



ARMED FORCES ACADEMY
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Dear Commandants and Rectors,

The Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik is honoured to invite your institution to participate in the ***Military Close Combat Course 2027***, which will take place between **18–22 January 2027** on the premises of the Department of Physical Education and Sport at the Armed Forces Academy, Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia. The **virtual component** will be conducted in **December 2026**.

The Military Close Combat Course is an international one-week intensive training course designed for cadets from military educational institutions. The course focuses on developing practical close combat skills required in modern military operations. Training emphasizes unarmed combat, ground fighting, knife defence and offense, combat with short and long weapons and realistic combat scenarios under stress conditions.

Course participants are required to have already learnt the basics of combative fighting, which they will be able to further develop during the course, in particular competence in basic striking, kicking and blocking techniques. Participants should be in excellent physical fitness and able to safely complete intensive physical training under stressful conditions. They should have a valid medical certificate for military training. All participants are kindly requested to possess valid medical insurance. Participants from EU member states are encouraged to bring their European Health Insurance Card.

Each military educational institution may register **two participants**. A higher number of participants may be accepted by mutual agreement (the total number of participants accepted is 20). **Observers** and potential future instructors are also welcome; however, all expenses are up to the sending institution.

The Armed Forces Academy will provide participants with accommodation, meals, transport to and from the airport (**Bratislava or Vienna**) only upon prior request and depending on the Academy's capacity; local transport related to the course, and some of the necessary equipment for the duration of the event. Sending institutions are responsible for international travel expenses to and from Liptovský Mikuláš. No participation fee is required.

The activity is planned to be organized as a **Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)** and participants may be awarded **3 ECTS credits**.

The registration deadline is **November 30, 2026**. Registration forms should be sent to international@aos.sk. Further details regarding the course program, equipment requirements, and administrative arrangements are enclosed.

We look forward to welcoming your students to Slovakia and to sharing an unforgettable and challenging experience with them in Liptovský Mikuláš.

Yours Sincerely,

Brigadier General Dipl. Eng. Aurel SABÓ, PhD.
Rector of the Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik