

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY



QUICK GUIDE

OCTOBER 2019

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

Table of contents

1. Historical Background	1
2. Aim of the Academy – School.....	1
3. Mission.....	1
4. Accreditation	2
5. Organization	2
6. Undergraduate Studies	3
7. Streams and Specialties	3
8. Education and training (Military – Academic)	4
9. Flying – Navy - Special education and training	11
10. Academic Faculty and Military Teaching Staff	11
11. Academic Divisions.....	11
12. Curriculum – Syllabus	11
13. Dissertation – ECTS units and Diploma	13
14. Prerequisites.....	13
15. Graduation – promotion – career	13
16. Activities domestic – international	14
17. Facilities (Buildings – library – lavatories – Athletic etc.).....	14
18. Transportation (How to reach the Academy – School from abroad).....	15
19. Contact info.....	15
20. Official site.....	15

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

1. Historical Background

a. The Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Academy is a highly graded Military Academy rated with the highest educational standards. The emblem of the Academy has the inscription "Fatherland Revered above all else" and it symbolizes Strength and Power.

b. The Academy was established on 9 April 1884 in Corfu. During the following decades, it moved in various locations of Greece, such as Patra, Syros and Samos. In 1975 it was redeployed in Trikala, where it operates until today. Over the last hundred years, the Academy has produced outstanding graduates who took part in every war Greece participated in.

2. Aim of the Academy – School

a. The general educational purpose is to endorse students with the following characteristics, knowledge and skills:

- (1) Military Spirit
- (2) Military Professional Expertise
- (3) General Education
- (4) Social Studies and Culture
- (5) Physical Education

b. The main purpose of the Academy is to provide the Hellenic Army with small Unit Leaders and Technical NCOs, able to respond to the requirements of modern armed forces, providing students with high quality training throughout which, it cultivates their Military Spirit and ingrains all Military Values.

3. Mission

The fundamental missions of the Academy are:

a. To provide high quality education to its students and cultivate military spirit by helping them acquire all the relevant military virtues and characteristics.

b. To keep the students' morale at a high level and try to constantly improve the image and the prestige of the Academy and the Non-Commissioned Officers Corps in general.

