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INTRODUCTION

The University of Defense takes an irreplaceable position in the Czech university-level education system. The UoD provides for accredited education in bachelor, master and doctoral degree programmes on military, military manager, economic, technical or medical majors. The follow-on training at the UoD is organized in life education programmes in the forms of career purpose and special courses of post-gradual nature. The University is responsible for education of military professionals and other experts engaged in national security and defence based on the requests of the Army of the Czech Republic, government administration and treaty commitments for other democratic countries.

Rather than special positions at the military units or facilities, the UoD education is to educate the students in knowledge, allowing them to cope with control and command action requests. The students receive military and leadership skills mostly in extramural military training periods, within the basic training, basic officer course and special officer course. The University consists of three faculties: Faculty of Economics and Military Management, Faculty of Military Technology and Faculty of Military Health Sciences.

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The UoD academic staff have involved in defense research projects, technical science development projects, research projects and special research projects of colleges and universities. They have involved in the projects of the national and international grant agencies, NATO research institutions mainly on research and development programmes under process.

1. History
University of Defense was established as of 1 September 2004. That time was a period of institutional integration of the Czech Republic into “western” world structures marked with the crucial milestones, such as accession to North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (12 March 1999) and European Union (1 May 2004). The University of Defence was formed by merging the Military University of the Ground Forces Vyškov, Military Academy Brno and the Military Medical Academy Hradec Králové.

2. Erasmus
University of Defense in Brno fulfilled the condition for being involved into Erasmus Programme in November 2007. There has been signed tens of the Bilateral Agreements between University of Defense and other Universities and Academies, including The Gen. Tadeusz Kosciuszko Military Academy of Land Forces in Wroclaw.

2.1. International Cooperation
The UoD cooperates with a number of foreign and Czech universities, educational and research institutions, and Czech ministries or other entities of the state or local administration. The tangible result of these activities is holding numerous conferences and seminars at national or international levels.

2.2. Faculty of Economics and Management
The foundation and roots of the Faculty of Economics and Management are closely connected with the Vyškov garrison. In the 1930s a training area was gradually built in Dědice near Vyškov and in 1935 headquarters of the Training Camp was established there.
There are currently two study branches within Faculty of Economics and Management. **National Defense Economics** offers study modules such as Financial Resource Management, Logistics, Military Transportation Economics, Logistics Services, Economics of Human Resources Management and Civil Protection. Second Study Branch **Military Management** consists also of several Study Modules: Commander of Mechanized and Tank Units, Commander of Reconnaissance Units, Commander of Artillery Units, Commander of Engineer Units and Management of Information Sources.

**REFERENCES:**