

***HELLENIC MILITARY  
ACADEMY  
OF COMBAT SUPPORT  
OFFICERS***



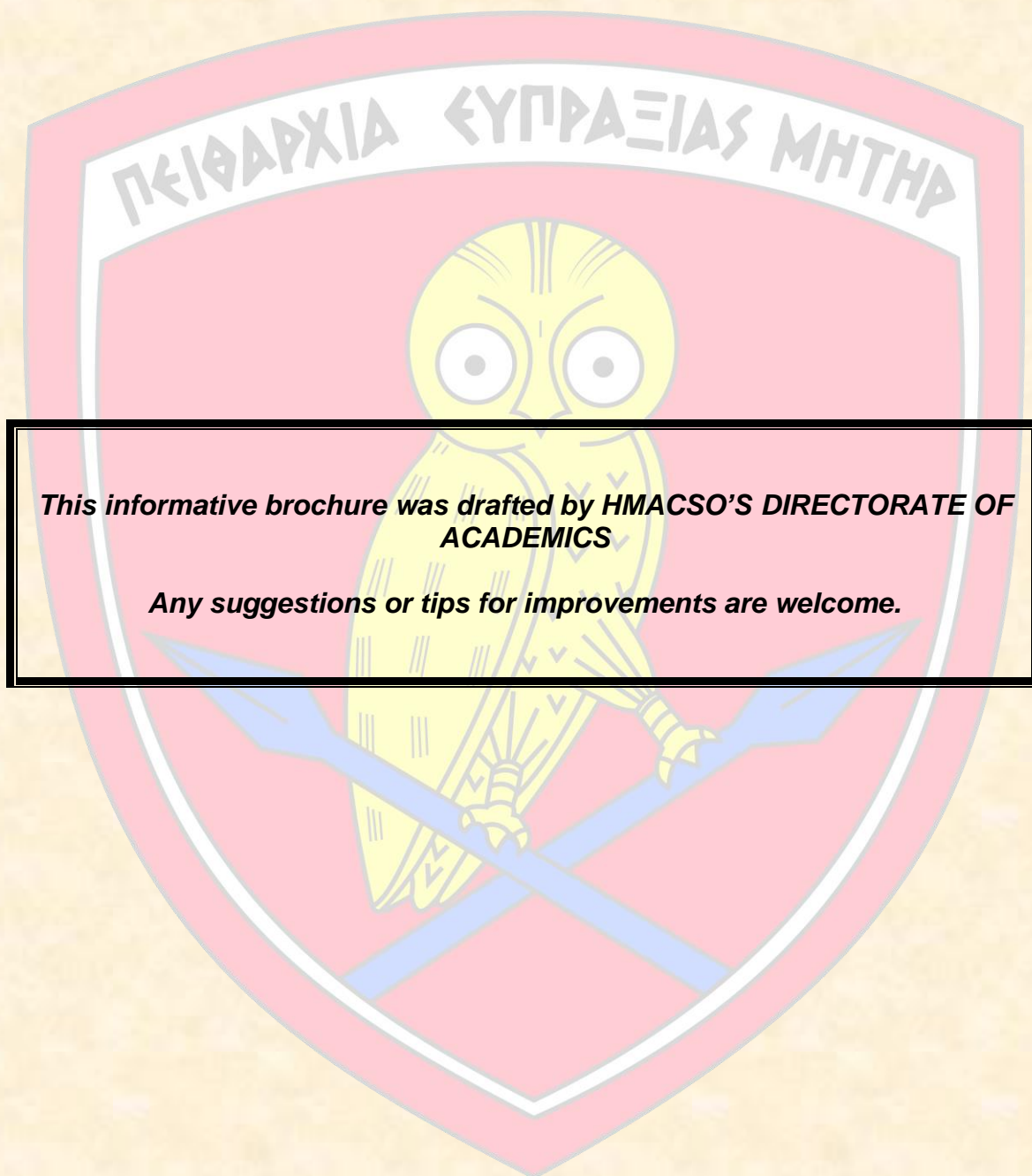
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## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The presence of military doctors in the troop units and the Healthcare Service was established by the First National Assembly at Epidaurus in 1822, during the Greek War of Independence. In 1835, German Philhellene Treiber was appointed Head of the Healthcare Service.



In 1863, military doctors, who until then served as military employees, were fully integrated into the ranks of officers.

In 1911, the recruitment practice of Healthcare Officers changed. Up until then, Medical School graduates were directly recruited into officer grades, whereas after 1911, High School graduates were first sent to Lyon Military Medical School in France. However, due to the required amount of expenses as well as the different educational practices in the French Army, the need to create a Hellenic Military Academy based on French standards soon became urgent.

