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## WELCOME NOTE

Welcome to the Foreign Languages Department, part of the Bulgarian National Military University.

Being a PfP Training and Education Center for English language, our mission is to deliver a high-quality efficient training that corresponds to the needs of the armed forces of NATO, EU, Partnership for Peace, and Mediterranean Dialogue member countries. We aim at achieving NATO interoperability standards by providing the military and civilian personnel with the conditions necessary to acquire the needed English language proficiency level to perform their duties and to successfully implement their professional skills in multinational environment.

By focusing on modern teaching methodology, we manage to achieve sustainable results and our trainees complete the courses with significant knowledge and improved skills that help them meet the requirements of NATO STANAG 6001.

Our regular courses in General English are available twice a year and the course in Specialized English - once a year. Annually, about 270 students attend these courses.

We keep close contacts with the Language Centers and the STANAG 6001 Testing Teams in a number of foreign countries like Romania, Republic of Serbia, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Republic of Latvia, and Republic of Croatia. The students from the Foreign Languages Department are the coveted population for piloting the STANAG 6001 tests of these countries.

We believe that you will find the courses beneficial and your professional needs and expectations met.

I look forward to meeting you at the Foreign Languages Department.

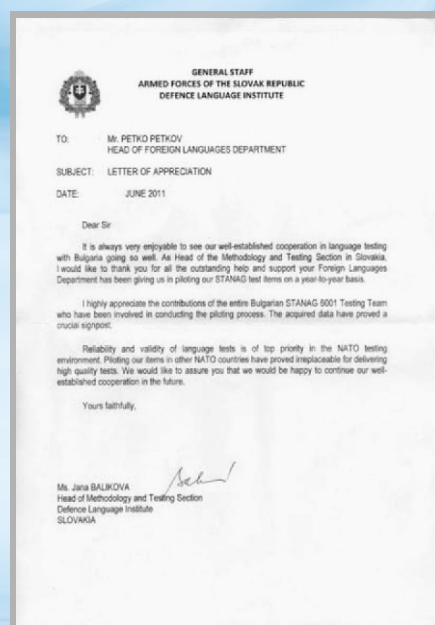
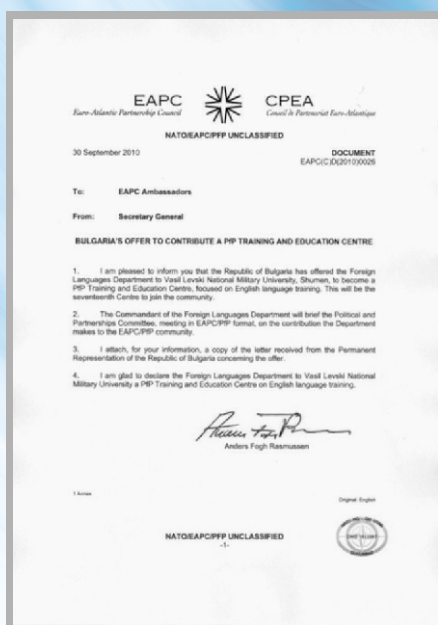
Colonel Petko Petkov  
Director





## HISTORY

The Foreign Languages Department in the town of Shumen, part of “Vasil Levski” National Military University, was set up in 2007. The establishment of the Department was the direct outcome of a joint project of the governments of the USA and Bulgaria. For purchase and installation of Level IV Language Laboratories and associated technical equipment in support of the upgrade, expansion, and maintenance of the existing Level II language laboratories, for providing publications and training materials, as well as Mobile Training Teams to support the English Language Training in the Foreign Languages Department, the US Government has allocated more than \$ 1,000,000 along the FMF Program. In 2010, the Foreign Languages Department was officially recognized as a NATO PfP Training and Education Center working in the field of English language training. More than 1800 Bulgarian military and civilian personnel and approximately 40 foreign students from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Croatia have been trained there.



