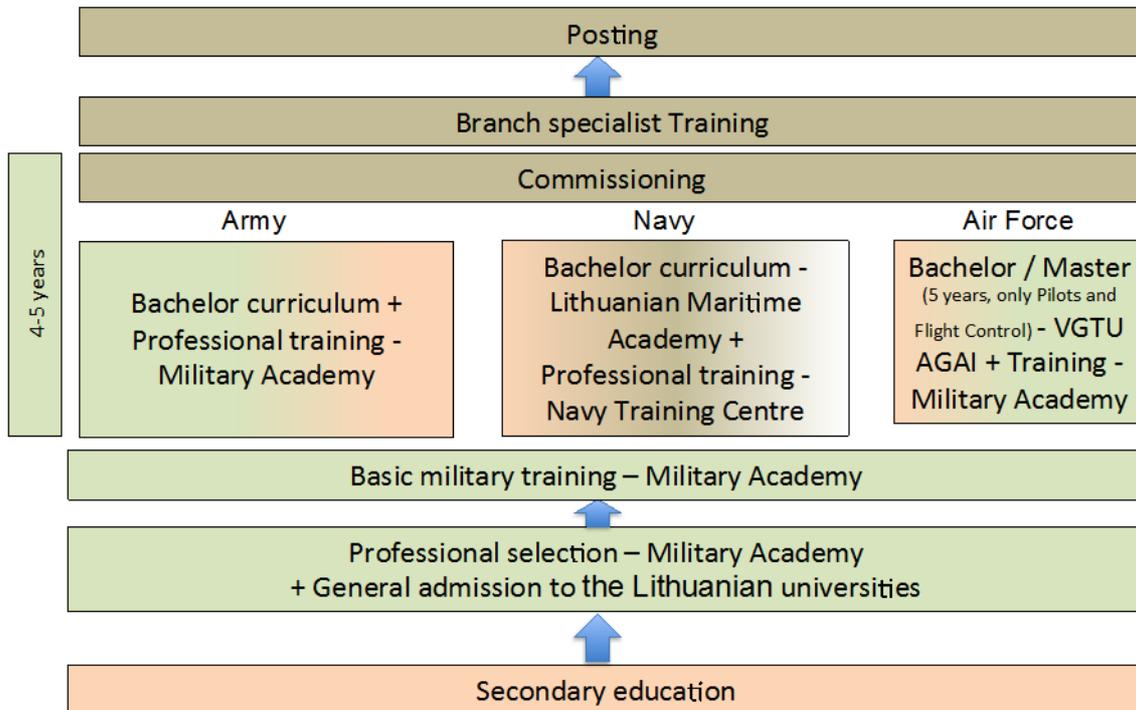




LITHUANIA

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.

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Academic curricula

Bachelor (basic education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management and Business Administration - transport and logistics - Public Administration - specialisation in personnel management - Political Science - international relations
Master (advanced education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Administration - human resources management - Political Science - military diplomacy

Military specialisations

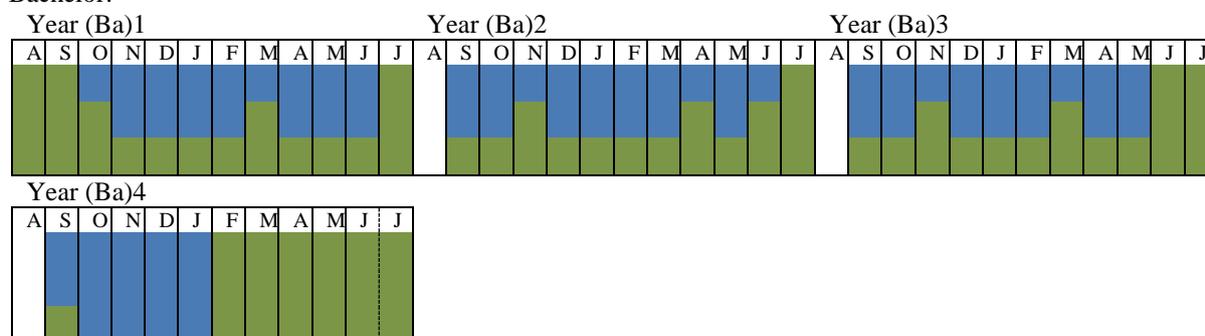
All specialties	Military Academy (Vilnius) + Navy Training Centre
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Number of cadets first year: NK

Total number of cadets: NK

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	
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.	The Centre for Scientific Research of the Military Academy of Lithuania is active 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

Lithuania and the Military Academy are at a start in the search for exchanges of cadets and personnel in the military higher education, especially with regard to the European Union dimension of mobility. The Military Academy of Lithuania has implemented all the necessary instruments with the view to share the excellence of its education and training with its European counterparts.

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	N	N	Y	N	N	Y		N

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

At the Military Academy of Lithuania, the cadets must learn English until the final year of their curriculum. During the fourth year, the cadets may continue learning English and/or choose French and German as the second foreign language. The students of the Political Science Curriculum must choose one of these two languages.

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

Before and beyond basic education

The future officers are recruited under the conditions of age and criminal records from the young nationals who finished secondary school, and have successfully passed professional selection test and general admission to the Lithuanian universities as well. According to the Lithuanian military officer training concept, there are 4 levels of education: basic, tactical, operational and strategic.

In the course of their career, the Lithuanian officers receive also additional education and training (tactical level) at the Military Academy of Lithuania. Operational and strategic education is provided by the Baltic Defence College in Tartu, Estonia. It is important to stress that only basic officer education is conducted in the Lithuanian language; further education is continued in the English language.