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Austria

Theresan Military Academy

Institute for Basic Officer Education





1. Introduction

1.1 Pre-conditions for Participation in the International Semester:

- Only military **Officer Cadets** – with an appropriate military background – are foreseen to participate in the **entire** International Winter Semester. Exceptions from this rule – e.g. participation of civilian students – are to be negotiated on a case-by-case basis with the partner institution in advance.
- The Officer Cadets' pre-conditions for participation in the entire International Semester are:
 - English language according to point 1.2.
 - National medical certificate stating the allowance to take part in sports (if a negative COVID-19 certificate is necessary, will be announced prior to arrival).
 - Fulfilling the respective national physical standards of the sending institution.
 - **Basic** managerial and leadership competences.
 - **Basic** negotiation and problem solving skills.
 - Ability to plan, organise and accept responsibility.
- **Additional** Civilian Students and military Officer Cadets may participate in selected one-week classes/modules according to point 2.1.

1.2 Language:

- The entire International Semester is offered in English language.
- The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2 is a requirement for participation.
- The English level will be tested during the common module “Basic Military English”. **Those Cadets / Students who will not fulfil the minimum requirements will be repatriated.**



1.3 Contents/Duration:

- The entire International Semester has 26 ECTS and lasts more than 3 months (102 days). This fulfils the requirements for ERASMUS+ support.
- Almost all the Common Modules, which are an integral part of the Austrian accreditation, are also part of the International Semester.

1.4 Applications:

- Applications (use the form of Annex 1) are to be sent to: thermilak.international@bmlv.gv.at (in cc to harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at).
- Dates:
 - **Latest day of reporting participants: 8th July 2021.**
 - The lectures for the International Semester start on **5th September 2022** and end on **14th December 2022.**
 - **Arrival day** (travel day): **4th September 2021 (not earlier, not later).**
 - **Departure day** (travel day): **15th December 2021.**
- A mixture of countries/institutions causes a better increase of intercultural competences; that is why **2 Cadets per institution** are desirable. If you would like to send more Cadets/students, please get in contact with Col Gell.
- The procedure for the assignment of places is: **first reported – first booked.**



1.5 Accommodation & Meals:

- According to EMILYO-LoD 5 (framework), accommodation (**if available at the academy – see point “Accommodation”**), meals, and other expenses in relation to the education are free of charge for members of **European Union** Basic Officer Education Institutions (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982>).
- For Non-EU Members the rules follow bilateral regulations, agreements, and contracts.
- **Accommodation:**
 - During the academic year 2022/2023 the Theresan Military Academy has to face a tremendous **lack of accommodation** due to reconstructions. Even an entire own class has to be accommodated outside the Academy.
 - In due time a list of private owned accommodation possibilities (**at own expenses!**) outside the Academy will be up-loaded onto the Emilyo website at: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>.
 - Unfortunately, any confirmation of accommodation inside the Academy can be provided on **10th August 2022** earliest.

1.6 Permission for Stay

- According to national Austrian rules/law, the **permission of stay is to be requested** via the sending institutions’ country national (military) diplomatic chain of command.
- A “Request for Visit (RfV)” is to be passed via the sending country’s echelons to the sending country’s embassy in Austria.
- **Without this procedure, unfortunately Officer Cadets and civilian students do not receive a permission of stay by the Austrian Ministry of Defence and participation neither in the international semester nor in one-week modules will be possible.**



1.7 Basic Information

- Participants of the international semester may find useful (administrative) information on our homepage:
https://www.milak.at/fileadmin/milak/Ausbildung/2018/Ausbildung_International_Basic_Officer_Training/06_Basic_Documents/2018_09_18_TMA_Erasmus_Brochure_EN_Final_version.pdf
- In due time after the registration deadline a mail will be sent to all participants with the most important information.

1.8 SARS-CoV-2

- The Corona-situation changes on a daily basis.
- For the moment (as of April 2022), the Austrian Ministry of Defence gives permission for incoming military personnel only with Corona vaccination or Corona recovery. It is more than questionable if this regulation is still valid until the beginning of the International Semester.
- Any up-dated information will be passed to the sending institutions in due time.