Law No. 4094/1929 and the Legislative Decree of 30.12.1925 established the Military Medical Academy, which was first housed in the 430 Military Hospital of Athens, known as "Elpis" (Hope). The first Commander of the Academy was



a Medical Officer [Col (MD) Charalampos Flokos]. The Academy was later relocated to Rouf General Warehouse and shortly thereafter, in June 1935, it ceased to operate.

In 1937, the Hellenic Military Services Academy was established. With its headquarters in the French Hospital of Athens, the Academy consisted of four Departments: Healthcare Department, Department of Recruitment, Department of Managers and Department of Automobiles. Due to the outbreak of the Second World War, the cadets were recruited as soldiers and no healthcare student managed to acquire a medical degree.

In 1945, the Healthcare Department of the Hellenic Military Academy (Evelpidon) was founded, however the need for an autonomous Military Medical Academy soon became clear. Thus, in 1946, the Academy operation was ceased.

On 6th of July 1946, the Supreme Military Council announced the establishment of the Military Medical Academy (SIS), based in Thessaloniki, academically supported by the newly established Medical School of Aristotle University. The relocation of the Academy in Thessaloniki emphasized the strategic importance that Greek State placed in Macedonia. High School graduates would enroll in the Academy according to their performance in special exams and they would be required to serve in the Army for 20 years. The first Commander of the Academy was Colonel Doctor Syllaidopoulos.



Following an order of the Hellenic Army General Staff on 19th November 1946, the Military Medical School was temporarily established in the 401 Athens Military Hospital until January 1947 when it resumed operation in Thessaloniki. On 5th April 1947, the Academy was established in the building of the former German School; it finally commenced its operations on 1st August 1947.

In December 1958, the Academy was relocated to the "Kottas" military camp in the wider area of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and in 1962, foreign students, initially from Jordan and later from other Arabic countries, enrolled in the Academy for the first time.

In June 1970, the Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers was founded by Legislative Decree 562/1970. Located in Thessaloniki and operating under the authority of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, its purpose was to provide the appropriate scientific and military training for the needs of the Armed Forces in the following specialties: (a) Healthcare Officers: Doctors, Dentists, Veterinarians, Pharmacists, (b) Judicial, Recruitment and Finance Officers. The Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers began operating on 5th September 1970.

In 1971 was decided the subordination of Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers to Hellenic National Defense General Staff.

In February 1981, after the separation of the "Kottas" military camp into two separated, the camp in which the Academy was housed was named "Captain (MD) Fokas Military Camp".

In 1989, for the first time, a woman enrolled in the Academy and in 2005, the Department of Psychologists was established as the latest addition to the Academy.

In 2010 was decided the merge of the Recruitment Department and the Law Department to one and is now referred as Law Department.

## MISSION OF THE ACADEMY

The mission of the Academy is to provide cadets with up-to-date scientific and military education in a harmonious combination. This combined education aims to form Commissioned Officers capable of meeting the needs of the Hellenic Armed Forces in the following Corps:

- ❖ Medical Corps (Doctors, Dentists, Veterinarians, Pharmacists, Psychologists)
- ❖ Finance Corps
- ❖ Law Corps

The mission of the Academy is illustrated in its emblem and motto.

### The Emblem

The owl, as a sacred bird and a symbol of the goddess Athena, has always represented wisdom and science. Seated on two spears, it symbolizes wisdom (scientific education), which remains vigilant on arms (military education).

### **The Motto: "Obedience, is the mother of Success"**

*"When you invoke the gods, do not be ill-advised. For Obedience is the mother of Success, wife of Salvation"* (Aeschylus, Seven Against Thebes: 223-225).



The chorus of the Theban women asks the gods to save the city from the disaster that is looming. Eteocles tells them to stop crying and comply with his orders, because it is Obedience that generates Success. Obedience is the primary force that preserves the cohesion of the Army and makes all other military virtues useful and fruitful. This is the reason it was also set forth as the main principle of the Academy. And

while obedience places a lot of weight on military personnel's shoulders, it is the weight of the shield they have to bear and not that of a yoke.

## ACADEMY SPECIALTIES

The Academy Cadets belong to one of the following specialties, each one corresponding to the different Corps and Specialties the Cadets are commissioned into upon graduation:

- ❖ Medicine
- ❖ Dentistry
- ❖ Veterinary Medicine
- ❖ Pharmaceutics
- ❖ Psychology
- ❖ Economy
- ❖ Recruitment - Military Legal Advisors

## **ORGANISATION**

The Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers is an independent Joint Military Formation of Brigade level and operates under the authority of the Deputy Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff.

