



Austria

Theresan Military Academy

Institute for Basic Officer Education



Curriculum

for the

International

Winter Semester

2026



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1. Introduction

1.1 Pre-conditions for Participation in the International Semester

- Only military **Officer Cadets / Midshipmen** – 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 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** cadets / midshipmen / civilian students 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*” during the semester’s beginning. **Those cadets / midshipmen / 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.
- Dates:
 - **Latest day of reporting participants: 3rd July 2026.**
 - The lectures for the International Semester start on **31st August 2026** and end on **10th December 2026**.
 - **Arrival day** (travel day): **30th August 2026 (not earlier, not later).**
 - **Departure day** (travel day): **11th December 2026.**
 - 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 very limited number of accommodations, the procedure for the assignment of places is: **first reported – first booked.**
- Because of the limited number of accommodation, we prioritise those institutions, which also take Austrian Cadets for a semester abroad.



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 (<https://www.emilyo.eu/lod-5-framework>).
- For Non-EU Members the rules follow bilateral regulations, agreements, and contracts.
- **Accommodation:**
 - During the academic year 2026/2027 the Theresan Military Academy has to face a **lack of accommodation**.
 - Cadets who will be **reported and accepted** by the set deadline of **3rd July 2026** 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 **7th August 2026** 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: <https://www.emilyo.eu/mobility-offers-multiplier-events> for the case that we will not have enough accommodation available.

1.6 Permission for Stay / Request for Visit (RfV)

- According to the international rules/laws, 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 or Defence Attaché in Austria.



- **Without this RfV-procedure, unfortunately Officer Cadets, Midshipmen, 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 2026) there are not any restrictions anymore. We recommend taking an FFP-2 mask along because some medical facilities still require masks.

1.9 Medical Treatment

- First aid will be provided in our military medical facilities.
- Any further treatments – also dental treatment or treatments in civilian facilities – are at own expenses.
- **We strongly recommend arranging a medical insurance valid for Austria.**



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	31 Aug-04 Sep	yes	English test at the end of the week. Repatriation, if level is not achieved.
ML C	Common Module Military Leadership C (Physical Education)	2 + 2	37	07 Sep-11 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	14 Sep-18 Sep	no	
2	Creating/Writing an Essay: Basic Military English	2	38+	starts on 18 Sep	no	To submit by 20 Nov 2026 : Presentations start on 28 Nov 2026
5	German Basic Language Training & Austrian (military) Culture	2	38+-	During the entire Semester	no	
3	Austrian Military Culture (incl. graduation ceremonies)	2	39	21 Sep-25 Sep	no	+ other activities during the entire semester
4	The Role of International Organisations	1	40	28 Sep-02 Oct	no	+ authoring essay (module 2)
L	Common Module Media Relations Training	2	41 + 42	05 Oct-09 Oct and 12 Oct-16 Oct	yes	Alternating with module 2 (half of the int'l Cadets/Midshipmen)
J	Common Module Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)	2	43	19 Oct-23 Oct	yes	
R	Common Module CMO/PSO-C (Coy-level)	2	44	27 Oct-30 Oct	no	On 26 Oct participation in Austrian National Day
Q	Common Module Electronic Warfare (EW)	2	45 + 46	02 Nov-06 Nov and 09 Nov-13 Nov	no	Alternating with module 2 (half of the int'l Cadets/Midshipmen)
K	Common Module Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)	2	47 + 49	16 Nov-20 Nov and 30 Nov-04 Dec	yes	Alternating with module 2 (half of the int'l Cadets/Midshipmen)
6	Language SLP (standard language proficiency) Test in English & German	1	48	24 Nov-25 Nov	no	SLP test for English is mandatory; for German it is on voluntary basis
2	Essay defence BME	-	48	26 Nov-27 Nov	no	
-	Final Ceremony	-	50	10 Dec at 10:00 hrs.	no	After the final ceremony departure is possible
Total	13	26			5	



2.2 In Detail

Remark:

The detailed module descriptions of all **Common Modules** (here marked in blue) can be found on the EMILYO website: <https://www.emilyo.eu/lod-8-common-modules>.

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 "Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to author & evaluate Essays". Available at: https://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad/preparation_for_cadets



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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	Cadets create a scientific essay. Topics are issued by the teachers of the class "Basic Military English"	Essays are tutored by Officers of the Theresan Military Academy. The evaluation of essays follows the regulation "<i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to author & evaluate Essays</i>". Available at: https://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad/preparation_for_cadets The presentation is evaluated according to "<i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to present Essays</i>". Available at: https://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad/preparation_for_cadets

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. The German language will be tested by a standardised SLP-Test at the end of the semester.	
Teaching Content	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.	

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	Austrian military history. Austrian military culture. Basic Austrian military commands. Participation in graduation ceremonies. Taking over command as leaders for small international units.	

