

Important information

„Infantry Officer Winter Warfare Basic Module”

Estonian Military Academy

Tartu, Estonia 12.02.–19.02.2023

How to apply for the course?

- Please use the attached Application Form (if you do not know your flight data at this stage you can forward it later on) and send it to the Estonian Military Academy's (EMA) POC Mrs Piret Tamm piret.tamm2@mil.ee
- Last date for registration is **Friday, 13 January 2023**
- Participation will be assigned in the order of registration.

Accommodation and meals

- Accommodation, teaching aids and meals will be provided free of charge. The sending organization must cover transportation costs to the nearest airport and daily allowance.
- Accommodation will be organized at the EMA dormitory or under alternative cover during exercises.
- Meals will be provided in all locations.
- All outdoor activities will be monitored by professional medics.

How to get to Tartu, Estonia?

- **Arrival on Saturday, 11 February 2023; departure on Monday, 20 February 2023**
- There are 2 airports you can use to reach Tartu.
 - **Tallinn airport** (Estonia) – connections to major European airports.
 - **Riga airport** (Latvia) – connections to major European airports.
- The EMA will provide free transport from the Tallinn (TLL)/Riga (RIX) airport to the EMA and back. A representative of the EMA will meet the participants at the Arrivals Terminal of the TLL/RIX, according to the flight information provided. Please send information about your arrival/departure times to piret.tamm2@mil.ee by 01 February 2023 at the latest.
- The Estonian Military Academy's address is Riia Street 12, Tartu.

Weather forecast

- Temperatures in Estonia in the beginning of February will probably be about 0 °C, possibly lower. Snow, cold wind and ice are just some of the expected weather events foreseeable during your stay in Tartu. Please pack and dress accordingly!

Leisure time

- Participants can enjoy their free time off on the first two days of stay in Tartu, on Saturday and Sunday, 11-12 February.

- Please don't forget to pack some casual clothing as well.
- Rest assured that card payments and cash are accepted in all shops/restaurants/bars in Estonia.

Covid-19 information

- There are no restrictions or requirements set for the course participants.
- If the epidemiological situation in Estonia changes and new regulations or restrictions are issued on national level, the EMA will inform academies sending cadets to Estonia as a first thing.

Certificate

Participants will get a certificate of participation in „Infantry Officer Winter Warfare Basic Module” (2 ECTS).

Required Equipment

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	AMOUNT	STATUS		
			Mandatory	Can be issued by EMA	Optional, not issued by EMA
FOOTWEAR	Specification	Amount			
Socks	Boot socks, cotton	Min 1 pair per course day	x		
Boot socks	Winter socks, min 70% wool	Min 3 pairs	x		
Boots	Leather shell type boots. Ensure relax fit with thick socks.	2 pairs	x	x (1 pair)	
Insoles	Warm	Min 1 pair	x		
Overboots	Send your leather boots size in advance.	1 pair		x	
Gaiters		1 pair			x
Maintenance kit for boots	Brush and polish/wax	1 set	x		
UPPER BODY	Specification	Amount	Mandatory	Can be issued by EMA	Optional, not issued by EMA
Underwear, female	Natural fabric, AVOID: metal hooks, underwired, gel-padded	Min 1 set	x		
Mesh/string shirt	Wool	1 piece			x
T-shirt	Not polyester, prefer wool.	Min 3 pieces	x		
Pullover	Insulating 1 st layer, merino wool preferred	Min 1 piece	x		
Fleece Jacket		Min 1	x	x	

Sweater	Wool	1 piece	x		
Snuggpak-type jacket	Extra insulating layer	1 piece	x		
Field uniform jacket		2 pieces	x		
Parka	With hood	1 piece	x		
Wind/waterproof cover		1 set	x		
Camouflage cover	White	1 piece	x	x	
LOWER BODY	Specification	Amount	Mandatory	Can be issued by EMA	Optional, not issued by EMA
Underwear	Short	6 sets	x		
Mesh/string pants	Wool/merino	1 set			x
Warm pants	Insulating 1 st layer, merino wool preferred	1 set	x		
Field uniform trousers		2 sets	x		
Suspenders	(preferred instead of belt)	1 set			x
Wind/waterproof covers		1 set	x		
Camouflage covers	White	1 set	x	x	
Knee pads		1 set	x		
HEADWEAR/ NECKWEAR	Specification	Amount	Mandatory	Can be issued by EMA	Optional, not issued by EMA
Winter cap	Wool	1 piece	x		
Beanie hat	(or Balaclava or similar)	1 piece	x	x	
Hunting cap	With ear/cheek flaps				x
Tube scarf	(polo neck)	1 piece	x		
Eye-pro, ear-pro, goggles		1 piece each	x	x	
HANDWEAR	Specification	Amount	Mandatory	Can be issued by EMA	Optional, not issued by EMA
Tactical gloves		Min 1 pair	x		
Thin gloves	Compatible with mittens, merino wool preferred	Min 2 pairs	x		
Mittens	(shell mitten + inner mitten)	Min 1 pair	x	x	
FIGHTING ORDER	Specification	Amount	Mandatory	Can be issued by EMA	Optional, not issued by EMA
Tactical vest (or webbing)	Including: first aid kit, knife (fixed blade), utensils, canteen (<i>CamelBak is not a substitute</i>),	1 set	x		

	survival kit (<i>min. fire starting tools</i>)				
Head torch	3x sets of respective type of batteries	1 piece	x		
Patrol pack	(day sack)	1 piece	x		
Poncho	(or tent sheet)	1 piece	x	x	
Thermos	1 liter	1 piece	x		
Tactical water bottle	0,5 liter	1 piece	x		
Multitool					x
MARCHING ORDER	Specification	Amount	Mandatory	Can be issued by EMA	Optional, not issued by EMA
Rucksack	large	1 piece	x		
Sleeping bag	Arctic (at least -20 degrees)	1 piece	x	x	
Sleeping mat		1 piece	x	x	
Hygiene kit		1 set	x		
Waterproof bag		Min 1 piece			x

- The list of mandatory equipment a participant needs and can be issued by the EMA should be sent to the EMA with application form (there is a special field in the form for listing the items).
- For any further questions or concerns about the required equipment, please contact POC Mrs Piret Tamm.