The position of the commanding officer is held by a Major General and the main divisions of the Academy associated with Cadets' education are the Directorate of Academics and the Cadet's Battalion.

The Directorate of Academics (commanded by a Colonel originating from the Academy) is responsible for the proper organization, management, coordination and supervision of academic and military education. The Cadet's Battalion, simulating the structure and organization of an operational Infantry Battalion and consisting of three Cadet Companies, has a mission to develop Cadets' national and ethical education, enhance their leadership skills, provide applied military and physical education as well as organize daily life in the Academy in accordance with Army standards and rules of conduct.

6<sup>th</sup> Year Cadets are the commanding class of the Cadet's Battalion.

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING - UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

The Academy offers both academic and military education, striving to achieve the perfect balance between these two types of education.

Academic education, which covers the greatest part of the curriculum, takes place at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Depending on their specialty, Cadets attend courses in the corresponding Departments of the University (Departments of Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmaceutics, Psychology, Economics and Law), together with civilian students. Cadets practice in the laboratories and clinics of the University and have the same obligations as civilian students. The total duration of academic studies for each Department is as follows:

- ❖ 6 years for School of Medicine
- ❖ 5 years for School of Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Pharmaceutical
- ❖ 4 years for School Psychology
- ❖ 4 years for Faculties of Economics and Law



Military education mostly takes place at the Academy's premises and includes military courses and applied military training.

The aim of military courses is to provide Cadets with knowledge of the main regulations of the Hellenic Armed Forces as well as of the regulations and legislation pertaining to the Corps into which Cadets will be commissioned upon graduation.

Applied military training includes day and night field training. Cadets are trained on subjects such as individual fighter tactics, small infantry echelon exercises, plied military tactics and physical exercises. More specifically, during each academic year, the applied military training includes:

- ❖ Basic Cadet Training for three (3) weeks, designed to introduce new Cadets to military life
- ❖ Winter survival training with the participation of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year Cadets after the completion of the February exam period of the University
- ❖ Three-week long summer survival training with the participation of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Cadets in Poseidi, Chalkidiki region after the completion of the June exam period of the University.
- ❖ The completion of this activity marks the end of the annual military training cycle.



## **ACCREDITATION**

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, where the academic education of the Cadets takes place, is a public state-accredited Tertiary Education Institution. It has been accredited by the Hellenic Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (HQA) for its compliance with national and European standards in Internal Quality Assurance Systems, while the study programs offered are systematically evaluated.

## **ACADEMIC PERSONNEL AND MILITARY TEACHING**

### **STAFF**

The academic personnel include professors of various ranks, lecturers and researchers belonging to the Departments of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki which are related to the Cadets' specialties.

The military teaching staff comprises officers belonging to the Academy as well as visiting officers specialized in various scientific and military studies.

### **CURRICULUM - SYLLABUS**

As regards the academic courses, the curriculum is defined by the academic personnel of all related Departments of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Detailed information on the academic curriculum of each Department may be found on their corresponding websites as follows:

Department of Medicine: <https://www.med.auth.gr/en>

Department of Dentistry: <https://www.dent.auth.gr/?q=en>

Department of Veterinary Medicine: <https://www.vet.auth.gr/en/>

Department of Pharmaceutics: <https://www.pharm.auth.gr/en>

Department of Psychology: <https://www.psy.auth.gr/en>

Department of Economics: <https://www.econ.auth.gr/en/econ>

Department of Law: <https://www.law.auth.gr/en>

Military courses are defined by the Academy Regulation and include courses common to all Cadets as well as speciality-specific courses. More specifically:

#### **Common Military Courses**

- ❖ General Military Regulations
- ❖ Armed Forces Organisation & Military Logistics
- ❖ Military English
- ❖ Leadership and Management
- ❖ Military Correspondence
- ❖ Contemporary Military History
- ❖ Military Criminal Law
- ❖ International Law
- ❖ Art of War
- ❖ Nuclear, Biological, Chemical War
- ❖ Principles of Medical Support

- ❖ Hierarchy and Promotions

### **Finance Specialty Courses**

- ❖ Financial Management
- ❖ Principles of Financial Audit
- ❖ Financial Services Organisation
- ❖ Military Procurement / Contracts
- ❖ Computerised Accounting

### **Recruitment/Legal Specialty Courses**

- ❖ Recruitment Regulation
- ❖ Recruitment Services Organization
- ❖ Military Legal Advice Offices

### **Psychology Specialty Courses**

- ❖ Psychosocial Care

## **ECTS CREDITS AND DIPLOMA**

On the basis of European and national legislation, ECTS credits are awarded to Cadets for the successful completion of academic courses. The detailed allocation of ECTS credits per course as well as the total amount of credits needed for graduation are defined by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and its academic personnel.