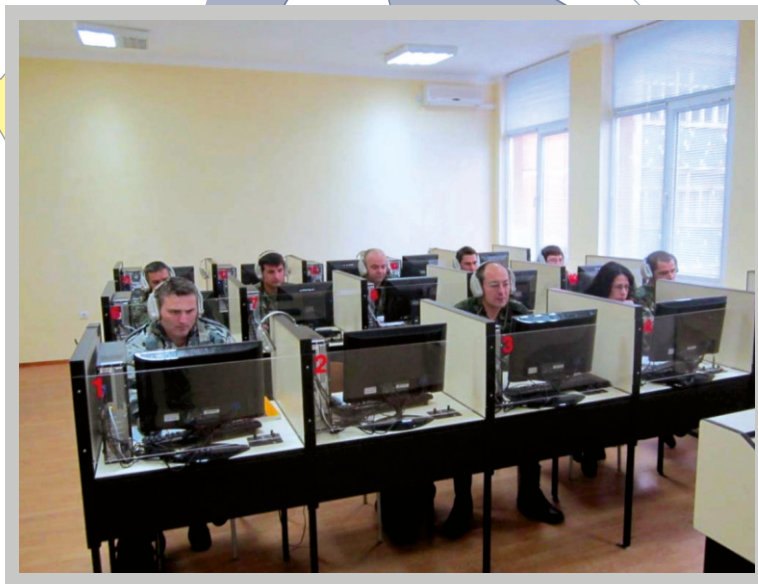


## VISION

The Foreign Languages Department has been included in the Project 1.7 Individual Training and Education Program (ITEP) the NATO **Smart Defence** initiative – categorization *Sharing*. The aim of the project is by sharing capabilities to help the individual training in English language for attaining NATO standards for reaching interoperability among NATO countries – members and partners. This sharing will also contribute for the creation of mutual bases and understanding of the military and strategic culture of the nations.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Foreign Languages Department is to improve the military personnel qualification by providing high-quality English language training that meets the standards for adequately and professionally delivered service in an international environment and thus, enhancing interoperability, to support the MoDs, NATO, PfP, EU, and MD member countries' goals.



## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The courses held at the Foreign Languages Department are designed to meet the needs that NATO, PfP, EU and MD countries' military and civilian staff face while participating in international missions and drills, as well as in qualification courses abroad.

The courses:

- prepare the military and civilian personnel for successful integration into English-speaking environment;
- provide full compliance with the language proficiency requirements for cooperation activity of NATO, PfP, EU and MD countries' Armed Forces;
- strive for enhancing NATO interoperability.

## COURSES

The Foreign Languages Department (FLD) conducts regular standardized English language training that is based mainly on the *American Language Course* textbooks, developed by the Defence Language Institute at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, USA. The English language training fully meets the requirements and follows the recommendations of NATO Bureau for International Language Coordination (BILC).

The intensive English language training at FLD is provided in 16-week long-term courses and 4-week refresher courses.

The instruction strategy is trainee-directed. The instructors apply the functional skill-building approach and take into consideration group readiness.

The course syllabus is covered in 6 lessons a day, 5 days a week in classrooms, language laboratories and a Resource Center. Additional individual and/or group consultations are offered twice a week.

The ALCPT tests are used as placement tests to determine the English language proficiency level of the trainees. All course graduates who have reached min. 50 p. ALCPT sit for a STANAG 6001 exam.

course	duration (weeks)	textbooks	minimum entry level	minimum exit level
Preparatory English Language Course	16	ALC book 1-10	-	40 p. ALCPT
English Language Course – level 1	16	ALC book 11-20; North Star 3	40 p. ALCPT	60 p. ALCPT/ 1111 STANAG 6001
English Language Course – level 2	16	ALC book 21-30; North Star 4	60 p. ALCPT/ 1111 STANAG 6001	80 p. ALCPT/ 2222 STANAG 6001
English Language Course – level 3	16	ALC book 31-34; North Star 5	80 p. ALCPT/ 2222 STANAG 6001	90 p. ALCPT/ 3333 STANAG 6001
Refresher Preparatory English Language Course	4	Headway Elementary	35 p. ALCPT	40 p. ALCPT
Refresher English Language Course – level 1	4	Headway Pre-Intermediate	45 p. ALCPT	60 p. ALCPT/ 1111 STANAG 6001
Refresher English Language Course – level 2	4	Headway Intermediate/ Upper Intermediate	65 p. ALCPT/ 1111 STANAG 6001	80 p. ALCPT/ 2222 STANAG 6001
Refresher English Language Course – level 3	4	Headway Advanced	85 p. ALCPT/ 2222 STANAG 6001	90 p. ALCPT/ 3333 STANAG 6001
English for Multinational Operations – specialized English course	3	General Military Topics; Campaign 2;3	60 p. ALCPT/ 1111 STANAG 6001	



## GENERAL ENGLISH

### Preparatory English Language Course

#### Course Objective:

The *Intensive English Language Course – Preparatory English Language Course* is designed and developed to meet the needs NATO, PfP, EU and MD countries Enlisted Personnel will face as part of their participation in international missions, drills, qualification and military courses in an English-speaking environment.

