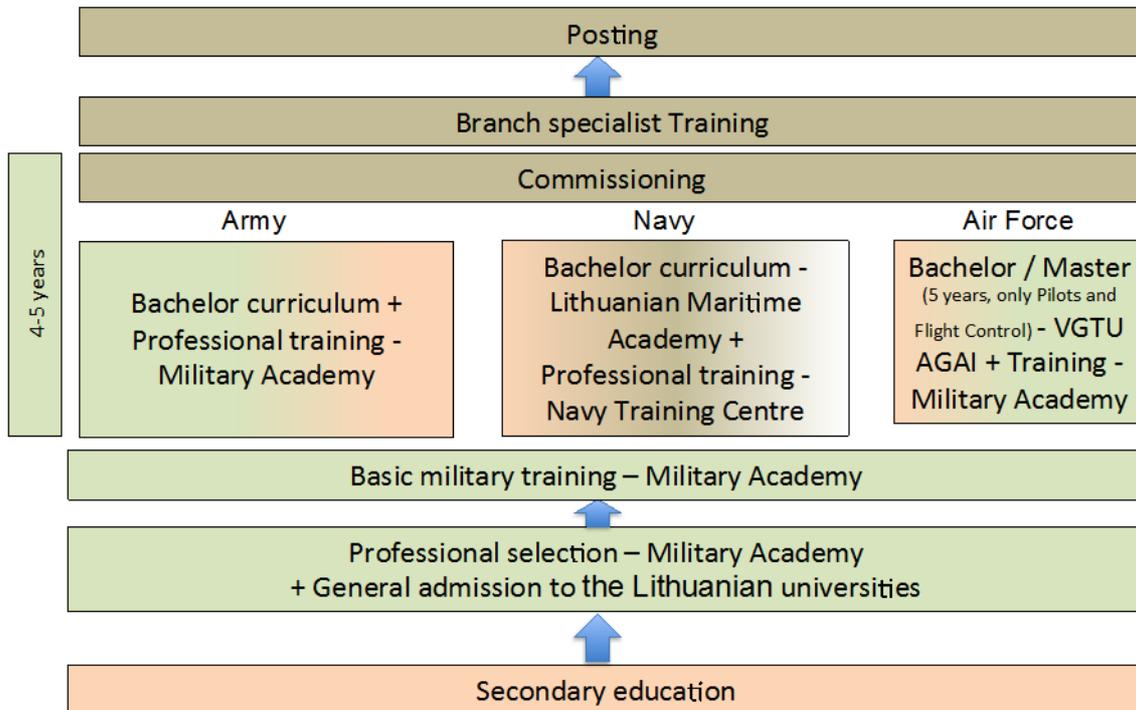




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How to Become a Military Officer in the Lithuanian Armed Forces:



The basic education and training of the Lithuanian Army is the role of a unique institution, the Military Academy. The basic curriculum of the Air Force and in the near future the curriculum of the Navy officers are different. They are the result of a balanced collaboration between military institutions – the Military Academy and the Navy Training Centre– and civilian higher education institutes - the Lithuanian Maritime Academy (for Navy cadets) and the Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (for Air Force cadets). The Lithuanian Military Academy, nevertheless, has fully implemented the *acquis* of the Bologna Process and offers all the guarantees of excellence of the European higher education, which makes it a potential and reliable partner for exchanges on the basis of both Erasmus and the Initiative.

The future military elites, indeed, must complete a bachelor degree in order to be commissioned as officers and they will have the opportunity, soon in the course of their career, to follow a master curriculum at the Military Academy. Air Force pilots and Air Traffic controllers are an exception to this regard, since they must obtain the master degree as a part of their initial education.

The Lithuanian cadets have also the opportunity to complete their initial education and training abroad, as long as their hosting institution complies with the rules for the mutual recognition of studies in the European Higher Education Area, meaning that they have to gather as many ECTS as needed for completing the Lithuanian basic curriculum.

The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

[\(http://www.lka.lt/\)](http://www.lka.lt/)

AIR FORCE

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University Antanas Gustaitis' Aviation Institute

[\(http://www.agai.vgtu.lt/\)](http://www.agai.vgtu.lt/)

Academic curricula

Bachelor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical engineering - automation and control; - Electronics Engineering - electronics engineering; - Mechanical Engineering - aviation mechanics
Master	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport Engineering - aircraft piloting; - Transport engineering - air traffic control

Military specialisations

All specialties	Military Academy (Vilnius) + training centres
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Number of cadets first year: NK

Total number of cadets: NK

Organisation of the basic officers' education

Master:



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	NK	NK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	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		
None			N	N	N	N	Y

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Military Academy does not organise the doctoral studies of the Lithuanian military officers but possibilities exist at the Technical Institute.	Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, which provides academic training to the Air Force officers, is engaged in the research activities. The Centre for Scientific Research of the Military Academy of Lithuania is actively engaged in various research fields, such as <i>military history, political strategy, sociology and pedagogy</i> .

An exchange culture

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

At a more advanced level, some of the Air Force officers' courses are entirely organised by the Military Academy of Lithuania, e.g. the Air Force Command and Staff Course. The following data relate only to the role of the Military Academy in the Air Force officers' initial education and mobility.

Context:

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

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

In the Air Force officers' initial education, learning the English language goes under the apprenticeship of the international procedures. As for the application training, it must be noted that the Air Force Command and Staff Course, which lasts for 16 weeks at the end of the basic education, is run by the Military Academy of Lithuania in the English language.

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

	Speak	Write	Read	Listen/Understand
Bachelor curriculum	SLP2	SLP2	SLP2	SLP2
Master curriculum	NK	NK	NK	NK

Before and beyond basic education

The future officers are recruited under the conditions of age and criminal records among the young nationals who finished from secondary school and have successfully passed professional selection test at the Academy's Selection Centre (candidates for the Master degree studies – at VGTU AGAI only) and general admission to the Lithuanian universities as well. In the course of their career, the Lithuanian officers receive additional education and training at the more advanced level, mostly at the Military Academy of Lithuania, e.g. Air Force Command and Staff Course (rank of 1st Lt/Capt).