When Cadets fulfil all prerequisites for graduation defined by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (successful completion of all compulsory and elective courses as well as a dissertation or unremunerated training when needed), Cadets are awarded a bachelor's degree (Ptychion), which is classified as a Level 6 qualification in the European Qualifications Framework.

## **PREREQUISITES**

High school graduates enroll in the Academy according to their scholastic performance in the nationwide university admission tests and following successful completion of additional physical, health and mental testing (Preliminary Tests).

All relevant information for the enrolment of new Cadets is published annually, approximately in early March, by the Ministry of National Defence in a Circular Order, which is also posted on the website of the Academy.

## **GRADUATION - PROMOTION - CAREER**

Cadets are required to graduate from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in order to be able to graduate from the Academy. As noted above, the total duration of academic studies is four to six years, depending on the Department in which a Cadet attends courses. Cadets are able to extend their academic studies for a maximum of two years; if the above limit is exceeded and Cadets have not fulfilled all prerequisites for graduation from Aristotle University, they are expelled from the Academy and are required to compensate the State financially.

Cadets who successfully graduate from the Academy are named Second Lieutenants, Ensigns or Pilot Officers, depending on the Armed Forces branch to which they are commissioned (Army, Navy or Air Force, respectively), with the exception of Cadets of the Recruitment - Military Legal Advisors specialty. These latter are named Second Lieutenants and serve in units and services of all three branches of the Armed Forces. In addition, a limited number of Medical specialty Cadets may be commissioned as officers of the Hellenic Police.



Academy graduates are obliged to remain in the ranks of the Armed Forces after graduation for double the total duration of their studies, i.e. 12 years for Doctors, 10 years for Dentists, Veterinarians and Pharmacists and 8 years for Psychologists, Financial Officers and Recruitment - Military Legal Advisors.

They serve in units and services of the three branches of the Armed Forces related to the Corps they belong to, i.e. military hospitals and pharmaceuticals warehouses, military veterinary hospitals, mental health support units, recruitment services, legal support offices, expenditure auditing and financial management posts.

They may also serve in NATO posts abroad as well as participate in EU / NATO missions and Peace Support Operations. In addition, Military Doctors, Dentists and Veterinarians are allowed to practice Medicine as freelance professionals under Private Law.

All graduates of the Academy evolve into excellent scientist officers, with military and academic recognition. They are able to pursue postgraduate or doctoral studies in Universities of Greece or abroad, participate in real-world research and create connections through a variety of professional clubs.

The graduates' promotion prerequisites are defined in detail by corresponding regulations and legislation.

## **ACTIVITIES (DOMESTIC)**

Cadets take part in a wide range of activities, both domestically and internationally.

Firstly, Cadets participate in cadet groups as follows:

- ❖ Track and field, team sports and individual sports groups, participate in annual Armed Forces and University competitions as well as in various sports events.
- ❖ Byzantine and European music choir, orchestra and traditional dance groups participate in musical and artistic events organised inside as well as outside the Academy
- ❖ Drill Platoon, which performs exhibitions during official ceremonies (national holidays, oath-taking, etc.) in Thessaloniki.
- ❖ "Proseggiseis" (Approaches) scientific magazine group. First published in October 1986, "Proseggiseis" is a magazine published every four months, which aims to highlight students' opinions and scientific work, while also hosting interesting research and views of scholars outside the Academy.

The Academy also organises lectures on topics of general interest with the participation of renowned guests, as well as educational visits to:

- ❖ museums (archaeological, war and byzantine culture museums),
- ❖ religious sites (Mount Athos),
- ❖ historical sites (forts, war battlefields, etc.) and
- ❖ army units and formations (4th Army Corps, 1st Raider/Paratrooper Brigade, 71st Airborne Brigade, Tactical Air Force Command, Fleet Headquarters).

Furthermore, Cadets participate in activities pertaining to their speciality, such as conferences, conventions, symposiums, student associations and exchange programs, both domestically and internationally. This enables them to familiarize themselves with rapid changes and modern concepts introduced in their specialities as well as come in contact with prominent scientists and fellow students from around the world.