#### Learning Objectives:

Developing and improving trainees' productive and receptive skills in the English language.

Upon completion of training, trainees shall be able to:

- understand common familiar phrases and short sentences about everyday needs;
- comprehend texts and speech concerning basic needs;
- read and listen to very simple connected texts in everyday survival and workplace situations;
- understand both by reading and listening short notes, announcements, highly predictable descriptions of people, places or things, brief explanations of geography, government, and currency systems; short sets of instructions and directions;
- maintain simple face-to-face communication in typical everyday situations;
- work with the language by combining and recombining familiar, learned elements of speech;
- elicit and provide predictable information;
- express satisfaction, dissatisfaction, and confirmation;
- convey basic intentions by writing short, simple sentences, joined by common linking words.

#### Course Prerequisites:

There is no security clearance requirement for course attendance.

#### Target group:

Privates and NCOs from NATO, EU, PfP and MD countries.

#### Duration:

Total duration of course 16 weeks (480 hours – 6 lessons a day, 5 days a week).

Not more than 12 trainees in a group.

## Level 1

### Course Objective:

The *Intensive English Language Course – Level 1* is designed and developed to meet the needs NATO, PfP, EU and MD countries military and civilian staff will face as part of their participation in international missions, drills, qualification and military courses in an English-speaking environment.

### Learning Objectives:

Developing and improving trainees' productive and receptive English language skills.

Upon completion of the course, trainees should be able to:

- read authentic material on familiar subjects;
- understand specific and factual texts which include information about description of persons, places, and events;
- understand conversations on everyday social and routine job-related topics;
- show ability to follow essential points of discussion or speech on topics in their special professional field;
- comprehend the general meaning of spoken language from the media;
- narrate current, past, and future activities and events;
- state facts; compare and contrast;
- elaborate on common daily communicative situations;
- summarize, elicit specific information and systematize it;
- locate and understand the main ideas and details in written materials;
- write personal and routine workplace correspondence.

### Course Prerequisites:

40 p. ALCPT

There is no security clearance requirement for course attendance.

### Target group:

Civilians, privates, NCOs and Commissioned officers from NATO, EU, PfP and MD countries.

### Duration:

Total duration of course 16 weeks (480 hours – 6 lessons a day, 5 days a week).

Not more than 12 trainees in a group.



## Level 2

### Course Objective:

The *Intensive English Language Course – Level 2* is designed and developed to meet the needs NATO, PfP, EU and MD countries military and civilian staff will face as part of their participation in international missions, drills, qualification and military courses in an English-speaking environment.

### Learning Objectives:

Developing and improving trainees' productive and receptive skills in the English language.

Upon completion of the course trainees should be able to:

- understand information from different media;
- take part as listeners and produce not very complicated presentations, in briefings and at conferences both on familiar and unfamiliar subject matter;
- demonstrate comprehension of simple abstract concepts while discussing a range of topics;
- read and comprehend military publications – short articles, press excerpts on social, political and military topics;
- acquire vocabulary on general topics pertaining to the daily routine, the social, political, economic and cultural life, the structure, aims and equipment of the Armed Forces and peace-keeping operations;
- read and comprehend military publications;
- write formal and informal letters, reports and presentations on topics;
- write personal and routine workplace correspondence.

### Course Prerequisites:

60 p. ALCPT/ 1111 STANAG 6001

There is no security clearance requirement for course attendance.

### Target group:

Civilians, privates, NCOs and Commissioned officers from NATO, EU, PfP and MD countries.

### Duration:

Total duration of course 16 weeks (480 hours – 6 lessons a day, 5 days a week).

Not more than 12 trainees in a group.

## Level 3

### Course Objective:

The *Intensive English Language Course – Level 3* is designed and developed to meet the needs NATO, PfP, EU and MD countries military and civilian staff will face as part of their participation in international missions, drills, qualification and military courses in an English-speaking environment.

