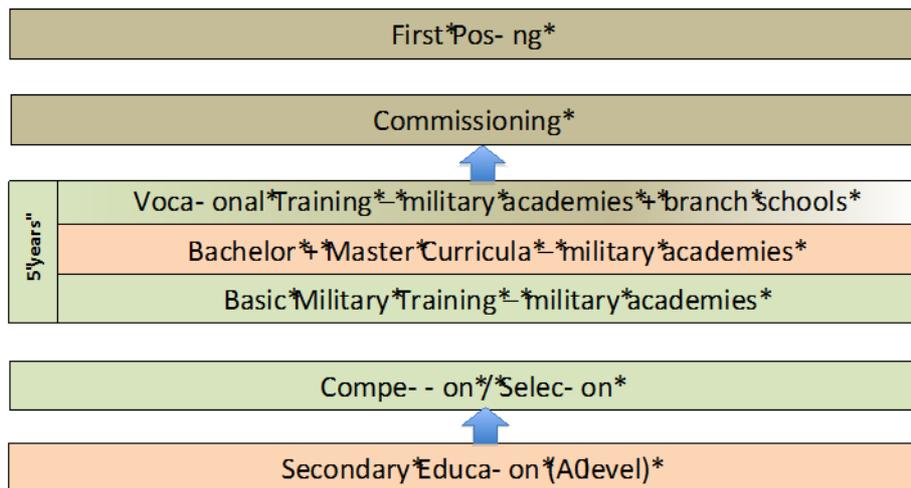




POLAND

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



The Ministry of Higher Education has a full supervision over military universities and academies in the context of education. This means that education in the MoD HES is conducted in the same way as in civil universities and that the MoD HES is the subject to the same regulations and requirements as the civil one.

The military universities and academies enhance, maintain and develop defence capabilities determined by the commanders of all kinds of armed forces and resulted from security needs and state economy.

Currently there are a few sources of candidate acquisition for commissioned officers. The main source is a study in one of the mentioned military academies or universities as a cadet. The graduates of the secondary schools, after successfully passing the entrance assessment to military universities or academies, study as candidates (on condition of signing a special contract with MoD). After the completion first and second level of education as master degree holders, they are commissioned to the second lieutenant rank.

The next option is an Officer Training Course (OTC) addressed to bachelor or master degree holders of civil universities. This course is recommended as a subsidiary system to the previous one, and is designed to train officers for the personnel branches, for which military universities and academies do not provide education e.g. chaplains, accountants, prosecutor, lawyers etc.

AIR FORCE

Polish Air Force Academy

(<http://www.wsosp.deblin.pl/index.php?lang=en>)

Academic curricula

Bachelor	Bachelor in Aviation and Aeronautics , specialisations in <i>Aircraft Pilotage, Navigation, Air Traffic Management.</i>
Master	Master in Airship Exploitation

Number of cadets first year: 70

Military specialisations

- Jet pilot - Cargo pilot - Helicopter pilot	Polish Air Force Academy (Dęblin)
- Aircraft homing guidance - Airship navigator	
- Air traffic controller	

Total number of cadets: 257

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
[Green bar]												[Green bar]												[Green bar]											
Year (Ma)4												Year 5																							
A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J												
[Green bar]												[Green bar]																							

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	340	48	N	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	Y	Y	Y	N

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Air Force Academy does not organise the doctoral studies of the military officers.	The Air Force Academy is active in scientific research, notably in the fields of <i>flight mechanics, navigation, power plant, avionics</i> and <i>navigation/satellite navigation</i> .

An exchange culture

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

Poland and the Polish Air Force Academy have an experience of both inward and outward mobility, notably acquired through short exchanges in the framework of the European Air Force Academies. The Academy is strongly committed to the European dimension of the development of its exchange culture and, through the implementation of the European Higher Education Area acquires and its participation to the European Air Force Academies association, promotes and enhances both academic and vocational extended exchanges.

Context:

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

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

During their entire initial curriculum at the Academy, the future officers must learn at least one foreign language. The education to foreign languages goes also, in the Polish system, through practical vocational training as implied by the needs for learning international Air Force standards and procedures. The students have also the possibility to study a second foreign language, to be chosen between French and German. In addition, the Academy progressively develops its offer of courses and training modules in foreign languages. It provides knowledge and expertise in Aviation English in accordance to ICAO regulations preparing students for ELPAC and RELTA standards (IV operational level).

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 3	SLP 3

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited among the young nationals who are graduated from secondary education and comply with medical, physical and psychological standards. Candidates must also pass an entrance exam, including tests on the English.

In the course of their career, the Polish officers will receive additional education and training at an advanced level: depending on Polish Air Force requirements pilots, navigators and air traffic controllers undergo different courses held internally and abroad.