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#### **1. Languages taught**

The Defence Forces offer regular language programmes in **English, French, German and Russian**. A compulsory course in **Swedish**, the second official language of the country, is also organized. In addition, short-term and ad hoc task-based language training is organized or outsourced. Staffs, staff divisions and units organize and support individual language training for their personnel.

#### **2. Language programmes during the academic year 2004 - 2005**

Regular language programmes are run in three military schools according to the training level: the Army Academy, the Air Force Academy and the National Defence College. The Navy cadets receive their language training mainly at the National Defence College.

The language training is based on extensive general language studies in the comprehensive schools. The Defence Forces language programmes concentrate for the most part on **military/operational language**.

**1 credit = 20 class hours + 20 hours of self-study**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> year Cadet course**

- Army Academy English: 161 students/1 credit/STANAG 6001 level 2-3
- Naval Academy English: 40/1 credit/STANAG 3-4

## **2<sup>nd</sup> year Cadet course**

- Army Academy English: 211 students/ 1 credit/STANAG level 2-3  
(This training precedes the following NDC and Air Force School courses)
- National Defence College: English - 196 students/ 2 credits/STANAG 6001 level 2-3 (all branches)
- NDC: German 18/2, French 2/2, Russian 7/2, STANAG level 2-3

## **3<sup>rd</sup> year Cadet Course**

- NDC English: 125 students/2 credits  
German 9, French 3, Russian 3/ 2 credits/STANAG level 3-4

## **4<sup>th</sup> year Cadet Course**

- NDC English: 103 students/2 credits  
German 5, French 5, (Russian 0/ 0) 2 credits/STANAG level 3-4

## **Air Force, English**

Basic Course for Pilots: 38 students/20hrs/STANAG level 2

## **1<sup>st</sup> year Cadet course**

- Pilot Programme: IRF-Radio Communications Course 20 students/1 credit/ STANAG level 3
- Pilot and C4IS Programme: English Course 34 students/1 credit

## **2<sup>nd</sup> year Cadet course**

- Pilot Programme: IFR-Radio Communications Course  
15 students/1 credit/STANAG level 3
- C4IS Programme, Operations Center: Air Tactical English Course  
4 students/18 hrs/ STANAG level 3
- C4IS Programme, Electronic Warfare: Air Tactical English Course  
6 students/12 hrs/ STANAG level 3
- Air Technical Programme: 8 students/2 credits

## **3<sup>rd</sup> year Cadet Course**

- Pilot Programme: 15 students/3 credit
- C4IS Programme, Operations Center: Air Tactical English Course  
7 students/60 hrs
- C4IS Programme, Signals: 5 students/1 credit

## **4<sup>th</sup> year Cadet Course**

- Pilot Programme: Tactical English at Air Commands 16 students/  
1 credit/STANAG level 3

International co-operation training has been given and International Staff exercises of various lengths have been carried out at home and abroad entirely in English.

### **General Staff Officer Course**

- National Defence College: International co-operation training has been given and International Staff Exercises of various lengths have been carried out at home and abroad entirely in English during the General Staff Officer Course.

### **Warrant officer language training**

- Army School: Warrant officer continuing course 4 - English 145 students /16 hrs/STANAG level 2-3
- Warrant officer complementary course English 11 students/2 credits/ STANAG level 2-3

## **3. Language Testing**

The 6-level National Language Proficiency Test organised by the National Board of Education is used by the Defence Forces for all other languages except Russian.

The Defence Forces have their own Russian military language test in three levels covering the STANAG 6001 levels 1, 2 and 3-4.

An Operational English Language Test is organized by the Defence Staff for officers to be posted in international staffs/HQs and multinational operations

## **4. Continuing and Special Training**

As previously in various forms, continuing and special language training has been organized by units, schools and branches at home and abroad for a large amount of personnel and specialists at STANAG levels 2 – 4.

A Preparatory Military Russian Language Course for officers was organized (18 credits, 10 officers) by the Defence Staff International Division.

## **5. Organizational development**

The Defence Forces Advisory Board for Language Training has begun its work under the Chief of the Defence Staff. All structures and bodies within the Defence Forces that may have interests and needs in language training are represented in this Advisory Board chaired by the Chief of the Language and Translation Branch.

An extensive study of the Defence Forces practical language needs has been initiated.