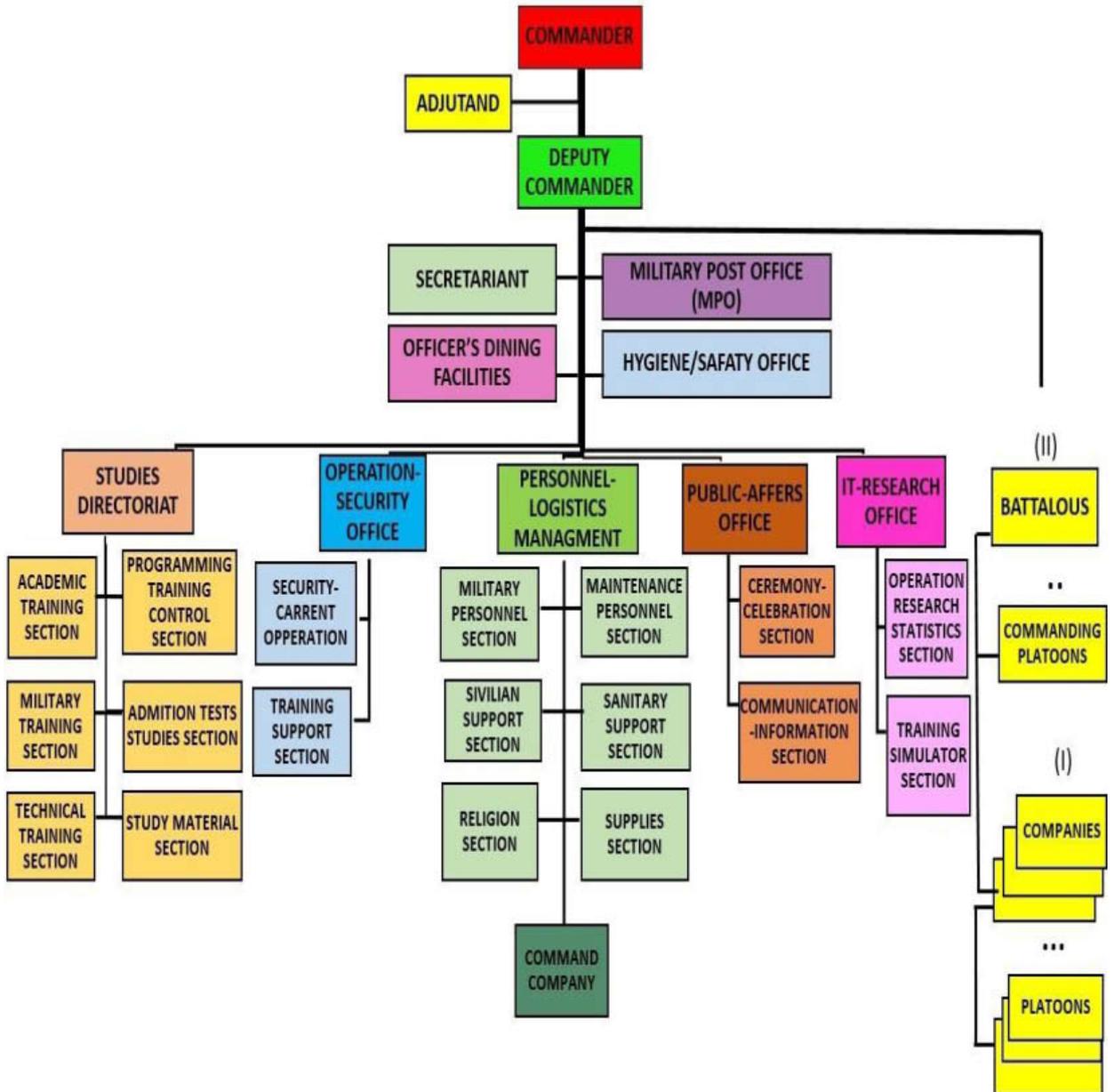
c. To provide the Army with Administrative and Technical Non-Commissioned Officers capable of responding to the demands of the contemporary Greek Armed Forces so as to work and fight in a joint service, European and National environment.

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

4. Accreditation

The NCO Academy's accreditation is the one of Military School Quality Management from the Greek Army Inspector General.

5. Organization



6. Undergraduate Studies

a. The Academy's Education consists of **Academic, Military and Technical** orientation subjects and it runs in 6 semesters (two each year):

(1) In the **first** and **second year** of the Academic, Military (theory) and Technical studies, the subjects taught are the same for each cadet. The discrimination between Administrative and Technical Non-Commissioned Officers has not taken place yet (it is what alternates the third year from the two remnant years).

(2) The **third** year includes:

(a) Common subjects are taught in the Academic Education of the Administrative and Technical Non-Commissioned Officers.

(b) Special subjects are taught, focused on training the Technical Non-Commissioned Officers depending on their specialization and the Technical Education.

(c) Subjects focused only on the duties and responsibilities an Administrative Non-Commissioned Officer should be aware of (Academic and Military –theoretical Education).

b. On-field military training is carried out, throughout the three years of studies and the educational objectives of each year are adapted to the General Educational Guidelines of the Academy.

c. More specifically, the Military Education is divided in:

(1) Theoretical Military Education taught in the classrooms.

(2) Field training carried out in the firing range and the training field.

7. Streams and Specialties

a. The Army being divided into two categories; of "Weapons" and "Logistics" personnel, the students enter the Academy being categorized to either of them, whereas at the same time, technicians receive specializations such as artificial vehicles, artificial armored vehicles, pyrotechnic e.t.c. At the end of the 3rd year of studies, the Administrative students select "Weapons" and "Logistics".

b. «**General Weapons**» are elements of the Army whose main mission is to conduct or directly participate in the fight. These are:

(1) Combat: Infantry, Armored-Cavalry and Artillery.