## ACTIVITIES (INTERNATIONAL)

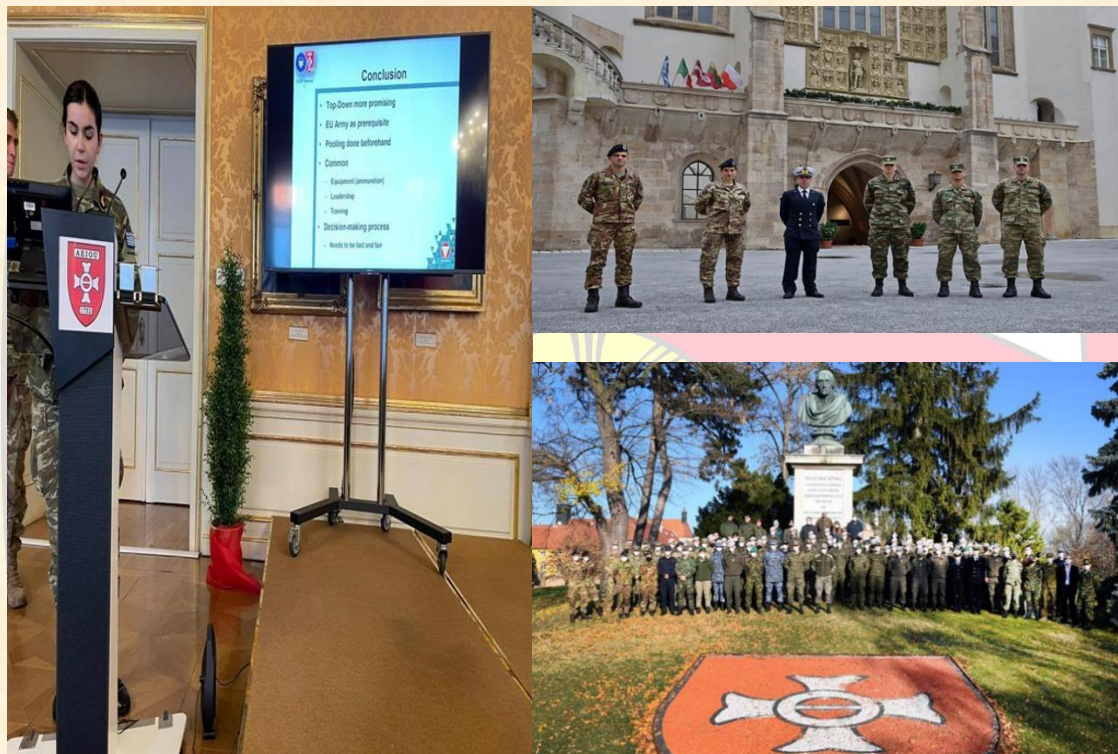
In February 2018 the academy began to participate in the activities of the ESDC and more precisely in the activities of the EMILYO's Implementation Group. For our Academy was a great challenge to improve the education of cadets, through co-education with other military academies.

Two years later, in February 2020, the first medical common module entitled Biosafety and Bioterrorism was organized by Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers.

In 2020 our Academy received the certification as a acceding member of the ESDC Executive Academic Board.



Furthermore from 2020 more than 40 academy's cadets participated in common modules conducted by other European Union member States military Academies, co-operating with their counterparts from Royal Military Academy in Belgium, Theresan Military Academy in Austria, and School of Applied Military Studies in Italy.



## **FACILITIES**

The Academy complex comprises the following facilities:

- ❖ Administration Headquarters of the Academy (which includes the Academy Commander's office)
- ❖ 4th Company's Cadet buildings, of which three are currently in use; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Company's Cadet building houses the Cadet Battalion Commander
- ❖ Directorate of Studies (which includes the Director's office)
- ❖ Restaurant
- ❖ Recreation Hall
- ❖ Computer Room
- ❖ Gym
- ❖ Library
- ❖ Studying Rooms
- ❖ Conference Hall



## TRANSPORTATION

The Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers is located in Thessaloniki. Visitors may reach the city of Thessaloniki by bus, train or airplane. The entry points of the city are the following:

- ❖ Central Bus Terminal "Macedonia"
- ❖ Central Railway Station of Thessaloniki
- ❖ "Macedonia" Airport of Thessaloniki

Visitors may reach the Academy from the aforementioned entry points by urban buses (No. 2K, 12,14).

The Academy is adjacent to the Aristotle University Campus and the University of Macedonia and only a 15-minute walk away from the city Centre.

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## OFFICIAL SITE

The official website of the Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers, is <https://ssas.army.gr/>