### Learning Objectives:

Developing and improving trainees' productive and receptive skills in the English language.

Upon completion of the course trainees should be able to:

- make conclusions and inferences, follow argumentation;
- identify speaker's attitude; humor, irony or other emotional nuances;
- understand formal and informal utterances on familiar and unfamiliar professional and or abstract topics;
- recognize different styles, understand most common idioms;
- extract the global meaning of a read text, make inferences and conclusions;
- read authentic texts on general, abstract and professional topics;
- explain cause and effect, give arguments, evidence and examples;
- analyze, hypothesize and persuade in a specific or abstract context;
- demonstrate functional writing skills;
- write well supported texts and documents on professional, social, abstract or everyday topics.

### Course Prerequisites:

80 p. ALCPT/ 2222 STANAG 6001

There is no security clearance requirement for course attendance.

### Target group:

Civilians, privates, NCOs and Commissioned officers from NATO, EU, PfP and MD countries.

### Duration:

Total duration of course 16 weeks (480 hours – 6 lessons a day, 5 days a week).

Not more than 12 trainees in a group.



## SPECIALIZED ENGLISH

### English for Multinational Operations

#### Course objectives:

The aim of *English for Multinational Operations* is to provide staff officers from NATO, PfP, EU, MD countries with practice in the English language skills, knowledge, and terminology they will need to participate in multinational operations.

#### Learning objectives:

Improving trainees' productive and receptive skills in the English language.

Upon completion of the course, the trainees will:

- apply their communicative skills in their area of expertise;
- possess linguistic competence needed in multinational operation;
- develop consistent understanding of international military standards;
- gain insight into NATO and UN related topics.

#### Course Prerequisites:

60 p. ALCPT/ 1\*1\*1\*1\* STANAG 6001

There is no security clearance requirement for course attendance.

#### Target group:

Civilians, privates, NCOs and Commissioned officers from NATO, EU, PfP and MD countries.

#### Duration:

Total duration of course 3 weeks (90 hours – 6 lessons a day, 5 days a week).

Not more than 12 trainees in a group.



The FLD can also host courses organized on request. The specialized courses are as follows:

1. Specialized English courses:

- OPERATIONAL AVIATION ENGLISH;
- TACTICAL ENGLISH IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS;
- TACTICAL ENGLISH FOR THE LAND FORCES;
- AVIATION ENGLISH – TERMINOLOGY AND RADIOTELEPHONY.

2. Qualification courses held in English:

- COURSE FOR STAFF OFFICERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS;
- PREPARATION FOR OFFICERS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN EUFOR, KFOR, AND ISAF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS;
- CIMIC IN MULTINATIONAL OPERATIONS;
- PREPARATION FOR MILITARY OBSERVERS FOR UN MISSIONS AND OPERATIONS.

The specialized courses can be preceded by short-termed English Language Refresher Courses.

### **INSTRUCTORS**

The teaching staff of the Foreign Languages Department includes 24 professional instructors all with significant experience, expertise and qualification and all having M.A. in English Studies. All of them have also attended a number of qualification courses in the USA, Canada and UK.

For the courses on request, the lecturers are from “G. S. Rakovski” National Defence Academy and “V. Levski” National Defence University (Aviation Faculty).

### **Students' comments:**

“The language teaching process was very well organized, prepared and conducted.”; “This course gave me a lot of new knowledge.”; “The teachers were great. Thanks.”; “Thank you for your effort, time and hospitality.”



Together with some of the international students



## FACILITIES

### Training Facilities:

- 20 classrooms;
- 5 language labs / 3 second level language labs (each lab sits 25 trainees) and 2 fourth level language labs (each lab sits 15 trainees);
- more than 40 computers with Internet connection and Wi-Fi;
- a self-study Center;
- a conference room;
- a syndicate room;
- a video room;
- a library with more than 18 000 books.





### **Sports Facilities**

- indoor sports center with: a 25-meter swimming pool; a small swimming pool; a sports hall for volleyball, basketball and table tennis;



- outdoor facilities: a soccer field and a running track.



