



INSTITUT FÜR OFFIZIERSAUSBILDUNG  
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FACHHOCHSCHUL-BACHELOR PROGRAMME MILITARY LEADERSHIP

# Austria

## Theresan Military Academy

### Institute for Basic Officer Education





## 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 **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 Officer Cadets' 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 (if a negative COVID-19 certificate is necessary, will be announced prior to arrival).
  - Fulfilling the respective national physical standards of the sending institution.
  - **Basic** managerial and leadership competences.
  - **Basic** negotiation and problem solving skills.
  - Ability to plan, organise and accept responsibility.
- **Additional** Civilian Students and military Officer Cadets 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 at the end of the first week. **Those Cadets / Students who will not fulfil the minimum requirements will be repatriated.**



### 1.3 Contents/Duration:

- The entire International Semester has 26 ECTS and lasts 3 months (96 days). This fulfils the requirements for ERASMUS+ support.
- Almost all the 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](mailto:thermilak.international@bmlv.gv.at) (in cc to [harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at](mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at)).
- Dates:
  - **Latest day of reporting participants: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**
  - The lectures for the International Semester start on **13<sup>th</sup> September 2021** and ends on **16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.
  - **Arrival day** (travel day): **12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (not earlier, not later).**
  - **Departure day** (travel day): **17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**
- 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 Col Gell.
- The procedure for the assignment of places is: **first reported – first booked.**

### 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 and contracts.



## 1.6 Permission for Stay

- According to national Austrian rules/law, 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 in Austria.
- **Without this procedure, unfortunately Officer Cadets 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/2018\\_09\\_18\\_TMA\\_Erasmus\\_Brochure\\_EN\\_Final\\_version.pdf](https://www.milak.at/fileadmin/milak/Ausbildung/2018/Ausbildung_International_Basic_Officer_Training/06_Basic_Documents/2018_09_18_TMA_Erasmus_Brochure_EN_Final_version.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

- The Corona-situation changes on a daily basis.
- For the moment (as of April 2021), the Austrian Ministry of Defence gives permission for incoming military personnel only with Corona vaccination. It is more than questionable if this regulation is still valid until the beginning of the International Semester.
- Any up-dated information will be passed to the sending institutions in due time.



## 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	37	13 Sep-17 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	38	20 Sep-24 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.
Q	Common Module Electronic Warfare	2	39	27 Sep-01 Oct	no	
1	Austrian Military Culture (Graduation Ceremonies)	2	40	04 Oct-09 Oct	no	
L-1	Common Module Media Relations Training	2	41	11 Oct-15 Oct	no	
L-2	Common Module Media Relations Training	2	42	18 Oct-22 Oct	yes	Module L-2 is not foreseen for the international semester. It is foreseen for 1-week participants only.
K	Common Module Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)	2	42	18 Oct-22 Oct	no	
2	Scientific Work: How to write an Essay	2	43	25 Oct-29 Oct	no	
3	Creating/Writing an Essay: Basic Military English	2	-	starts on 25 Oct	no	To submit by 19 Nov 2020: Presentations start on 09 Dec 2020
4	The Role of International Organisations	1	44	02 Nov-05 Nov	no	
J	Common Module Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)	2	47	22 Nov-26 Nov	yes	
PSO A	Common Module Basics of Crisis Management Operations (CMO/PSO)	2	48	29 Nov-03 Dec	yes	
5	German Language Training & Austrian (military) Culture	2	-	During the entire Semester.	no	
6	Language SLP (standard language proficiency) Test in English	1	50	13 Dec-14 Dec	no	SLP test for German is on voluntary basis
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	



## 2.2 In Detail

### Remark:

The detailed module descriptions of all Common Modules (here marked in blue) can be found on the EMILYO homepage: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/988>

Class title	<b>Common Module</b> <b>O: Basic Military English (BME)</b>	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester and 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	<b>Common Module</b> <b>ML C: Military Leadership C (Physical Education)</b>	
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 <sup>st</sup> and/or 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	<b>Common Module</b> <b>Q: Electronic Warfare</b>	
Credits	2 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 5 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>1: Austrian Military Culture (Graduation Ceremonies)</b>
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with Austrian Cadets of 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	<b>Common Module</b> <b>L-1: Media Relations Training (MRT)</b>
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 5 <sup>th</sup> Austrian Semester
Type of class	Integrated Class
Exam	To be taken at the end of class
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	<b>Common Module</b> <b>K: International Humanitarian Law and Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)</b>
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	<b>2: Scientific Work: How to write an Essay</b>	
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 “ <i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to author &amp; evaluate Essays</i> ”. Available at: <a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874</a>

Class title	<b>3: Scientific Work: Creating/Writing an Essay about Basic Military English</b>	
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 mainly by the teachers of the class “Basic Military English”. The evaluation of essays follows the regulation “ <i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to author &amp; evaluate Essays</i> ”. Available from: <a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874</a> The presentation is evaluated according to “ <i>Common Module CSDP Olympiad – Regulation on how to present Essays</i> ”. Available from: <a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874</a>

Class title	<b>4: The Role of International Organisations</b>	
Credits	1 ECTS	
To be covered in	International Semester – together with 5 <sup>th</sup> Austrian Semester	
Type of class	Integrated class	
Exam	To be taken at the end of class (presentations for given topics)	
Teaching Content	International Organisations (IO): definition, theories, background. Differentiation of IOs in IGOs (International Governmental Organisations) and NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations). IO and international Relations. Major IOs (ASEAN, AU, Council of Europe, NATO, OECD, OPEC, OSCE, UN, WTO). Professional perspectives with respect to IOs.	





