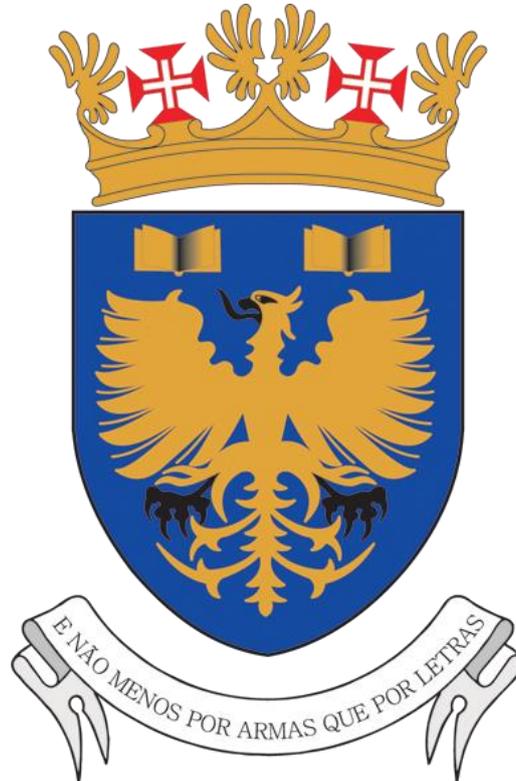




International Air Force Semester - IAFS
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Administrative Paper





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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 International Air Force Semester.
- The Officer Cadets' pre-condition for participation in the International Semester are:
 - English language according to point 1.2;
 - Physical fitness standards as per own Institution requirements;
 - Basic managerial and leadership competences;
 - Basic negotiation and problem-solving skills;
 - Basic aeronautical knowledge;
 - Ability to plan, organise and accept responsibility.

1.2. Language

- The 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.

1.3. Contents/Duration

- The International Air Force Semester has 24 ECTS and last 12 weeks. This fulfils the requirements for ERASMUS+ support.
- The semester starts at September 28th, and finishes at December 18th, 2026.
- Officer Cadets are expected to arrive the weekend before the semester starts (**September 26 and 27, 2026**) and to departure the weekend after the semester ends (**December 19 and 20, 2025**).

1.4. Applications

- Use the Application Form of Annex 1 and send it, **together with a ID card copy**, to erasmus.ptafa@academiafa.edu.pt;
- Registration deadline is **15th July, 2026**;
- All application form will be prioritized on a “first-come/first-served” basis.



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1.5. Accommodation & Meals

- According to EMILYO-LoD 5 (framework), 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;
- The Portuguese Air Force Academy provides essential healthcare and medical assistant to incoming students through the Air Force medical system. It is recommended that incoming students have the European Health Insurance Card to have access to public healthcare if they want to.

1.6. Transportation

- All participants should make their travel arrangements to Lisbon International Airport.
- The Portuguese Air Force Academy will organize the transport from Lisbon International Airport to Academy and otherwise. To that end, please send your participants' flight information to the Portuguese Air Force Academy POC.

1.7. Uniform/ Dress Code

- The following uniforms should be used by the Officer Cadets:
 - Arrival/departure and short leave: informal/casual;
 - Official ceremonies: ceremonial uniform;
 - Daily routine: service uniform (with tie) and field uniform;
 - Sports activities: own academy sports uniform (shorts, t-shirt and tracksuit).



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2. International Air Force Semester Content

2.1. Overview

- The international Air Force Semester has 24 ECTS and last 12 weeks.
- The Semester consists of ten (10) Modules running in parallel throughout the semester

Module name	ECTS
CM Common Security & Defence Policy	2 (+1)*
CM Cyber Warfare	2
CM Military Ethics	2
Space Applications for Security and Defence	2
Aviation Meteorology	2
Flight & Ground Safety	2
Aviation English	4
Aerial Navigation	2
Avionics Systems	4
Propulsion Systems	2
TOTAL	24

* The CM Common Security & Defence Policy will run on the first week of the semester and the cadets must complete an asynchronous e-learning phase the week before.

3. Contacts

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