

Language teaching at the Defence Security and Intelligence Service



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- First and last student of the University of Public Service's predecessor (Miklós Zrínyi National Defence University Language Education Centre) for English STANAG 4444
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- The Specific Challenges of Foreign Language Teaching at DSIS – partly similar to, partly different from the Hungarian Defence Forces (HDF);
- **Similar:**
 - General requirements for language proficiency are the same as in the HDF;
- Requirements are set according to grade categories:
- Officers: minimum B2, rather C1; STANAG 3333 if necessary
- Non-commissioned officers: requirement B2; C1 and/or STANAG 2222 if necessary;
- **Special:**
- Incoming personnel with very varied language proficiency from translator-interpreter level down to zero language proficiency;



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- Beyond and upon general Hungarian military requirements in language proficiency, there are DSIS special requirements;
- DSIS personnel participates in all language courses at all levels of the Hungarian defence Forces and



- DSIS has its own language training system;



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- General language proficiency requirements – according to education level:
 - (having General Certificate of Secondary Education) studying to BSc: B2 and/or STANAG 2222
 - (having BSc diploma) to MSc: B2/C1 and/or STANAG 3333
 - STANAG 3333 (or higher): for US/UK/CDN university students
- DSIS special activities-related language requirements:
 - Military diplomacy;
 - CI
 - SIGINT
 - Analysis and assessment
 - NATO/EU (specialised in intelligence and counter-intelligence)
- Other specialties: peace keeping missions special language requirements;



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- DSIS special language training courses:
- Refresher course – 150 hours (2 – 3 months long courses)
- "maintenance" course – 150 hours (2 – 3 months long courses)
- Special defence diplomacy pre-deployment courses:
 - Individually conducted (not in groups or small groups), custom tailored
- Due to language specialties: "connection" of languages, e.g.:
- Teaching:
- for speakers of French: Romanian;
- for speakers of Russian: Slovak, Serbian;
- for speakers of Italian: Spanish and/or French;
- for speakers of Polish: Ukrainian and vice versa;



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- Very special cases:
- Chinese
- Arabic;
- Turkish;
- Serbian/Albanian in KFOR.



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- **Challenges:**
- Incoming personnel with very varied language proficiency level;
- More and more civilians – learning military language is a challenge as they do not speak Hungarian military language (120 mm APFSDS – Armour-piercing Fine-stabilised Discarding Sabot – “sabotage ammunition” etc.)
- Role and possibilities of AI
- Usage of AI
- Since 2010: spread of mobile phones → less reading → different way of speaking and different way of learning;
- Online learning: awareness of workplace (discretion limits).



**Thank you for your attention,
Any questions?**