(2) Battle Support: Army Engineers, Signals and Army Aviation.

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

c. «**Logistics**» are elements of the Army that provide administrative or accounting support. These are:

(1) Battle Support: Technicians, Supply and Transportation, Clothing and equipment (ammunition), Research-Informatics and Medical.

(2) Combat Support: Sanitary (Sanitary and Administrative Sanitary Managers), Financial, Geographical, Audit, Military Secretaries, Postal, Music, Carers, Combat Architects and Corps Architects. The Joint Corps of the Armed Forces consists of the Military, Religious and Judicial Registrars.

8. Education and training (Military – Academic)

a. Including sections of the curriculum course of National Higher Educational Institutes, the training contributes in the social education and the smooth integration of the cadets in the professional and social environment, as following:

b. Field of **Social Studies**

- (1) History
- (2) Psychology
- (3) Environmental Education
- (4) English
- (5) Management
- (6) Social Communication Studies
- (7) Constitutional International Law
- (8) Greek Literature
- (9) Military History- Military Geography
- (10) Strategic Planning

c. Field of **Science Studies**

- (1) General Principles of Economy
- (2) Statistics
- (3) Information Technology
- (4) Physics
- (5) Technical Design
- (6) Mathematics
- (7) Ballistic studies

d. The academic training section is responsible for the teaching of subjects related to social-political-sciences and physical education.

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

e. It defines the teaching material that concerns each subject for each semester. Moreover, it defines the teaching methods, the preparation methods and examination style of the students.

f. After the teaching materials of each subject have been completed, the written examination material is submitted.

g. What is more, the teachers' efficiency and evaluation is attended, as well as the teaching subjects' assessment at the end of each academic year.



Classrooms

h. Field of **Physical Training**

(1) Physical training has a goal set to achieve the improvement of physical stamina and strength. Relative subjects are:

- (a) Athletics
- (b) Self-defense – martial arts
- (c) Dance
- (d) Swimming
- (e) Sports
- (f) Obstacle courses

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy



Swimming team



Basketball team



Physical training

i. Apart from the general compulsory sports training, each student according to his individual performance, has the ability to participate in the sports teams of the academy.

j. The representative teams of the Academy compete with the corresponding teams of the other Military and Police Academies, in the context of the races of the Armed Forces. Furthermore, they take part in races organized by other institutions, within the context of extroversion of the Armed Forces.

k. The Military Training aims at creating excellent fighters and Commanders not only during peace but also during war.

l. In particular, it aims at a gradual adaptation of the students to the Military life. To achieve it, students must go through the **Basic Tactical Training** and the **Advanced Military Training**. Therefore, a number of goals are achieved including the: improved physical stamina and strength, combat and weapon training, conduct of fire with precision and accuracy by using all kinds of weapons, participating in marches, training etc. This results in helping the students feel confident enough to engage in the field of fire as well as boosting their morale and self-respect.

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy



Military training

m. All these are essential in making the student gradually obtain “professional self-importance and the confidence of a Non-Commissioned Officer.”



Firing the MG3 machine-gun



Rifle firing



Throwing grenades

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

n. Within the military education students are taught the following subjects:

- (1) Basic military training
- (2) Advanced military training
- (3) Military regulations- field manuals.
- (4) Tactics
- (5) Staff duties
- (6) Ammunition
- (7) Peace keeping operations
- (8) Martial Law
- (9) Leadership
- (10) Logistics



Training in the firing simulator



Training at the climbing tower



Winter training

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

o. As a capstone of military training the following programs are conducted:

(1) **Winter training** lasts 2 weeks for the 1st and 3rd grade and 1 week for the 2nd grade at a Camp in “Pertouli” village in the vicinity of “Trikala” city.

