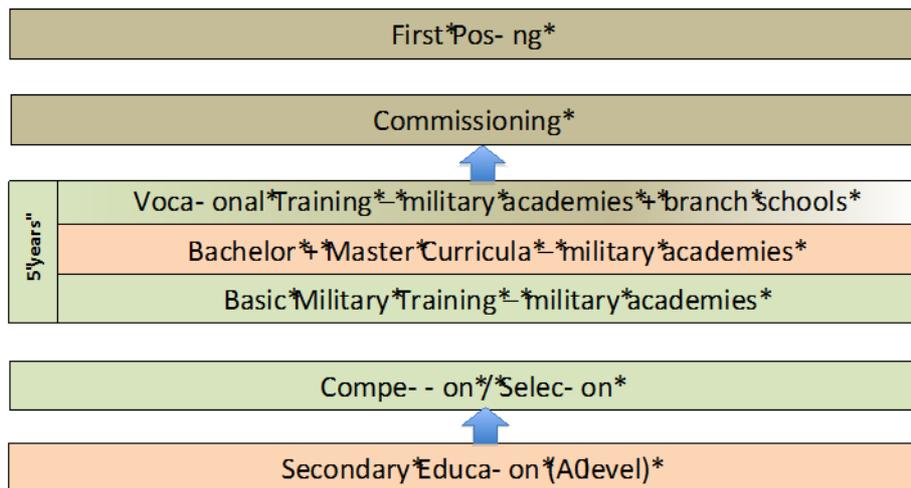




POLAND

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.

NAVY

Polish Naval Academy

(<http://www.amw.gdynia.pl/>)

Academic curricula

Bachelor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bachelor in Navigation - Bachelor in Engineering and Construction of Machines - Bachelor in Computer Science - Bachelor in Mechatronics
Master	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Master in Navigation - Master in Engineering and Construction of Machines

Number of cadets first year: 35

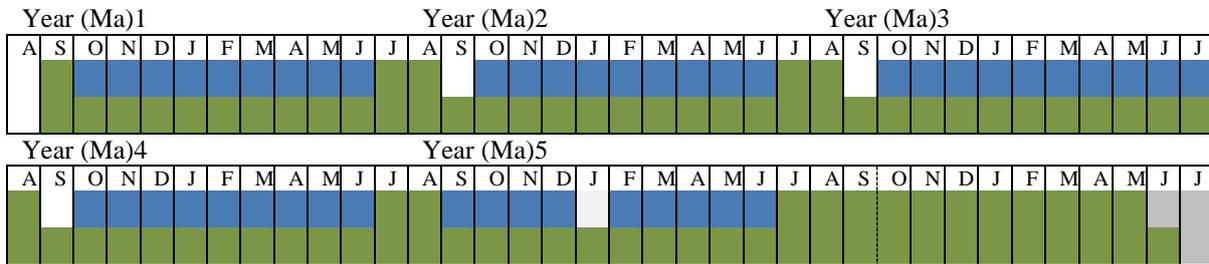
Military specialisations

Marine Deck Systems Operating	Naval Academy (Gdynia)
Maintenance and Operation of Marine Power Plants	
Marine Data Bases	
Marine Weapon Systems Operating	

Total number of cadets: 145

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	210	90	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	Y	Y	Y	Y

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
Polish Naval Academy provides doctoral education in Command and Naval Operations.	The Polish Naval Academy is active through scientific research in all the fields covered by its four faculties, <i>i.e. Command and Naval Operations, Navigation and Naval Weapons, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Faculty of Humanities and Social Studies</i> . The areas of scientific excellence focus on maritime sector and the most popular are <i>maritime security, GPS and accuracy of position, hydroacoustics, underwater works, marine power plant and engine's endoscopy</i> .

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: 4

Poland and the Naval Academy have an experience of both inward and outward mobility of students but also teachers and instructors. Their partnerships are worldwide and touch on both academic and vocational aspects of the initial education. The Academy is 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 Initiative for the exchange of young officers, promotes and enhances both academic and vocational exchanges.

Context:

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

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

During their initial curriculum at the Academy, the officer-candidates learn at least English. The education to foreign languages goes also, in the Polish system, through practical vocational training as implied by the needs for learning international Navy standards and procedures. The students of Marine Power Plant Maintenance specialty have also the possibility to study a second foreign language, to be chosen between German and Russian. In addition, the Academy progressively develops its offer of courses and training modules (e.g. Personal safety and social responsibilities training) in foreign languages.

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

	Speak	Write	Read	Listen/Understand
Master 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 – hold Polish Matura certificate and comply with certain medical, psychological and physical standards. The latter is verified during the recruitment phase, during which candidates must pass a physical exam.

In the course of their career, the Polish officers receive additional education and training at an advanced level. Not only is there a variety of qualification and specialised courses offered but also post-graduate studies developed in accordance with lifelong learning philosophy. This education process, carried out by the national and international higher education institutions and training centres, is normally required to continue a successful military career from an Ensign to Navy Captain.