Class title	<b>Common Module</b> <b>J: Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)</b>
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester – together with the 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 Reading	<i>In advance, an internet distance learning (IDL) has to be undergone as a pre-course reading that 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.</i>
Teaching Content	The European Union. The EU's Common Security and Defence Policy. 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	<b>Common Module</b> <b>PSO A: Basics of Crisis Management Operations (CMO/PSO)</b>	
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. The Cadet's performance during elaborations and syndicate work is taken into consideration as well.	
Teaching Content	Protection of Cultural Property, International Humanitarian Law, Basics and creation of Rules of Engagement, Creation of a Soldiers' Card, Law of Armed Conflict.  UN, EU, NATO, OSCE, AU, CMO Techniques.	International Logistics and Host Nation Support, Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA).  Basics of CIMIC and Force Protection (in parts referring to Scenario).  Specifics of multinational operations (incl. attack, defence, delay, FIBUA, CRC), Acquisition of information (possibilities).

Class title	<b>5: German Language Training &amp; Austrian (military) Culture</b>
Credits	2 ECTS
To be covered in	International Semester (parts together with Austrian Cadets)
Type of class	Seminar
Exam	Participation
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	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, reading, talking, writing

**Annexes:**

Annex 1: Application Form

**Remark:**

You can download the Application Form as a Word-document from:

<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>

The Head of International Office &  
Chairman of the Military Erasmus (EMILYO)  
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## Application Form

for participation in an international event at the  
Theresan Military Academy – AUSTRIA



**Do not forget to register your stay via your national (military) diplomatic chain of command!**

<b>Remarks:</b> 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: <a href="mailto:thermilak.international@bmlv.gv.at">thermilak.international@bmlv.gv.at</a> and <a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</a>	I want to participate in the event (please click to mark <b>the event</b> below – the dates <b>do not</b> include travel days)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Entire International Semester / 13 Sep - 16 Dec 2021</b>		Int'l Sem		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CM Basic Military English</b> 13 Sep - 17 Sep 2021	O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CM Common Security and Defence Policy</b> 22 Nov – 26 Nov 2021	J
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CM Military Leadership C</b> 20 Sep - 24 Sep 2021 (part 1)	ML C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CM Basics of CMO/PSO</b> 29 Nov – 03 Dec 2021	PSO A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CM Media Relations Training</b> 18 Oct - 22 Oct 2021	L-2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other event (please specify)</b>	
Male click to mark <input type="checkbox"/>	Female click to mark <input type="checkbox"/>	Rank, ac. degree(s)	FAMILY NAME		Forename(s) / First name(s)
Date of birth DD MM YYYY <b>Click for date</b>		Nationality	Passport or ID number		Passport or ID validity until <b>Click for date</b>
Branch of Service (if available)		Sending institution's name		I want to participate as .... (click to mark)	
				Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Instructor <input type="checkbox"/>
				Observer <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Phone number (if available) please include country code <b>+</b>			E-mail address(es)		
Arrival by <b>plane</b> (click to mark) <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrival by <b>train</b> (click to mark) <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrival by <b>bus</b> (click to mark) <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrival by <b>own car</b> (click to mark) <input type="checkbox"/>	Location of arrival (as precise as possible to assure transport)	Arrival date <b>Click for date</b>
Departure by <b>plane</b> (click to mark) <input type="checkbox"/>	Departure by <b>train</b> (click to mark) <input type="checkbox"/>	Departure by <b>bus</b> (click to mark) <input type="checkbox"/>	Departure by <b>own car</b> (click to mark) <input type="checkbox"/>	Location of departure (as precise as possible to assure transport)	Departure date <b>Click for date</b>
Special dietary or food requirements due to medical or religious reasons (click to mark)			If yes, please specify food you cannot eat		
No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Additional remarks</b> (need for special equipment, special travel arrangements, etc.)			<b>Insert below your picture</b> (preferably a passport picture in jpg-format or attach the picture to the mail)		
If you are not the point of contact (POC) or if more than one person will participate from your institution please fill in POC's data below (if YOU are the POC please fill in your data again)					
Male click to mark <input type="checkbox"/>	Female click to mark <input type="checkbox"/>	Rank, ac. degree(s)	FAMILY NAME		First name(s)
POC's phone number (include country code)			POC's e-mail address(es)		