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HELLENIC ARMY ACADEMY
INTERNATIONAL SPRING SEMESTER
2027



International Spring Semester 2026

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Curriculum

No.	Module/Class	ECTS	Dates
1	CM Common Security & Defence Policy (CSDP)	2	15 Feb – 19 Feb
2	CM Law of Armed Conflict (LoAC)	2	22 Feb – 26 Feb
3	CM Cross Cultural Communication	2	01 Mar – 05 Mar
4	CM Electronic Warfare	2	08 Mar– 12 Mar
5	CM Comprehensive Approach	4	15 Mar – 19 Mar 22 Mar – 26 Mar
6	CM Cyber Security	2	29 Mar – 02 Apr
7	CM Cultural Awareness	2	05 Apr - 09 Apr
8	CM Military Leadership A (Tactics)	2	12 Apr – 16 Apr
9	CM Military Leadership B (Leadership Training)	2	19 Apr – 23 Apr
Easter Holidays			24 Apr-09 May
11	CM Interoperability	6	10 May – 14 May 17 May – 21 May 24 May – 28 May
12	Military Leadership C (Physical Training)	4	15 Feb – 28 May
13	Cultural Visits		31 May – 01 Jun
14	Graduation		02 Jun










HERCULES TRIALS
32h
MILITARY COMPETITION

HERCULES TRIALS
Competition Overview

6 Teams | 6 Members per Team

9–10 February 2027 | YMITTOS Training Area

TEAM ORGANIZATION

06	06	05 MEN + 01 WOMAN
TEAMS	MEMBERS PER TEAM	PER TEAM

EQUIPMENT

Each academy may bring its own equipment and gear.

SHOOTING CERTIFICATE

Each cadet must provide a shooting certificate confirming they are qualified to fire.

EVALUATORS

One evaluator per team.

HERCULES TRIALS
Competition Programme
12 Trials | Four 8-Hour Periods

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PERIOD 1 | PHYSICAL & MOUNTAINEERING CHALLENGES
TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY | 08:00–16:00

- → **TRIAL 01** Team Building Challenge Training (Obstacle Course)
- → **TRIAL 02** HPDT (High Physical Demand Tasks)
- → **TRIAL 03** Tower Climbing
- → **TRIAL 04** Military & Mountaineering Knots

PERIOD 2 | SHOOTING RANGE
TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY | 16:00–00:00

- → **TRIAL 05** Day Shooting Range
- → **TRIAL 06** Night Shooting Range

PERIOD 3 | NIGHT LAND NAVIGATION
WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY | 00:00–08:00

- → **TRIAL 07** Night Land Navigation (Map & Compass)

PERIOD 4 | SQUAD STX
WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY | 08:00–16:00

- → **TRIAL 08** Hasty Fighting Position
- → **TRIAL 09** Artillery Fire Cover
- → **TRIAL 10** Op.-Order (Offensive Operations)
- → **TRIAL 11** 9-Line MEDEVAC, CASEVAC with Litter
- → **TRIAL 12** CQB

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ELEMENTS

✓ Improvised Explosive Device Report ✓ Detainee Operations ✓ MOPP Procedures ✓ Camouflage

HERCULES TRIALS
Trial Details
Trials 2 & 4

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TRIAL 2
HIGH PHYSICAL DEMAND TASKS

- Carry Sandbags
- Drag Casualty to Safety
- Remove Casualty from Vehicle
- Employ Hand Grenades
- Move Under Direct Fire
- Move Over 2m Wall

TRIAL 4
MILITARY & MOUNTAINEERING KNOTS

- Prusik
- Swiss Seat / Improvised Harness
- Bowline / Yosemite Bowline
- Clove Hitch / Double Clove Hitch
- Bunny Ears / Figure-Eight Retie
- Figure-Eight on a Bight
- Figure-Eight Knot

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Trial Details
Trials 5, 6, 7, 8 & 11

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TRIAL 5 | DAY SHOOTING RANGE

M1911, G3, Minimi

TRIAL 6 | NIGHT SHOOTING RANGE

G3 and Minimi with night-vision optics

TRIAL 7 | NIGHT LAND NAVIGATION

Map, compass, 5–6 points

TRIAL 8 | HASTY FIGHTING POSITION

Construct a shell crater (2 to 3 feet wide that offers immediate cover)
No one should be shown lying down as if sleeping at night.

TRIAL 11 | MEDEVAC / CASEVAC

Casualty evacuation by litter.

Participants will receive a booklet before the competition with everything they need to prepare for the assessed tasks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION



-All Meals will be provided by the HAA
-Transportation From/to Athens International Airport
-Accommodation (Premises of the HAA and in the Field)
-Cultural Visit
-Military Equipment will be provided

Participation Requirements

- Good Shape – Physically Fit No major Injuries
- Language requirements: **English – B2 or NATO STANAG Lvl 2**
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY…
  Curiosity – Willigness to learn…



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