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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.
 - Fulfilling the respective national physical standards of the sending institution.
 - **Basic** managerial and leadership competences.
 - **Basic** negotiation and problem solving skills.
- **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 (100 days). This fulfils the requirements for ERASMUS+ support.
- 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: 5th July 2024.**
 - The lectures for the International Semester start on **2nd September 2024** and end on **11th December 2024.**
 - **Arrival day** (travel day): **1st September 2024 (not earlier, not later).**
 - **Departure day** (travel day): **12th December 2024.**
 - Exceptions from the arrival/departure days – mentioned above – are to be negotiated with the sending institution in advance.
- 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 the Theresan Military Academy (thermilak.international@bmlv.gv.at) before sending the application forms.
- Because of the limited number of accommodation, 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 2024/2025 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.
 - Cadets who will be **reported and accepted** by the set deadline of **5th July 2024** will have accommodation inside the Academy for free.
 - For **civilian students** and **later reported Cadets** unfortunately, any confirmation of accommodation inside the Academy can be provided on **12th August 2023** earliest.
 - 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> for the case that we will not have enough available accommodation.

1.6 Permission for Stay / Request for Visit (RfV)

- 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/05_TMA_Erasmus_Brochure_EN.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

- Any up-dated information will be passed to the sending institutions in due time.
- So far (April 2024) there are not any restrictions anymore. We recommend taking FFP-2 masks along because some medical facilities still require masks.



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
O	Common Module Basic Military English (BME)	2	36	02 Sep-06 Sep	yes	English test at the end of the week. Repatriation, if level is not achieved.
MLC	Common Module Military Leadership C (Physical Education)	2 + 2	37	09 Sep-13 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	38	16 Sep-20 Sep	no	
2	Creating/Writing an Essay: Basic Military English	2	38+	starts on 20 Sep	no	To submit by 22 Nov 2024: Presentations start on 02 Dec 2024
5	German Language Training & Austrian (military) Culture	2	38+-	During the entire Semester.	no	
3	Austrian Military Culture (incl. graduation ceremonies)	2	39	23 Sep- 28 Sep	no	+ other activities during the entire semester
L	Common Module Media Relations Training	2	40	30 Sep-04 Oct	no	
TMAF	Participation in the Theresan Military Academic Forum (TMAF) + authoring essay	2	41	07 Oct-11 Oct	yes (see TMAF-rules)	
K	Common Module Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)	2	42	14 Oct-18 Oct	no	
J	Common Module Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)	2	43	21 Oct-25 Oct	yes	Includes the Austrian National Day on 26 Oct (voluntarily for additional participants)
2	Authoring essay BME	-	44	28 Oct-31 Oct	no	
Q	Common Module Electronic Warfare (EW)	2	45	04 Nov-08 Nov	no	
4	The Role of International Organisations	1	46	11 Nov-15 Nov	no	+ authoring essay
2	Authoring essay BME	-	47	18 Nov-22 Nov	no	
2	Preparation essay defence BME	-	48	25 Nov-29 Nov	no	
2	Essay defence BME	-	49	02 Dec-05 Dec	no	
6	Language SLP (standard language proficiency) Test in English & German	1	50	09 Dec-10 Dec	no	SLP test for English is mandatory; for German it is on voluntary basis
Total	13	26			4	



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 O: Basic Military English (BME)	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester – together with additional international participants	
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	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/olympiad_csdp_preparation_for_cadets



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 by Officers of the Theresan Military Academy.</p> <p>The evaluation of essays follows the regulation "<i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to author & evaluate Essays</i>". Available at: http://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad_csdp_preparation_for_cadets</p> <p>The presentation is evaluated according to "<i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to present Essays</i>". Available at: http://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad_csdp_preparation_for_cadets</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	<p>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.</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: 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.</p>	<p>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	TMAF: Theresan Military Academic Forum
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 5 th Austrian Semester and other international participants
Type of class	Integrated class
Exam	Participation (observation) and authoring team-essays
Teaching Content	See TMAF website: https://www.milak.at/en/tmaf2024 See EMILYO website: http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878

Class title	Common Module K: 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	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	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.

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	Test & presentations for given topics & competences for negotiation techniques.
Teaching Content	International Organisations (IO): definition, theories, background. Terms and definitions of UN, EU, NATO, OSCE.

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, talking, reading, writing. For English the SLP is mandatory – for German the SLP is on voluntary basis. For English native speakers there is an own approach negotiated with the sending institution.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Application Form

The Head of International Office &
 Chairman of the Military Erasmus (EMILYO) Implementation
 Group:

Remark:

You can download the Application Form as a Word-document from:

<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>



 (Col Assoc. Prof. Hon. Sen. GELL, PhD (habil.), MSc, MSD, MBA)



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 with a Request for Visit (RfV)!

Remarks: 1. Please fill in the yellow & blue fields only. 2. Fill in 1 form for 1 person. 3. Click into squares to mark, click again to unmark. 4. When concluded, send this form to: thermilak.international@bmlv.gv.at and harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at	I want to participate in the event (please click to mark the event below – the dates do not include travel days)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entire International Semester / 02 Sep - 11 Dec 2024		Int'l Sem
<input type="checkbox"/>	CM Basic Military English 02 Sep - 06 Sep 2024 (part 1)	<input type="radio"/> O	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CM Military Leadership C 09 Sep - 13 Sep 2024 (part 1)	<input type="radio"/> ML C	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theresan Military Academic Forum 07 Oct – 11 Oct 2024 Please use also TMAF registration!	<input type="radio"/> T M A F	<input type="checkbox"/>
			CM Common Security and Defence Policy 21 Oct - 25 Oct 2024
			Other event (please specify)

Male <small>click to mark</small>	Female <small>click to mark</small>	Rank, ac. degree(s)	FAMILY NAME	Forename(s) / First name(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Date of birth <small>DD MM YYYY</small>	Nationality	Passport or ID number	Passport or ID validity until
Click for date			Click for date

Branch of Service (if available)	Sending institution's name	I want to participate as <small>(click to mark)</small>			
		Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Instructor <input type="checkbox"/>	Observer <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Phone number (if available) <small>please include country code</small>	E-mail address(es)
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Arrival by plane <small>(click to mark)</small>	Arrival by train <small>(click to mark)</small>	Arrival by bus <small>(click to mark)</small>	Arrival by own car <small>(click to mark)</small>	Location of arrival <small>(as precise as possible to assure transport)</small>	Arrival date	Arrival time
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Departure by plane <small>(click to mark)</small>	Departure by train <small>(click to mark)</small>	Departure by bus <small>(click to mark)</small>	Departure by own car <small>(click to mark)</small>	Location of departure <small>(as precise as possible to assure transport)</small>	Departure date	Departure time
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Special dietary or food requirements due to medical or religious reasons <small>(click to mark)</small>	If yes, please specify food you cannot eat
No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional remarks <small>(need for special equipment, special travel arrangements, etc.)</small>	Insert below your picture <small>(preferably a passport picture in jpg-format or attach the picture to the mail)</small>
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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 <small>click to mark</small>	Female <small>click to mark</small>	Rank, ac. degree(s)	FAMILY NAME	First name(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
POC's phone number (include country code)			POC's e-mail address(es)	