(2) Winter training lasts 1 week for the 2nd grade, at the “Mountain Combat – Skiers Training Center” on “Olympus” mountain.

(3) **Summer training** lasting **6 weeks**, which includes:

(a) 3 weeks at a camp in the area of “KANAPITSA” near “Katerini” city, in Macedonia.

(b) 3 weeks at the Academy’s firing range.

(c) 4 weeks at the “Unconventional Warfare Training Center” for the 2nd grade.

(4) Training at the “Parachuting Basic Training School” at a voluntary basis by the 2nd grade cadets.



Military training

p. Technical Education aims at acquiring specialized knowledge, experiences and the necessary skills and abilities so as for cadets of NCOs Academy to understand and preserve both the means and the tools of modern technology that the Hellenic Army owns.

q. It takes place in laboratories of internal combustion engines, electrical and electronic engineering technology and structural Mechanics and also in nearby Military factories.

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy



Internal Combustion Engine Laboratory



Electronic Engineering Laboratory



Helicopter Engines Laboratory



Mechanical Engineering Laboratory

- r. The subjects in Technical education are the following:
- (1) General Principles of Mechanical Engineering
 - (2) Electro-technics
 - (3) Internal Combustion Engines
 - (4) Electric Engines
 - (5) Electronics
 - (6) Electric Measurements
 - (7) Ammunition
 - (8) Aircrafts-Helicopters
 - (9) Thermodynamics
 - (10) Technical Design
 - (11) Fuels-Lubricants
 - (12) Machine Elements
 - (13) Elements of Electrical Engineering
 - (14) Metallurgy-Physical Metallurgy

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

- (15) Experimental Strength of Materials
- (16) Digital Technology
- (17) Electro -technical Materials
- (18) Aerodynamics-Flight Theory
- (19) Piston-Air Turbine Engines
- (20) Pneumatic- Hydraulic Systems
- (21) Mechanist Technology
- (22) Weapon Systems
- (23) Quality Assurance
- (24) Automatic Control Systems
- (25) English Technical Terminology

9. Flying – Navy - Special education and training

A number of Non-Commissioned Officers are chosen, trained and serve in Special Forces as parachutists, commandos and marines.

10. Academic Faculty and Military Teaching Staff

The academic education is held in classrooms by hourly-paid personnel according to the requirements of the proclamation for employment of each tutor's subject. In the military training, the trainers are graduates from the Military Academies.

11. Academic Divisions

One can find the NCO's academic divisions in its official site.

12. Curriculum – Syllabus

1st year of studies

- a. Acquisition of skills concerning reading and use of a military map.
- b. Acquisition of basic field organizational skills through learning to construct entrenchments and barbed wire entanglement as well as preparing sector sketches.
- c. Acquisition of necessary knowledge in the Command of Mechanized Infantry Squad so as to succeed in taking over the duties of the Squad Leader and tackle with specific problems of military content.
- d. Acquisition of necessary skills for the operation of Squad served weapons, the means of communication and other means so as to work effectively in the Mechanized platoon

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

- e. Further physical condition improvement, stamina raise and obstacle course
- f. Acquisition of knowledge on Tactics so as to command an Infantry Squad–Mechanized Infantry Squad in all circumstances.
- g. Training in field survival and in nocturnal tactics and topography.

2nd year of studies

- a. Acquisition of basic knowledge on identifying and using ammunition as well as taking all necessary safety precautions.
- b. Acquisition of basic knowledge on mines and minefield laying.
- c. Acquisition of basic knowledge on identifying and using explosives as well as taking all necessary safety precautions.
- d. Acquiring the fundamental knowledge on the cooperation between the Mechanized Infantry and the Armored-Cavalry.
- e. Knowledge on the Infantry's Heavy Weapons and conduct of fire in order to familiarize with them and gain confidence in operating them. Learning the tactical use of the Heavy Infantry Weapons in all fighting circumstances.
- f. Excellent knowledge on military workout and passage of the obstacle course.
- g. Training in fields, settlements and survival outdoors during summer and winter.

