

CUD Zaragoza is a state-owned non-for-profit organisation. Its main goal within the European Union educational framework is to contribute with other European HEIs in order to acquire excellence in our tuition, which is a real benefit for both our students and staff. We are convinced that a meaningful relationship with the European establishment as well as with academic institutions of participant and associate countries (and others whenever possible), in close cooperation, is the key to overcoming the most demanding educational challenges and to achieving our common goals. CUD Zaragoza does not believe in an isolated educational system in the middle of nowhere. We are able to influence others pedagogically speaking but we are also able to be influenced even more by others. The possibility of taking part in the Erasmus+ project is a real opportunity for our institution.

The proposed education program spans over the period the degree is operational in connection with the military training program the cadets follow in synergy with the university degree. In total, the cadets fulfil a 5-year education program.

CUD Zaragoza follows strict rules of transparency regarding the quality of the academic programs, budgets (as they are public), and international mobility with other institutions, all within the frame of the Bologna process. Our institution is widely open and integrated in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

The strategy of CUD Zaragoza is based on the type of institution it represents. The education of Spanish Army officer cadets to become future commissioned officers is the core reason for which it exists. The aim then is to provide them with a university degree, 'Industrial Management Engineering', in coordinación with the Academia General Militar, responsible for their military instruction and the institution that provides logistical support to our students (accommodation, meals, medical care, bank support, etc.). CUD Zaragoza and the Academia General Militar share the same grounds, facilities, security regulations, etc. Both institutions work in the same direction and decisions about the exchange programs are coordinated. The impact therefore has clear national as well as international connotations; national, because it is the only officer academy of the land forces in Spain and international, due to the University Center for Defense hosts, academically speaking, cadets from outstanding military training centres in the EU and beyond such as the USA, France, Thailand, South Korea, Jordan, Portugal, and others. Its mission also includes to provide post-grade studies (MSc, other high-level courses and in PhD).

CUD Zaragoza was created in 2010 and has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Zaragoza that gives support to the University Center in terms of student enrollment and concession of the university degrees.

All programs are designed and developed according to an official calendar that is approved by the Ministry of Defense and the University of Zaragoza, and is closely coordinated with the Academia General Militar and the Branch Academies, having yearly objectives until fulfil the 5-year period to the commissioned ceremony.

CUD Zaragoza is responsible for the BSc programme and also in the assistance with academic staff to the implementation of the MSc in Management and Administration of Defense Procurement Systems. CUD Zaragoza also cooperates with the Zaragoza University in PhD programs.

It is also significant to say that as an institution CUD Zaragoza is a branch of the MoD's Recruitment and Education Directorate together with two other University Centers for Defense institutions that are members of the Erasmus+ Charter which are CUD AGA San Javier and CUD Navy Marín. Also, there are special relationships with CUGC (Guardia Civil) due to the first two years of the degree program being followed at CUD Zaragoza by the Guardia Civil Officer Cadets. We all follow the same standards of education having a common horizon.