2. Contents

2.1 Overview (according to the sequence of the modules/classes)

Class Symbol	Module / Class	ECTS	Calendar week	Dates (without travel days)	Additional participants possible (just one-week module)	Remarks
ML C	Common Module Military Leadership C (Physical Education)	2 + 2	36	05 Sep-09 Sep	yes (for the theoretical part with 2 ECTS)	Out of the 4 ECTS, 2 ECTS (practical physical education) are conducted during the entire semester.
1	Scientific Work: How to write an Essay	2	37	12 Sep-16 Sep	no	
O	Common Module Basic Military English (BME)	2	38	19 Sep-26 Sep	no	English test at the end of the week. Repatriation, if level is not achieved.
2	Creating/Writing an Essay: Basic Military English	2	39 +	starts on 26 Sep	no	To submit by 18 Nov 2022: Presentations start on 05 Dec 2022
3	Austrian Military Culture (Graduation Ceremonies)	2	40	03 Oct-08 Oct	no	+ other activities during the entire semester
L-1	Common Module Media Relations Training	2	41	10 Oct-14 Oct	no	
K-1	Common Module Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)	2	41	10 Oct-14 Oct	yes	Module K-1 is not foreseen for the international semester. It is foreseen for 1-week participants only.
L-2	Common Module Media Relations Training	2	42	17 Oct-21 Oct	yes	Module L-2 is not foreseen for the international semester. It is foreseen for 1-week participants only.
K-2	Common Module Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)	2	42	17 Oct-21 Oct	no	
J	Common Module Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)	2	43	24 Oct-28 Oct	yes	Includes the Austrian National Day on 26 Oct
4	The Role of International Organisations	1	44	31 Oct-04 Nov	no	
-	Participation in the Theresan Military Academic Forum (tMAF) + authoring essay	-	45	07 Nov-11 Nov	no	
Q	Common Module Electronic Warfare	2	46	14 Nov-18 Nov	no	
R	Common Module Gender Perspectives	2	47	21 Nov-25 Nov	yes	Pilot project
-	Preparation essay defence	-	48	28 Nov-02 Dec	no	
-	Essay defence	-	49	05 Dec-09 Dec	no	
5	German Language Training & Austrian (military) Culture	2	-	During the entire Semester.	no	
6	Language SLP (standard language proficiency) Test in English	1	50	12 Dec-13 Dec	no	SLP test for German is on voluntary basis
Total	13	26	-	-	5	



2.2 In Detail

Remark:

The detailed module descriptions of all Common Modules (here marked in blue) can be found on the EMILYO website: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/988>

Class title	Common Module ML C: Military Leadership C (Physical Education)	
Credits	4 ECTS Theoretical part (2 ECTS) at the beginning of the semester, practical part (2 ECTS) during the entire semester.	
To be covered in	International Semester and additional international participants; parts with Austrian Cadets of 1 st and/or 3 rd Semester	
Type of class	Integrated Class + Exercise	
Exam	Trainees are to be observed and are to be evaluated concerning their leadership profiles, during training sessions. Theoretical background is to be tested and graded after the theoretical part.	
Teaching Content	First Aid. General (theoretical) Sports Education.	Specific (theoretical) Sports Education. Practical Sports Education.

Class title	1: Scientific Work: How to write an Essay	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester	
Type of class	Lecture & Exercise	
Exam	Evaluation of the "mother-documents" (basics for writing essays)	
Teaching Content	Cadets should know how to create a scientific essay.	Basics are taken from the regulation " <i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to author & evaluate Essays</i> ". Available at: http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874

Class title	Common Module O: Basic Military English (BME)	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester	
Type of class	Integrated Class	
Exam	To be taken at the end of class	
Teaching Content	Campaign 2. Armed Forces & Services. Elements & Branches. Ranks. Formations, Units.	Appointments. Clothing & Equipment. Defensive Operations. Training. Terrain Orientation.



Class title	2: Scientific Work: Creating/Writing an Essay about Basic Military English	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester	
Type of class	Practical Work	
Exam	Evaluation of the submitted essay (50%) and presentation of the essay (50%) at the end of the international semester	
Teaching Content	<p>Cadets create a scientific essay. Topics are issued by the teachers of the class "Basic Military English"</p>	<p>Essays are tutored mainly by the teachers of the class "Basic Military English".</p> <p>The evaluation of essays follows the regulation "<i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to author & evaluate Essays</i>". Available from: http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874</p> <p>The presentation is evaluated according to "<i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to present Essays</i>". Available from: http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874</p>

Class title	3: Austrian Military Culture (Graduation Ceremonies)	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester – together with Austrian Cadets of 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd class	
Type of class	Seminar	
Exam	Participation	
Teaching Content	<p>Austrian military history. Austrian military culture. Basic Austrian military commands. Participation in graduation ceremonies. Taking over command as leaders for small international units.</p>	

Class title	Common Module L-1: Media Relations Training (MRT)	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 5 th Austrian Semester	
Type of class	Integrated Class	
Exam	To be taken at the end of class	
Teaching Content	<p>Managing Proper Relations with Journalists. Preparing Coherent Statements and Messages. Participating Effectively in a Press Conference. Giving an effective audio-visual Interview. Understanding the Role of the Mass Media as a Key Factor for Mission Success.</p>	