3rd year of studies

- a. Acquisition of knowledge on the reconnaissance and use of ammunition as well as taking all necessary safety precautions.
- b. Acquisition of knowledge on the reconnaissance and use of explosives as well as taking all necessary safety precautions.
- c. Firing with Heavy Infantry Weapons so as to familiarize with them and gain confidence in operating them. Learning how to use the Heavy Infantry Weapons under all circumstances.
- d. Knowledge on the organization of the Command Post of the Infantry – Mechanized Infantry Company and facing problems of administration at their ranking in different fighting conditions
- e. Excellent knowledge of physical training and passage of the obstacle course.
- f. Acquisition of necessary knowledge in the Command and Tactics of the Infantry Platoon – Mechanized Infantry Platoon so as to succeed in the duties of the Platoon Sergeant and deal with special problems of military content.

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

g. Training in fields, settlements and survival outdoors during summer and winter.

The main points examined throughout the platoon training in all battle conditions are the following:

1. **Military training in the Academy and in the field.**
 - a. Platoon Leader of the Mechanized Infantry Platoon
 - b. Battlefield organization within the platoon
 - c. Platoon Fire and maneuver (using blank ammunition – real fire)
 - d. Organization, formations and Mechanized Infantry Platoon operations.

2. **Summer military training in “Kanapitsa”**
 - a. Field Training Exercise of the Mechanized Platoon during the defense and the withdrawal.
 - b. Field Training Exercise of the Mechanized Platoon during the movement to contact and attack.
 - c. Field Training Exercise of the Mechanized Platoon during the defense and the disengagement under the enemy’s pressure.

13. Dissertation – ECTS units and Diploma

The NCO Academy belongs to the higher level of higher education. The NCO school's degree does not include ECTS.

14. Prerequisites

Students must graduate successfully each year of study, in order to continue their studies. At the end of the third year, they are awarded the rank of «**sergeant**» (OR-6 at NATO Rank scale).

15. Graduation – promotion – career

- a. Graduates of the NCO Academy are given the opportunity of:
 - (1) A brilliant career in the Hellenic Army
 - (2) Postgraduate specialization in science and new technology in Greece and abroad.
 - (3) Serving abroad in embassies, NATO, UN, Peacekeeping missions etc

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy

b. After graduating from the Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Academy, the Non-Commissioned Officers are obliged to remain in the Army for 5 years. They are promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer, after a total service of 9-12 years at the ranks of Sergeant – Staff Sergeant – Sergeant First Class. After being promoted to Officers, they are integrated in the Officers corp.

c. Due to the fact that the Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Academy belongs to higher education, graduates, acquiring the degree of the Academy, can be enrolled in other higher Education Institutes or Technological Education Institutes through graduate admission examinations.

16. Activities domestic – international

Non Commissioned Officers of other countries visit our Academy in order to exchange views and participate in field training exercises.

17. Facilities (Buildings – library – lavatories – Athletic etc.)

a. Camp facilities include a combination of old and newly built buildings, including Student Lodging/Living Buildings, training halls, 2 Student Entertainment Centers, indoor gym, 2 weight rooms, sports facilities, climbing tower, firing range simulator.



Buildings of the Academy

Noncommissioned Officers Army Academy



Buildings of the Academy

b. The School has a Health-Support Department integrated to ensure the physical and mental health of students.

18. **Transportation (How to reach the Academy – School from abroad)**

From Athens and Thessaloniki you can reach the NCO Academy by frequent bus and train itineraries.

19. **Contact info**

Hellenic Non Commission Officer Academy,
V. Tsitsani Ave. 63,
Trikala
Tel.: 2431023950
Postal Code: 42100 – Greece

20. **Official site**

Email: smy@army.gr

Note:

In order to be able to answer to possible questions please do not forget to include your full name and address in the e-mail.