**Important information**

„Infantry Officer Winter Warfare Basic Module”
Estonian Military Academy
Tartu, Estonia 26.01–02.02.2025

**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 Mrs Piret Tamm piret.tamm2@mil.ee.
* Last date for registration is **Wednesday, 4 December 2024.**
* Participation will be assigned in the order of registration.

**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, 25 January 2025; departure on Monday, 3 February 2025**
* There are 3 airports you can use to reach Tartu.
* **Tartu airport** (Estonia) – connection to Helsinki airport.
* **Tallinn aiport** (Estonia) – connections to major European airports.
* **Riga airport** (Latvia) – connections to major European airports.
* The EMA will provide free transport from the Tartu (TAY)/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 TAY/TLL/RIX, according to the flight information provided. Please note that travel time from Tallinn to Tartu is 2.5 hours and from Riga to Tartu 3.5 hours. Tartu airport is close to Tartu town centre, in a 10 minutes driving distance.
**Please send information about your arrival/departure times to piret.tamm2@mil.ee by Monday, 13 January 2025 at the latest.**
* The Estonian Military Academy’s address is Riia Street 12, Tartu.

**Weather forecast**

* Temperatures in Estonia at the end of January and in the beginning of February will probably be about 0 °C, possibly lower. Snow, cold wind and ice are just some of the expected weather events foreseeable during your stay in Tartu. Please pack and dress accordingly!

**Certificate**

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

**Required Equipment**

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| **MANDATORY PERSONAL EQUIPMENT** |
| Head torch | 1 piece | 3x sets of respective type of batteries |   |
| Tactical or hunting knife | 1 piece |   |   |
| Tactical gloves | 1 pair min |   |   |
| Tube scarf | 1 piece | polo neck |   |
| Hygiene kit | 1 set |   |   |
| Field uniform jacket | 2 pieces |   |   |
| Field uniform trousers | 2 sets |   |   |
| T-shirt | 3 pieces min |   |   |
| Underwear | 6 sets |   |   |
| Winter parka | 1 piece | with hood |   |
| Winter pants | 1 piece |   |   |
| Warm base layer | 2 sets |   |   |
| Winter gloves | 2 pairs min |   |   |
| 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. |  |
| 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 |   |

All necessary tactical equipment for the course will be provided by the EMA.

**Some more useful information**

* There is cultural programme happening on Sunday, 26 January, visit to the Estonian National Museum and Ice Breaker in Cadet Mess Hall.
* Please don’t forget to pack casual clothing as well.
* Rest assured that card payments and cash are accepted in all shops/restaurants/bars in Estonia.