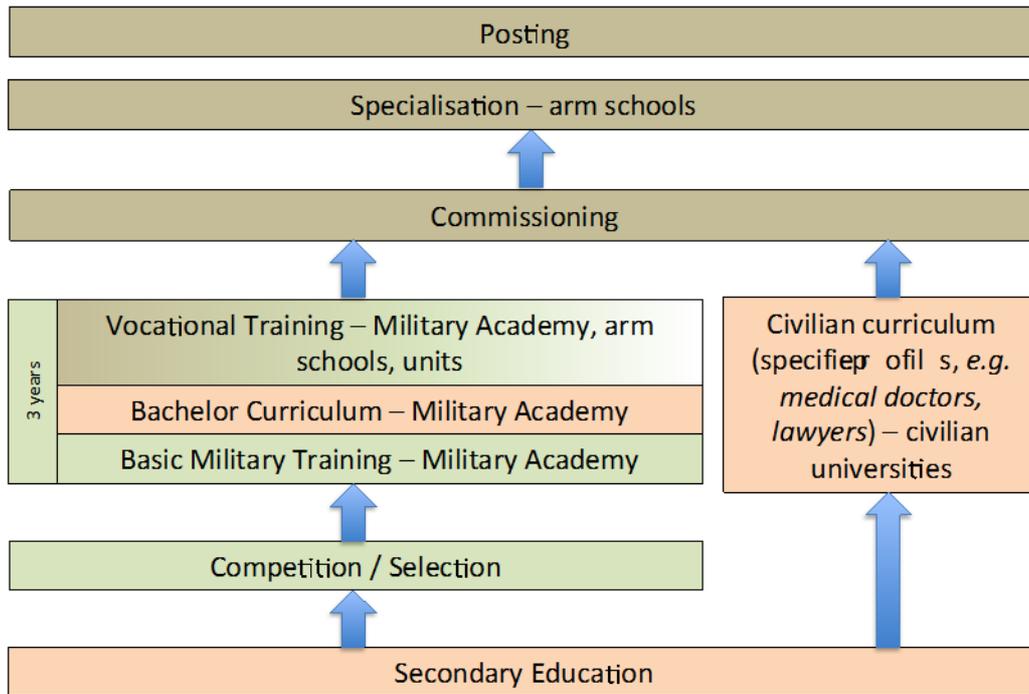




SLOVAKIA

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



In Slovakia, the basic education of the military Army and Air Force officers is joint and provided by the General Milan Ratislav Stefanik Armed Forces Academy. The vocational training is alternatively assured by the Academy, for the basic military training notably, and the application schools and the units for the regular training.

The academic education, which leads to the award of a bachelor degree, is already fully integrated in the European Higher Education Area but the Academy intends to continue this dynamic in implementing new aspects in the education of the Slovak military officers.

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Armed Forces Academy proposes doctoral studies in the fields of: - Security and State defence - Mechanical Engineering - Military Communication and Information Systems	The Armed Forces Academy is involved in scientific research with view to constantly improve the quality of its education and training.

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: 10 (all services)

Slovakia and the Armed Forces Academy have acquired experience and a certain tradition of the mobility of students and trainers, both in academic education and vocational training, especially with its international counterparts. However, the Academy attaches great importance to the impact of young officers' mobility on the growth of the European Union defence policy and, through its integration into the European Higher Education Area and its participation in the Erasmus programme and the Initiative, is developing the outward exchanges in this direction.

Context:

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

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

At the Armed Forces Academy, the military students must English during their entire initial education curriculum and they have the possibility to choose optional courses aimed at training them practicing the language. They have also the opportunity to choose to study a second language. In addition, the Academy endeavours to develop its offer of courses and training to be provided in English.

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

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

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited among the young nationals who are graduated from secondary education and who comply with medical, physical and psychological standards. In addition, the candidates must successfully pass an entrance examination, which includes tests on the knowledge of the English language.

In the course of their career, the Slovak officers will receive additional education and training at advanced level and will be invited to convene again at the Academy, for example, for the International Staff Officers' Course or their doctoral studies.