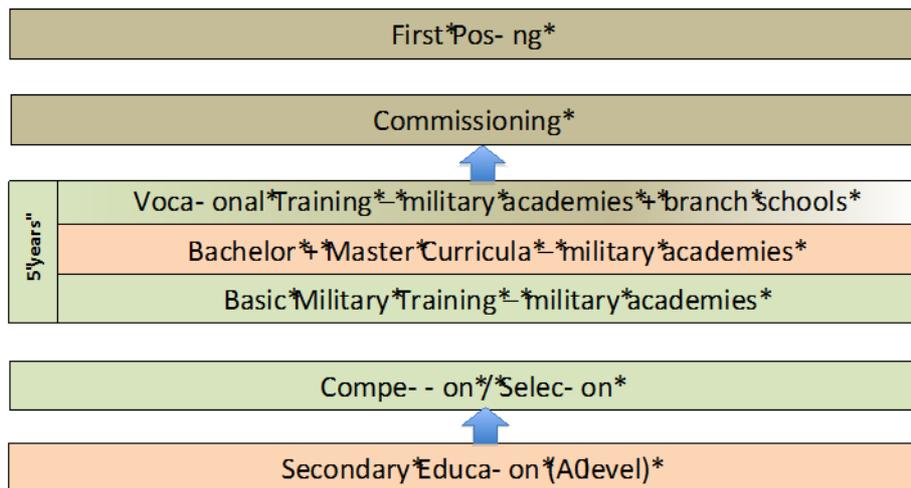




POLAND

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.

ARMY

**General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military Academy
of Land Forces**

(<http://www.wso.wroc.pl/>)

Academic curricula

Master	Master in:
	- Management; - Safety Engineering; - National Security (for civilian students only).

Military specialisations

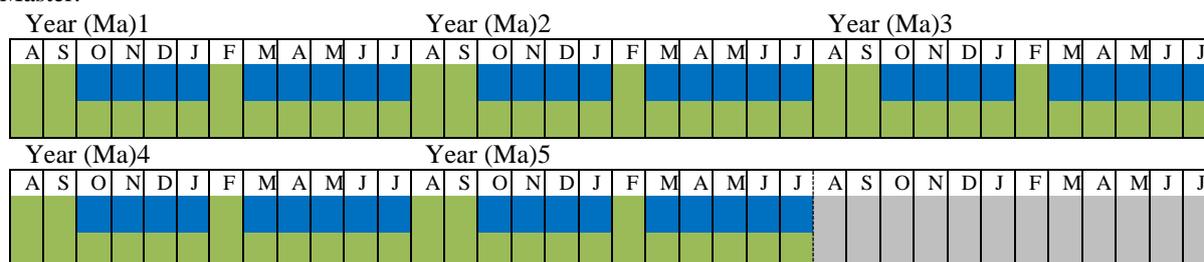
- Armour - Infantry - Reconnaissance - Air Cavalry - Logistics	General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military Academy of Land Forces (MALF) + Land Forces Training Centre
Artillery	MALF + Artillery and Armaments Training Centre
- Engineering - Defence against WMD - Combat engineering	MALF + Engineering and Chemical Forces Training Centre
Signals and IT	MALF + Communication and Information Technology Training Centre
Air Defence	MALF + Air Force Training Centre
Special Forces	MALF + Military units
Military Police	MALF + Military Police Training Centre

Number of cadets first year: 163

Total number of cadets: 601

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	72	48	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		
ECTS	108	72	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
At this point, the General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military Academy of Land Forces does not offer the doctoral studies for military officers.	The General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military Academy of Land Forces is active in scientific research, notably in the fields of: <i>management, safety science, military and technical science, safety engineering, humanities and social science.</i>

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: 10

The MALF has a significant experiences and a solid tradition of academic and vocational mobility of its students and staff. The MALF collaborates with many foreign civilian or military institutions of higher education, notably through bilateral agreements made within the Erasmus Programme, in the fields being close to MALF specializations (such as security, political science or management). Within the cooperation in the field of military education, the academy cooperates also with institutions outside Europe and the Erasmus Programme. One of the priorities of the MALF is to develop international programmes aimed at military students to contribute to creating common educational materials and bases of international curricula. An important aspect of these actions is also the development of officer cadets' cultural sensibility, their knowledge of English and ability to work in international headquarters and institutions.

Context:

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

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 of foreign language goes also, in the Polish system, through practical vocational training. The students do not have the possibility to study a second foreign language. The Academy organizes also language courses for soldiers and military staff. About 5% of the courses proposed at the Academy are provided in English.

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

	Speak	Write	Read	Listen/Understand
Bachelor curriculum	SLP 2	SLP 2	SLP 2	SLP 2
Master curriculum	SLP 3	SLP 2	SLP 3	SLP 2

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited amongst the young nationals, who graduated the high schools (secondary education) and comply with medical, physical and psychological standards. Candidates must also pass an entrance exam in physical training and an English test. Graduates of the civilian universities have also an opportunity to join the short commissioning courses at the Academy, which lasts for one year. In the course of their career, Polish officers can also receive an additional education and training at an advanced level, such as the Qualification Course and the Training Course for the rank of Captain / Lieutenant. The Academy also conducts a number of personal development courses and eligibility courses, such as: Tactical psychological operations in Armed Forces, Organizing and conducting the reconnaissance, Educational activity in the unit, Functioning of the National System of the Crisis Management.