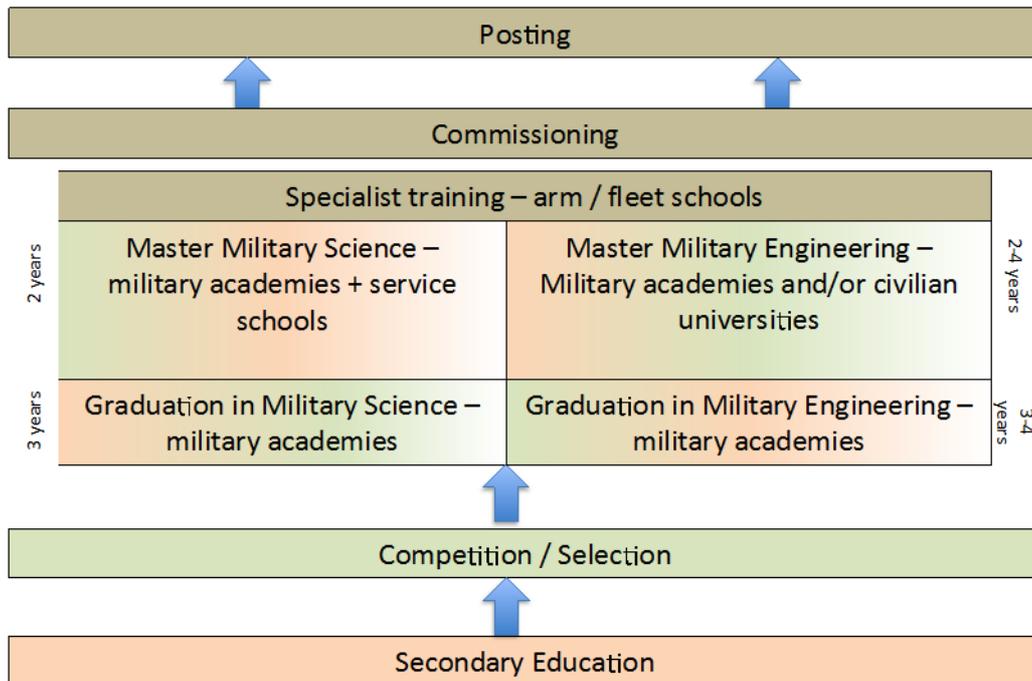




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How to Become a Military Officer in the Portugese Armed Forces:



The basic education and training of the Portuguese Navy, Army, Air Force and Gendarmerie (*Guarda Nacional Republicana*) take place in three respective academies, which provide both academic and vocational teachings. Army and Gendarmerie officers are jointly educated and trained at the Military Academy.

The three academies have fully implemented the *acquis* of the European Higher Education Area and every future officer of the Portuguese armed forces must complete a Master curriculum. This Master, especially for engineers and medical officers, is possibly organised in cooperation between an academy and a civilian higher education institute. The length of the education thus depends on the nature of the profession and the service.

The vocational training, including the basic military training, is organised mainly by the academies themselves. However, especially during the last year(s) of the basic curriculum, it may also be jointly organised by the academies and the branch schools.

The national education and training actors currently investigate the possibilities for modernizing military higher education in creating a unique Military Higher Education Institute, which would be in charge for the basic education and training of the officers of the four services as well as their education and training at the advanced level.

NAVY

Naval Academy

(http://escolanaval.marinha.pt/PT/Pages/escolanaval_homepage.aspx)

Academic curricula

Bachelor	Bachelor in Military Naval Sciences
Master	Master in Military Naval Sciences: - Line Officer Specialization - Naval Administration Specialization - Marine Specialization - Naval Engineering, specialization in: <i>weapons and electronics branch or mechanics branch</i>

Military specialisations

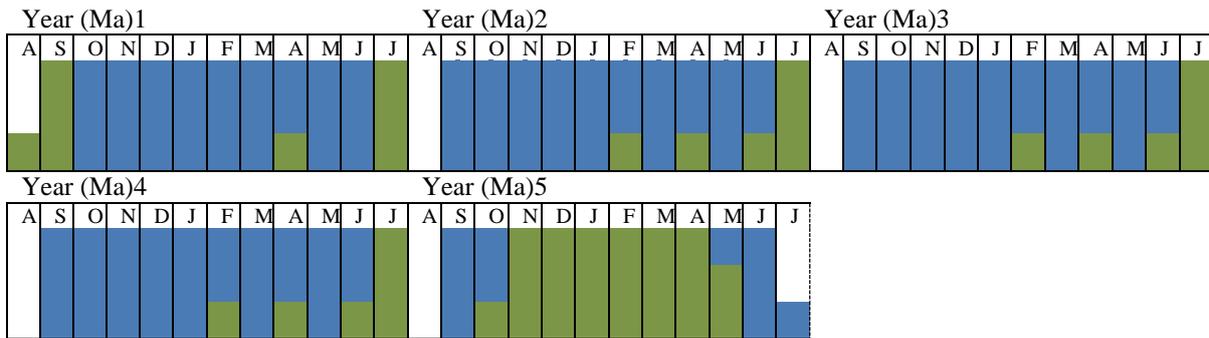
All specialties	Naval Academy - ALFEITE
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Number of cadets first year: 42

Total number of cadets: 175

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	180	120	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		
Partly ECTS	NK	NK	Y	Y	Y	N	N

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Naval Academy does not organise the doctoral studies of Portuguese officers within its structure.	The Naval Academy has a research centre, which is responsible not only for research activities within the Naval Academy, but also coordinates research in the rest of the navy. The research centre develops research in 7 main areas: <i>signal processing, mobile robotics, decision support systems, maintenance engineering, maritime history, maritime strategy, and naval medicine.</i>

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: 2

The Portuguese Naval Academy has a long practice and a culture of receiving students from other nations, notably (but not limited to) students from Portuguese speaking countries. It has also sent several professors and instructors to other countries, worldwide and in the European Union, in both academic and vocational areas.

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	CSDP	N

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

At the Naval Academy, the future Portuguese officers are required to attend English courses until their fourth year. The Naval Academy, furthermore, progressively increases its offer of education and training in English, notably it regularly sends students to the common modules created within the framework of the Initiative. None of the courses currently given at the Academy are provided in English.

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

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

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited among the young nationals who graduated from secondary education and who have successfully complied with medical and physical standards. In addition there is a short vocational and leadership assessment period at the Naval Academy before they enrol as regular students.

After graduation from the Naval Academy, in the course of their career, Portuguese Navy officers will receive additional education and training at an advanced level. Most line officers will have a vocational course in an operational specialization, given within the navy. Some, while junior officers, will attend MSc or PhD courses at civilian or foreign military universities, in areas such as Naval Architecture, Weapons Engineering, Operational Research, Software Engineering, Oceanography, Hydrography, etc. All will have a promotion course before they become Lieutenant Commander, and some will attend the Naval War College course once they become Captains.