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 & performance during presentations.	
Teaching Content	International Organisations (IO): definition, theories, background. Terms and definitions of UN, EU, NATO, OSCE.	



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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 and presentations on given topics	
Teaching Content	Managing Proper Relations with Journalists. Preparing Coherent Statements and Messages.	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.

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 Learning	In advance, an internet distance learning (IDL) has to be undergone as a pre-course reading, which 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. Without passing this IDL, participation in the residential phase is not possible!	
Teaching Content	The European Union. The EU's Common Security and Defence Policy incl. the Strategic Compass. EU Missions and Operations. EU relations with other international organisations (EU and partners: UN, NATO, OSCE, AU, ASEAN).	Horizontal issues (regional aspects and neighbourhood policy, human rights, gender issues, child protection, legal aspects). The European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus.

Class title	Common Module R: CMO/PSO-C (Coy-level)	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester	
Type of class	Integrated Class	
Exam	Trainees are to be observed and are to be evaluated during practical execution of the use of the principles, issue of orders and synchronisation of subordinated elements.	
Teaching Content	Learning leadership skills for CMO/PSO on Company-level. To reach the goal the model of an Infantry Company within the frame of a Battalion is used.	



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	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	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). The legal status of states, international organisations and other subjects under international law. Key points of International Humanitarian Law. Sanctions of violations against the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). LOAC case studies for international organisations. Repercussions for the military leader. International Court of Justice. Rights and obligations of POWs. Maintenance and enforcement of International Humanitarian Law. International crisis management: from the Mandate to the Rules of Engagement. National sovereignty caveats and reservations in international crisis management. UN Charter, Chapters VI, VII, and VIII. Borderline cases.

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.



2.3 Links to detailed Module Descriptions of Common Modules

Class Symbol	Common Module	Link
O	Basic Military English (BME)	https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_LOD_documents/LoD_08_Common_modules/1st%20Group%20of%20Revised%20CMs%20-%2061st%20IG%20(Bucharest%2C%2012-15.02.2024)/CM%20Basic%20Military%20English_24%2002%2026_R_61_01.pdf
ML C	Military Leadership C (Physical Education)	https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_LOD_documents/LoD_08_Common_modules/1st%20Group%20of%20Revised%20CMs%20-%2061st%20IG%20(Bucharest%2C%2012-15.02.2024)/CM%20Military%20Leadership%20C_24%2002%2026_R_61_11.pdf
L	Media Relations Training (MRT)	https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_LOD_documents/LoD_08_Common_modules/4th%20Group%20of%20Revised%20CMs%20-%2064th%20IG%20(Shumen%2C%2018-20.11.2024)/CM%20Media%20Awareness_24%2011%2012_R_64_04.pdf
Q	Electronic Warfare (EW)	https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_LOD_documents/LoD_08_Common_modules/1st%20Group%20of%20Revised%20CMs%20-%2061st%20IG%20(Bucharest%2C%2012-15.02.2024)/CM%20Electronic%20Warfare_24%2002%2026_R_61_07.pdf
R	CMO/PSO-C (Coy-level)	https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_LOD_documents/LoD_08_Common_modules/2nd%20Group%20of%20Revised%20CMs%20-%2062nd%20IMAF%26IG%20(Brasov%2C%2020-24.05.2024)/CM%20CMO_PSO%20A_B_C_D_24%2005%2024_R_62_03.pdf (starting page 8)
J	Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)	https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_LOD_documents/LoD_08_Common_modules/1st%20Group%20of%20Revised%20CMs%20-%2061st%20IG%20(Bucharest%2C%2012-15.02.2024)/CM%20CSDP%20BIP_24%2002%2026_R_61_02.pdf
K	Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)	https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_LOD_documents/LoD_08_Common_modules/1st%20Group%20of%20Revised%20CMs%20-%2061st%20IG%20(Bucharest%2C%2012-15.02.2024)/CM%20Law%20of%20Armed%20Conflict_24%2002%2026_R_61_08.pdf
1 + 2	Authoring Essays	The link leads to the regulation, which is used for the teaching contents and for the approach how to author an essay. The 2nd link describes how the presentation (defence) should be done (last page). https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_Olympiad/2026_Olympiad/06_Preparation/2025%2008%2020%20Gell%20CSDP_Olympiad%20Regulation%20for%20Essays.pdf https://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/VC_Olympiad/2026_Olympiad/06_Preparation/2025%2008%2020%20Gell%20CSDP_Olympiad%20Regulation%20Residential%20Phase.pdf

Annexes:

Annex 1: Application Form

Remark:

You can download the Application Form as a Word-document from:
<https://www.emilyo.eu/mobility-offers-multiplier-events>

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

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



Application Form

for participation in an international event at the
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Do not forget to register your stay via your national (military) diplomatic chain of command with a 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		I want to participate in the event											
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		☐ CM Law of Armed Conflict (16-20 Nov 2026)	K-1	☐ Other (please specify)									
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