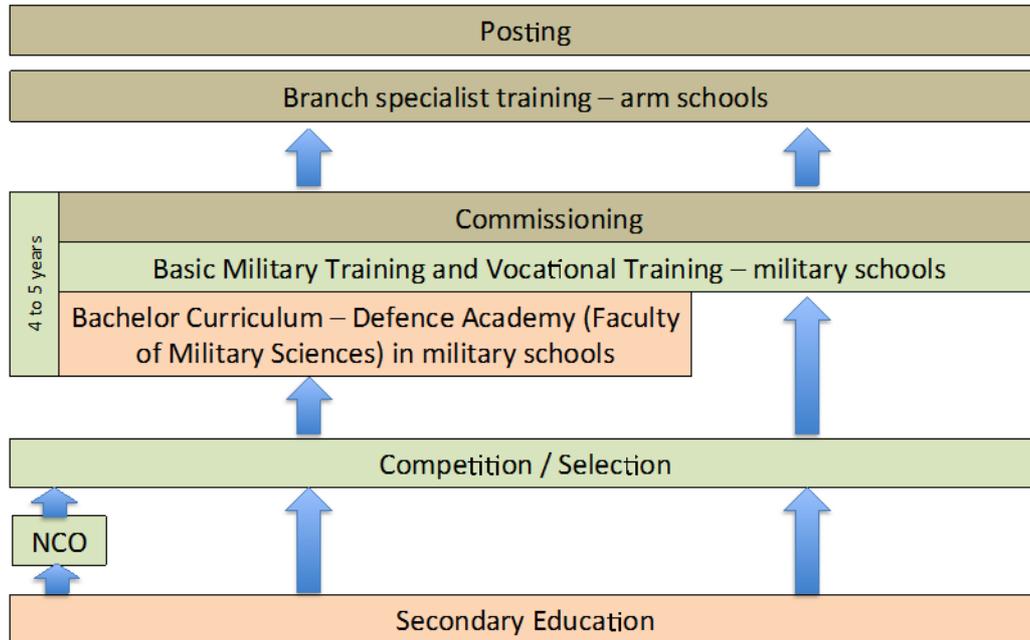




# NETHERLANDS

## How to Become a Military Officer in the Dutch Armed Forces:



The basic education of the officers of the Dutch Army, Navy and Air Force is the role of the Netherlands Defence Academy and its Faculty of Military Sciences. Within this structure, the Royal Military Academy (Breda) and the Royal Naval College (Den Helder) hosts, educate and train the future officers.

The Royal Military Academy is the main institution for the education and training of the Army and Air Force cadets. Despite these specific institutions, the basic academic education of the Dutch officers, which leads to the award of a bachelor degree, can be seen as joint in the sense that depending on their academic specialty (technical or social sciences) students of the three services may study together. The Faculty of Military Science is recognised as a institution which is fully integrated in the European Higher Education Area.

The vocational training is provided by the two officers' schools and, at the application level, the specialist training centres and its duration may vary from one service to another, notably because of the consecutive periods that are needed for the training of future Navy officers at sea.

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**Defence Academy**  
**Faculty of Military Sciences**  
[\(http://www.defensie.nl/nlda/\)](http://www.defensie.nl/nlda/)  
**Royal Military Academy**  
**Royal Naval College**

**Academic curricula**

<b>Bachelor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Military Sciences</b> (at Royal Military Academy - Breda)</li> <li>- <b>Business and Public Administration</b> (at Royal Military Academy - Breda)</li> <li>- <b>Communication, Information and Command and Control Systems</b> (at Royal Naval College – Den Helder)</li> <li>- <b>Military Systems and Technology</b> (at Royal Naval College – Den Helder)</li> <li>- <b>Civil Engineering</b> (with civilian universities)</li> </ul>
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**Military specialisations**

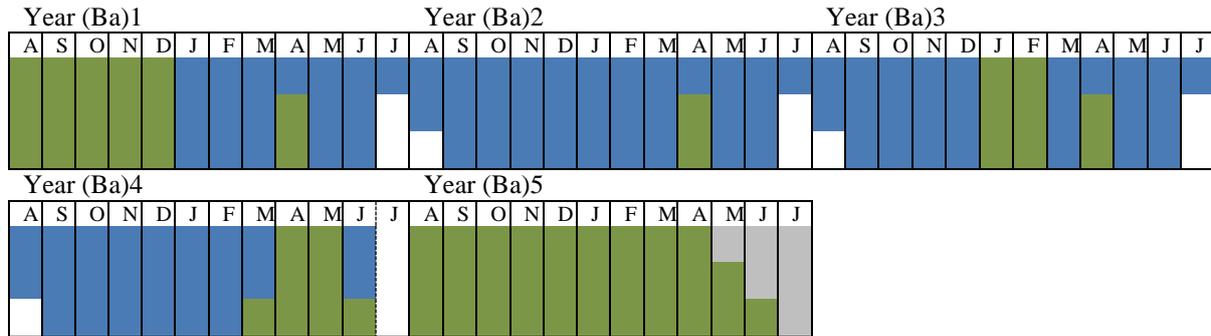
All specialties	<b>Royal Military Academy (Breda) + training centres</b>
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Number of cadets first year: NK

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	N

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	Y	N	N

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Netherlands Defence Academy does not provide the doctoral training for the Dutch officers.	The Faculty of Military Sciences of the Defence Academy provides education at the bachelor level. Nevertheless, research is conducted according to the needs of the departments at the two locations of the Faculty (Academy and College), together with civilian institutes when necessary.

#### An exchange culture

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

*Netherlands and the Defence Academy have a long-standing tradition of mobility in both academic and vocational fields. The Academy collaborates with military as well as civilian higher education institutes for the training of the Dutch officers and, to a lesser extent, scientific research. Even though parts of the academic programmes are accessible to foreign students, the Defence Academy has particularly acquired considerable experience in hosting foreign cadets for vocational training periods.*

#### Context:

Erasmus charter signed	Member of fora	Use of the framework arrangement	Joint degrees with European military institutions
N	EMACS	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	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	CSDP (pending)	N

#### Learning of, learning in foreign languages

*At the Defence Academy, the future Land Force officers must learn at least English. They have the possibility as well to choose a second foreign language. At the Academy, courses and training in English language are not offered until the advanced level of education, during the career of the officers.*

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

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

#### Before and beyond basic education

*The future military officers are recruited among the young nationals who are graduated from secondary education and who have successfully complied with medical, physical and psychological standards. In addition, they must successfully pass an entrance knowledge test.*

*In the course of their career, the Dutch officers will receive additional education and training at an advanced level in Army as well as joint institutions.*