Class title	Common Module K-2: International Humanitarian Law and Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 3 rd Austrian Semester
Type of class	Integrated Class
Exam	To be taken at the end of class
Teaching Content	<p>The legal status of man in international law, in particular in the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, commonly known as the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).</p> <p>The legal status of states, international organisations and other subjects under international law.</p> <p>Key points of International Humanitarian Law.</p> <p>Sanctions of violations against the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC).</p> <p>LOAC case studies for international organisations.</p> <p>Repercussions for the military leader.</p> <p>International Court of Justice.</p> <p>Rights and obligations of POWs.</p> <p>Maintenance and enforcement of International Humanitarian Law.</p> <p>International crisis management: from the Mandate to the Rules of Engagement.</p> <p>National sovereignty caveats and reservations in international crisis management.</p> <p>UN Charter, Chapters VI, VII, and VIII.</p> <p>Borderline cases.</p>

Class title	Common Module J: Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with the 5 th Austrian Semester and additional international participants
Type of class	Integrated Class
Exam	To be taken at the end of class Grades are the average of organisational skills, performance during the syndicate works and the final test.
Pre-Course Reading	<i>In advance, an internet distance learning (IDL) has to be undergone as a pre-course reading that is made available as the so-called ILIAS course by the EU's ESDC. Links to this e-learning will be sent to all participants in due time.</i>
Teaching Content	<p>The European Union.</p> <p>The EU's Common Security and Defence Policy.</p> <p>EU Missions and Operations.</p> <p>EU relations with other international organisations (EU and partners: UN, NATO, OSCE, AU, ASEAN).</p> <p>Horizontal issues (regional aspects and neighbourhood policy, human rights, gender issues, child protection, legal aspects).</p> <p>The European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus.</p>



Class title	4: The Role of International Organisations
Credits	1 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 5 th Austrian Semester
Type of class	Integrated class
Exam	To be taken at the end of class (presentations for given topics)
Teaching Content	<p>International Organisations (IO): definition, theories, background. Differentiation of IOs in IGOs (International Governmental Organisations) and NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations). IO and international Relations. Major IOs (ASEAN, AU, Council of Europe, NATO, OECD, OPEC, OSCE, UN, WTO). Professional perspectives with respect to IOs.</p>

Class title	Common Module Q: Electronic Warfare
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 5 th Austrian Semester
Type of class	Integrated Class
Exam	Written test at the end of class and presentations on given topics
Teaching Content	<p>Electromagnetic Environment as operational environment. Threat exposure by using EMS related technology. EW actions and measures in order to ensure effective own use of the EME with own systems and force and platform protection. Consider EW with the MDMP at an echelon according to Cadets' pre-education.</p>

Class title	Common Module R: Gender Perspectives in Security and Defence
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with additional international participants
Type of class	Integrated Class
Exam	Written test(s) and/or presentations on given topics
Teaching Content	<p>Basic gender concepts – UN Resolutions, EU policy and NATO Action plan. International policy regarding gender implementation. Gender equality integration and good practices in the European military academies and universities. Impact of gender perspectives on leadership and communication process.</p>



Class title	5: German Language Training & Austrian (military) Culture
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester (parts together with Austrian Cadets)
Type of class	Seminar
Exam	Participation
Teaching Content	Basic German words. Austrian History. Cultural trips according to possibilities, such as the visit to Vienna during the Austrian National Day or visit to the Military Museum.

Class title	6: Language SLP (standard language proficiency) Test in English (German on voluntary basis)
Credits	1 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester
Type of class	Seminar
Exam	Standard tests conducted by the Austrian Language Institute
Exam Content	Listening, reading, talking, writing

Annexes:

Annex 1: Application Form

Remark:

You can download the Application Form as a Word-document from:
<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>

The Head of International Office &
Chairman of the Military Erasmus (EMILYO)
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Application Form

for participation in an international event at the
Theresan Military Academy – AUSTRIA



Do not forget to register your stay via your national (military) diplomatic chain of command!

<p>Remarks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please fill in the yellow & blue fields only. Fill in 1 form for 1 person. Click into squares to mark, click again to unmark. When concluded, send this form to: thermilak.international@bmlv.gv.at and harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at 	<p>I want to participate in the event (please click to mark the event below – the dates do not include travel days)</p>							
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<input type="checkbox"/>		CM Law of Armed Conflict 10 Oct - 14 Oct 2022	K-1	<input type="checkbox"/>		CM Gender Perspectives in Security and Defence 21 Nov - 25 Nov 2022	R	
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Additional remarks (need for special equipment, special travel arrangements, etc.)				Insert below your picture (preferably a passport picture in jpg-format or attach the picture to the mail)				
If you are not the point of contact (POC) or if more than one person will participate from your institution please fill in POC's data below (if YOU are the POC please fill in your data again)								
Male click to mark <input type="checkbox"/>	Female click to mark <input type="checkbox"/>	Rank, ac. degree(s)	FAMILY NAME		First name(s)			
POC's phone number (include country code)				POC's e-mail address(es)				