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## **INTRODUCTION OF BORDER POLICE OFFICERS BSc AND MSc LEVEL EDUCATION AT THE BORDER POLICING FACULTY OF MIKLÓS ZRÍNYI NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY**

### ***Short historical overview of the training***

Professional training was founded in 1960 by the Departments of Border Policing at Lajos Kossuth Military College and Miklós Zrínyi Military Academy, which is the legal predecessor of Miklós Zrínyi National Defense University. Its objective is to train officers with basic and higher qualifications, who are able to organize and lead service activities at border police units and traffic checkpoints as well as perform border policing and defence tasks as commanders at subunits and higher units using their policing and border defence skills.

### ***The general requirements of the training***

As a result of the training, the graduated officers' knowledge have to meet the theoretical and practical requirements; they should be able to organize and manage the activities of their organizations; to keep laws, regulations, rules and norms related to the EU; to keep law and order; to control the use and maintenance of technical equipment applied in border policing; to protect the life and health of their subordinates, respect their dignity, represent their rights, ensure their allowances and the conditions to practice their rights; and to fulfill the determined training requirements.

### ***Training objectives***

To train professional officers and experts related to the field, to perform tasks in connection with border guarding, border policing and its law enforcement. These officers are trained in modern management sciences, management- and organizational skills, social natural and technical sciences, theoretical and applied legal studies as well as methodological skills and have reached intermediate level in at least one foreign language, to be able to analyze, assess and plan the activities of border police and defence organizations, to lead the organizations assigned to them, to perform civil defense and crisis management duties and direct such tasks efficiently, and to organize cooperation between the law enforcements forces, national security and police forces. They meet the requirements prescribed by the European alliances for police and military leaders, and they are capable of performing their tasks within the framework of such a system. The PhD course requires special and comprehensive knowledge in the border police management, and gives a scientific grade for the higher rank officers mainly from the field of planning and commanding. MSc (university) graduates are able to perform their tasks at a high standard, to perform directive and management duties in various special fields, to organize and direct cooperation between different forces under various conditions of the constitutional order. The university education (MSc) consists of additional 4

semesters and 120 credit points, gives knowledge to command a group with more than 100 persons.

The process and the content of the training are in a close relation. It includes general literacy base with the subjects of human manager subjects (psychology, pedagogy, philosophy), law, science of commanding, economy, and IT. After that the professional subjects of the border management are analysed in theory and practice, strictly aligned with the EU standards. The students also get acquainted with different theory of the security policy - including the security policy of the EU and NATO -, the questions of the border security and with the management of cross border crisis situation (illegal migration, conflicts, organised crime).

BSc (college) graduates are able to perform management and directing tasks at the areas of border defence and border policing, using their professional, law enforcement and management skills. They can fulfill management functions within their own areas using their management skills. Their knowledge of wide spectrum enables them to fulfill appointments in border defence and border policing.

The college education (BSc) consists of 6 semesters, and 180-credit points- recognized by the EU as well. This empowers the young officers for the command of a group of 20-40 personnel and participating in the management of local offices.

On the department of Border Policing are two major training.

1. Major in Border Policing Management
2. Major in Policing Technique

Border Police teachers, professors with scientific grade and extent professional-commanding experiences fulfil the elaboration of the professional teaching materials and the teaching. In all of the education forms and levels the most modern technical equipment – ensured by the EU – are available for the practice training. The teaching materials contain the Schengen Acquis, Schengen Codex, and EU and national rules for establish the integrated border management.

The Hungarian institutes of higher education achieved significant results in adopting the EU relevant subjects in law, security policy and criminology. The teachers and lecturers participated in several scientific conference, meetings and trainings.

### **Detailed rules of training**

*Length of trainings:*

- a.) *University undergraduate training:* 10 terms with 3000 hours altogether, (equalling 300 credit points)

Extension training for college graduates:

- full-time course: 4 terms with 1200 hours (equaling 120 credit points).
- correspondence courses: 4 terms with 400 hours (equaling 120 credit points).

- b.) *College undergraduate training:* 6 terms with 1800 hours (equaling 180 credit points), out of which 1800 classes are compulsory on the full-time course.

Hours comprise of all the time spent on study during teaching and exam periods (classes, exam-preparation, consultation, independent study, training practice, project work and management practice). Classes refer to time within teaching periods spent under the control of a teacher: theoretical and practical classes in compulsory and optional subjects as well as the compulsory practice periods within the teaching periods.

The study control system is made up of proved course attendance, consecutive or independent grades, various exams, fulfillment of practice time, a final paper and final exam.

*General end-of-year exams* in the university program: Theory of management and organization; Physical education. In the college program: History of philosophy and culture; Theory of management and organization; Penal code and penal procedure law; Physical education. *Specialized exams* on both programs: Penal code and penal procedure law. The university program also requires: Preparation of management organizations and their methodology.

Requirements on college level, especially: successful fulfillment of 4 comprehensive exams; minimum 180 credits; fulfillment of practical work (8-10 weeks); at least one (oral and written) intermediate level – general or professional – language exam; ECDL (European Computer Driving License) exam; “B” type driver’s license; preparation of a thesis and submission for defense.

*The final paper* is project work connected to the subjects of the speciality, which should prove that the student has the necessary skills in analyzing Hungarian and international literature, in the practical application of the acquired knowledge, and in performing independent tasks in the special field of his choice.

*The final exam* is the assessment of knowledge required for the higher-level qualification, during which the candidate is to give proof of his theoretical as well as practical knowledge.

Conditions:

- pass grades in every exam and study duties prescribed by the curriculum, and the university leaving certificate as their proof;
- 300 completed credit points at university courses, 120 at university extension courses and 180 at college courses;
- successful accomplishment of professional practice tasks prescribed by the major subject;
- at least intermediate level state language exam (type "C") with professional LSP in one of the foreign languages taught at the school, with Hungarian as the corresponding requirement for foreign students, or the certificate of an equal level of language skills;
- completed final paper.

*Parts of the final exam:* presentation of the final paper prior to the final exam; complex oral exam in the professional subjects; complex practical exam in the professional subjects.

*Subjects of the final exam:* General sciences are not included; A complex knowledge of all the specialized subject of the specialty is required at both levels.

Comprehensive examination of the knowledge and skills gained from the general compulsory and professional subjects that respond to the characteristics of the border policing and defense management.

A committee chairs the exam. One comprehensive exam tests the material of at least 12 credits.

*Compulsory comprehensive examinations:* Philosophy – cultural history; Theory of leadership and organization; Criminal law and penal law.

### ***Authority provided by the diploma***

The diploma provides promotion to officer's rank and promotion to higher ranks. The holder of such a diploma may fulfill appointments at various organizations of the Border Police and Ministry of the Interior, college degree entitles the holder to participate in university extension courses, university degree entitles the holder to PhD training and further extension training.

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