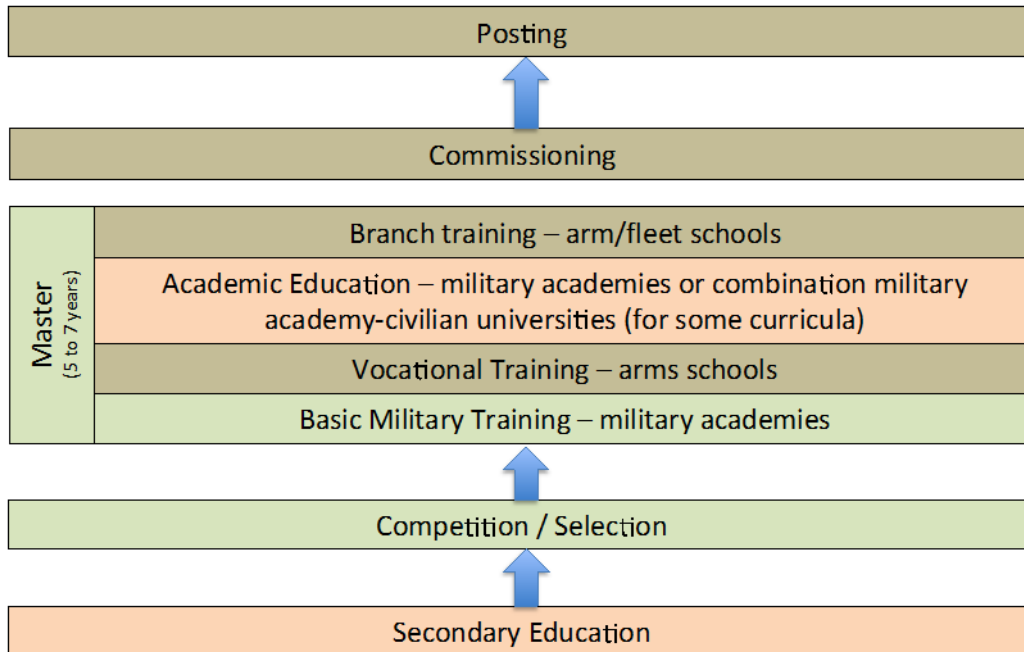




ITALY

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



The basic education and training of the officers of the Italian Army, Navy, Air Force and Gendarmerie (*Carabinieri*) rests on a network of three structures: the Military Academy – training both Army and Gendarmerie officers – the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy.

These institutions organise the basic academic education as well as the vocational training of the future military elites upon direct recruitment but it collaborates also with civilian universities as concerns the organisation of specialised academic curricula, such as in the engineering sciences. Every Italian officer must obtain a master degree, which is organised in a different way and with different lengths according to the service and the military profession chosen by the military student.

One must also note that, in the Italian basic education system, the academies are fully integrated in the European Higher Education Area. They have pushed this integration forward in including the vocational training into the scope of the master curriculum, making the training a pillar of equal value to the academic training for the award of the commissioning diploma.

Academic curricula

Master	Master in Law
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Number of cadets first year: 65

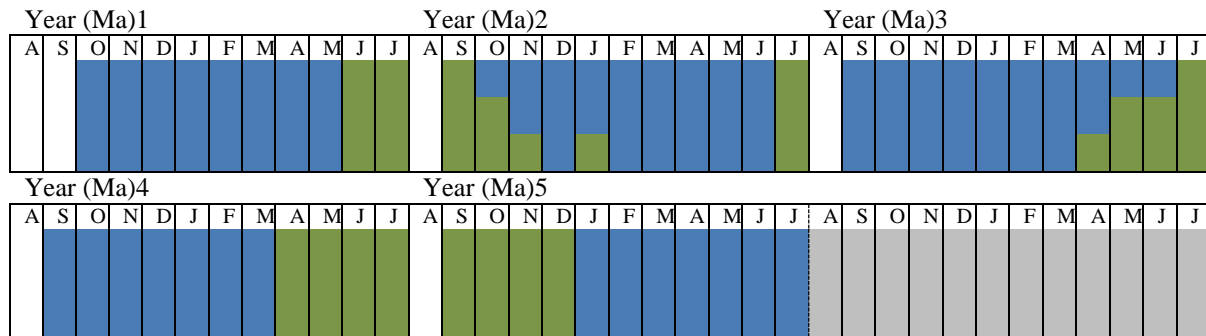
Military specialisations

All specialisations	Military Academy (Modena)
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Total number of cadets: 321

Organisation of the basic officers' education

Master:



Integration in the European Higher Education Area

Academic education:

Credit system			Learning outcomes (described and used)	Internal quality assurance mechanisms		External quality assurance mechanisms		Recognition of education taken abroad
Nature	Ba	Ma		Following the European Standards and Guidelines	Involving the students	National accreditation	Involving EQAR agencies	
ECTS	180	120	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

Vocational training:

Credit system			Learning outcomes (described and used)	Internal quality assurance mechanisms		National accreditation	Recognition of training done abroad
Nature	Ba	Ma		Following the European Standards and Guidelines	Involving the trainees		
ECTS	NK	NK	N	Y	Y	Y	N

<u>Doctoral studies</u>	<u>Forefront expertise and research fields of the main institution</u>
Doctoral studies of Italian Gendarmerie officers do not take place at the Guardia di Finanza Academy.	The Academy has not implemented research activities within its premises.

An exchange culture

Number of military students sent abroad on an exchange in 2013-2014: NK

Annual trip abroad (European Union) is assured to cadets by visiting foreign police and armed forces.

Context:

Erasmus charter signed	Member of fora	Use of the framework arrangement	Joint degrees with European military institutions
N		N	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	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	CSDP	N

Learning of, learning in foreign languages

At the Academy during entire education, the military students must learn English language. The Guardia di Finanza Academy, besides, progressively develops its offer of courses and training to be provided in English language.

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

	Speak	Write	Read	Listen/Understand
Bachelor curriculum	B2 / SLP 2	B2 / SLP 2	B2 / SLP 2	B2 / SLP 2
Master curriculum	SLP 3	SLP 3	SLP 3	SLP 3

Before and beyond basic education

The future military officers are recruited among the young nationals who are graduated from secondary education and who have successfully complied with medical, physical and psychological standards. In addition, the candidates must succeed at a general knowledge examination (including, history, geography).

In the course of their career, the Italian Guardia di Finanza officers will receive additional education and training at an advanced level.