### **Accommodation and Catering**

-renovated dormitory buildings that can accommodate up to 240 students with cable TV and Internet access in each room;





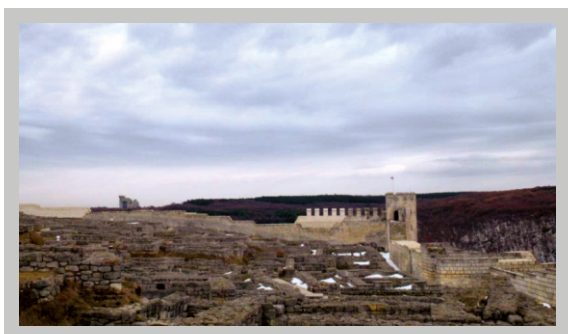


### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The town of Shumen is situated at the foot of the Shumen plateau, in one of the most picturesque regions of Bulgaria – the eastern part of the Danubean Plain.

The town is 365 km east of the capital city of Bulgaria – Sofia and 90 km west of Varna – the largest city and seaside resort on the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast.

Shumen can boast a 3200-year history. The first settlers were the Thracians. Later, the Thracian fortification became a Roman military fortress. Today, it is known as the *Shumen Fortress*. Another famous archeological site is the *Madara Horseman*.

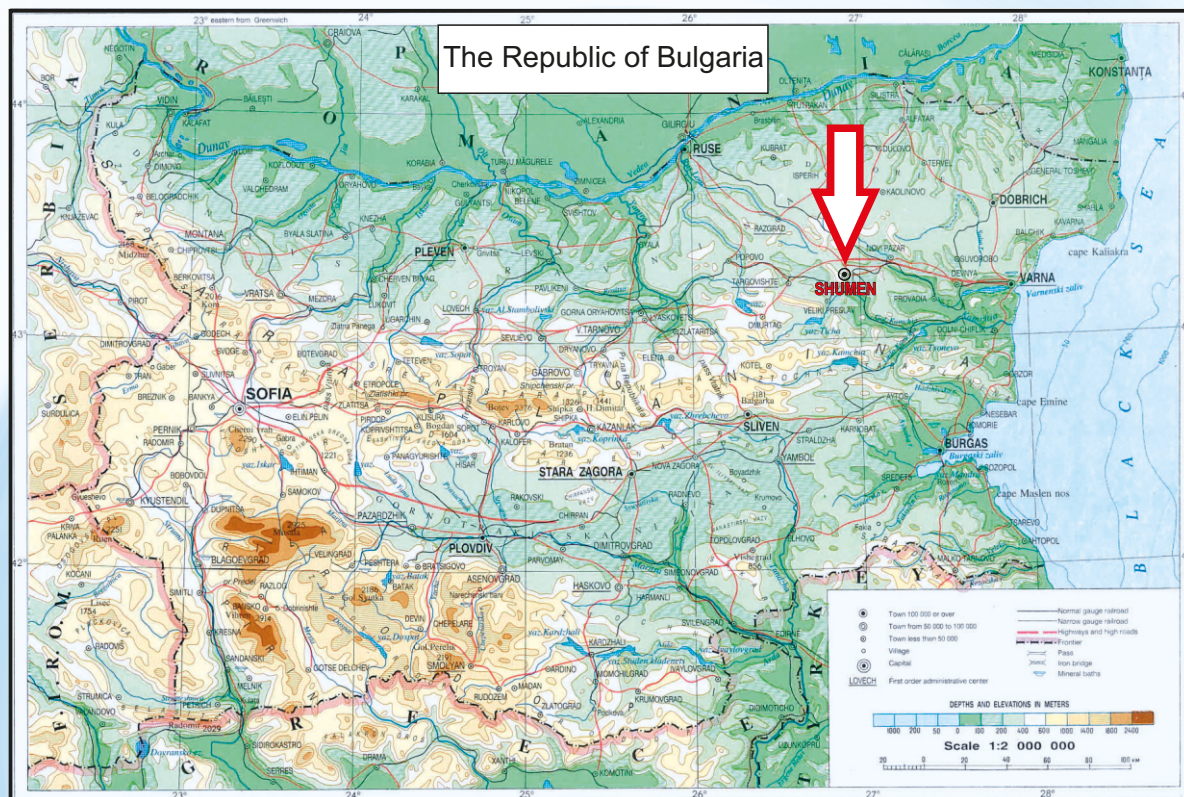


**Shumen Fortress**



**Madara Horseman**





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