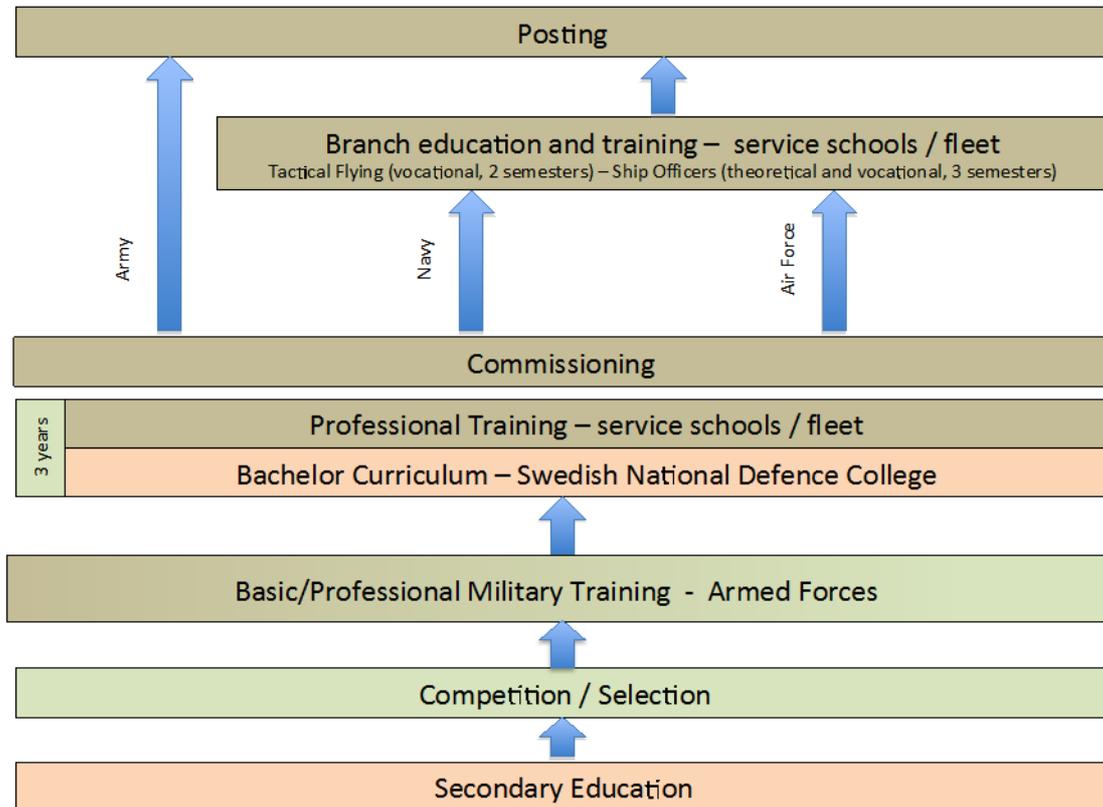




SWEDEN

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



In the Swedish system, basic officer's education is provided by a joint institution, the Swedish Defence University (SDU), for the three services (Army, Navy and Air Force). The SDU is recognised as a higher education institution by the Ministry for Higher Education, for both its academic and vocational pillars. The quality assurance system in place for the civilian universities, for example, covers both the academic curricula and the military training even though they are not provided at the same place.

Although Sweden ended conscription in July 2010, the basic military training still takes place in the Armed Forces, before the start of the academic curriculum. The regular vocational training, except the daily physical training naturally, takes place only in the specialist training centres located in various parts of the country. Finally, cadets of the Navy and the Air Force will be required, after having obtained their diploma and being commissioned but before being posted for the first time, to complete additional application training in order to specialise in their arm.

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
The Swedish Defence University (SDU) does not organise the doctorate studies of the Swedish officers.	Research within the SDU is organised in 3 departments (Leadership and Management, Security and Strategic Studies, Military Studies), 3 research centres (Centre for Asymmetric Threat Studies (CATS), Centre for Military Technology (MTC), National Centre for Crisis Management and Training (CRISMART)) and 2 research programmes (“European Security Research Programme”, “Stockholm Forum for Security Studies” (SFSS)). Research is particularly developed in fields such as: <i>International Law, Command Responsibility and Human Rights during Crises and War, War Studies, Leadership, Science of Command and Control, Media and Communication Science, Military History, Military Logistics, Military Strategy, Military Technology, Military Theory, Pedagogics, Political Science.</i>

An exchange culture

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

Sweden and the SDU are developing their academic and vocational exchanges of military students and instructors, especially with their European counterparts on the basis of the Erasmus programme whenever possible. A culture of the military mobility is progressively emerging on which the European military institutes can already rely for their exchange projects.

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	Y	N	N	Y		N

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

At the SDU, the military students do not regularly attend formal courses of foreign languages. However, the University provides parts of its education in English, notably in the War Studies curriculum, according to the needs of respective course. In addition, all concerned institutions intervening in officers’ initial education, including vocational training, progressively implement the use of English language as a regular means of education and training. 7% of the courses proposed at the University are provided in English.

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

No specific level is required for the degree as the curriculum does not contain courses of foreign languages.

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited among the young nationals who are graduated from secondary education and who have fulfilled a military basic training. In addition, they must successfully comply with medical, physical and psychological standards and pass knowledge tests, which include also tests of the knowledge of the English language.

In the course of their career, the Swedish Air Force officers will receive additional education and training at an advanced level at the SDU and other joint institutes.