

Important information

„Infantry Officer Winter Warfare Basic Module”
Estonian Military Academy
Tartu, Estonia 31.01-06.02.2027

How to apply for the course?

- Please use the attached Application Form (if you do not know your flight data at this stage you can forward it later on) and send it to the Estonian Military Academy's (EMA) POC Ms Anabel Selgis anabel.selgis@mil.ee
- Last date for registration is **Sunday, 8th of November 2026**
- Participation will be assigned in the order of registration.

Timeline

29.01.2027	Arrival
30.01.2027	Cultural Program and Ice-Breaker
31.01.-06.02.2027	Infantry Officer Winter Warfare Basic Module
07.02.2027	Closing ceremony (ends at 12:00) and departure

Accommodation and meals

- Accommodation, teaching aids and meals will be provided free of charge. The sending organization must cover transportation costs to the nearest airport and daily allowance.
- Accommodation will be organized at the EMA dormitory or under alternative cover during exercises.
- Meals will be provided in all locations.
- All outdoor activities will be monitored by professional medics.

How to get to Tartu, Estonia?

- **Arrival on Saturday, 29th of January 2027; departure on Sunday, 7th of February 2027**
- There are 2 airports you can use to reach Tartu.
 - **Tallinn airport** (Estonia) – connections to major European airports.
 - **Riga airport** (Latvia) – connections to major European airports.
- The EMA will provide free transport from the Tallinn (TLL)/Riga (RIX) airport to the EMA and back. A representative of the EMA will meet the participants at the Arrivals Terminal of the TLL/RIX, according to the flight information provided. Although please note that travel time from Tallinn to Tartu is 2.5 hours and from Riga to Tartu 3.5 hours. **Please send information about your arrival/departure times to anabel.selgis@mil.ee by Sunday, 13th of December 2026 at the latest.**
- The Estonian Military Academy's address is Riia Street 12, Tartu.

Weather forecast

- End of January and beginning of February are usually the coldest periods of Estonian winter. Temperatures may vary from -20 °C and snowy conditions to +2 °C and rain. Snow, cold wind and ice are just some of the expected weather events foreseeable during your stay in Tartu. EMA will update you as the module gets closer. Please pack and dress accordingly!

Certificate

- Participants will get a certificate of participation in „Infantry Officer Winter Warfare Basic Module” (2 ECTS).

Required Equipment

MANDATORY PERSONAL EQUIPMENT			
Tactical vest (or webbing)	1 set	Including: first aid kit, knife (fixed blade) utensils, canteen (CamelBak is not a substitute), survival kit (min. fire starting tools).	
Helmet with NVG mount	1 piece		can be provided by EMA
Body armour	1 set	without ballistic plates	can be provided by EMA
Head torch	1 piece	3x sets of respective type of batteries	
Tactical or hunting knife	1 piece		
Eye-pro, ear-pro, goggles with ballistic glasses	1 piece each		ballistic glasses can be provided by EMA
Tactical gloves	1 pair min		
Tube scarf	1 piece	polo neck	
Knee pads	1 set		
Poncho/Bivvy	1 piece		can be provided by EMA
Tactical water bottle	1 piece	0,5-1L	
Rucksack	1 piece	min 80L	
Sleeping bag	1 set	arctic (at least -20 degrees)	can be provided by EMA
Sleeping mat	1 piece		can be provided by EMA
Hygiene kit	1 set		
Field uniform jacket	2 pieces		
Field uniform trousers	2 sets		
T-shirt	3 pieces min		
Underwear	6 sets		
White camouflage jacket	1 piece		can be provided by EMA

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Waterproof(rain) jacket	1 piece		
Waterproof(rain) trousers	1 piece		
Winter parka	1 piece	with hood	
Winter pants	1 piece		
Warm base layer	2 sets		
Sweater/fleece(warm mid layer)	1 piece		
Winter gloves	2 pairs min		
Mittens	1 pair	shell mitten + inner mitten	can be provided by EMA
Winter hat (fleece)	1 piece		
Socks	6 sets min	min 3 sets winter socks, min 70% wool; the rest cotton boot socks	
Boots	2 pairs	Leather shell-type boots. Ensure relax fit with thick socks.	can be provided by EMA
Overboots	1 pair		can be provided by EMA
Maintenance kit for boots	1 set	brush and polish/wax	
OPTIONAL PERSONAL EQUIPMENT			
Gaiters	1 pair		
Multitool	1 set		
Waterproof bags	2 pieces	necessary if your rucksack is not waterproof	
Suspenders	1 set	preferred instead of belt	
Patrol pack	1 set	day sack	
Mesh/string base layer	1 piece	wool/merino	
Thermos	1 piece	min 0,5L	

- The list of mandatory equipment a participant needs and can be issued by the EMA should be sent to the EMA with application form (**there is a special field in the form for listing the items**).
- For any further questions or concerns about the required equipment, please contact POC Ms Anabel Selgis.

Some more useful information

- We are not able to host civilians in this event.
- Winter warfare camp will be photographed professionally. Please take into account that some of the pictures will also be uploaded to the public gallery of Estonian Defence Forces.
- There is cultural programme happening on Saturday, 30th of January, including Ice Breaker in Cadet Mess Hall.
- Please don't forget to pack casual clothing as well.