About the Military Faculty

Initially Military Chairs of Belarusian State University was formed on the 4th of November in 1926 according to the order of the Revolutionary Military Council.

The first head of the Military Chairs designated for military training proletarian students was Colonel MM Petrov.

In the years of 1926-1931 the course of “Higher pre-conscription military training of the students” was taught by the commander of 39th Melekessko - Pugachev Cavalry Regiment, later four times Hero of the Soviet Union, Marshall GK Zhukov who at the time served at the Belorussian Military District.
From 1936 the main form of work with students at the Military Chairs was practical training in specialized classrooms, shooting range and in the field.

In 1941 from the beginning of World War II military training activities were interrupted and resumed in 1943.

In the postwar years Military Chairs continued to train reserve officers from the students on the essential military specialties.

The Heroes of the Soviet Union served at the Military Chairs of the Belarusian State University:

Colonel AF Patrin - Head of Educational Department from 1952 to 1955

Major General AV Kirsanov - Head of Special Chairs from 1955 to 1960 then from 1960 to 1974 he worked as the Vice President of BSU.

The officers who carried out their international duty and were awarded for their martial service with orders and medals of the USSR, the Republic of Belarus and foreign countries also served and now some of them are serving at the Military Chairs.

During its existence until 2003 the Military Chairs has prepared thousands of reserve officers on 13 military specialties.
In 2003, the Military Chairs was reorganized into the Military Faculty of Belarusian State University.

The main tasks of the Military Faculty of Belarusian State University are:

- the preparation of:
  - cadets according to the training program of career officers for the Armed Forces and other military formations;
  - students of the university according to the training program of junior military personnel and reserve officers;
- conducting the research;
- development of educational and methodical material;
- creation and improvement of training facilities;
- to foster patriotism, high sense of responsibility for the performance of service duty, the requirements of the military oath and military regulations of the Armed Forces;
- organization of protection of state secrets.
At the present time, the Military Faculty of Belarusian State University includes:

- Department of Combat Use of Artillery;
- Department of Air Defense;
- Department of Combined Arms, consisting of two groups: the group of subjects of combined arms and the group of special military subjects;
- Department of Radiation, Chemical and Biological Defense.

The students are trained according to the training program of reserve officers – 9 specialties; and the training program of junior military specialists – 15 specialties.

The cadets are trained of 6 specialties:

- **Psychology** (specialization - moral and psychological support of military activities);
- **Chemistry** (direction - radiation, chemical and biological defense);
- **Jurisprudence** (specialization – legal adviser’s work in the military sphere);
- **Journalism** (direction - print media; specialization - military journalism);
- **International Relations** (specialization - international relations in the military sphere);
- **Geography** (direction of the specialty - geographic information systems, specialization - geographic information systems for military use).
"Psychology"

1. Specialty - the moral and psychological support of military activity.
1.1. Qualification of graduates: psychologist, lecturer of psychology.
1.2. Standard period of study - 5 years.
1.3. Purpose of graduates.

The graduate should be prepared for the management and teaching activities in the sphere of psychological work in the military units.

The graduate should be prepared to replace the primary officer position of psychologist of Battalion. Henceforth without additional training he may get the position of senior officer of the department of ideological work of the formation, the operational (tactical) headquarters, as well as to work at schools and universities.

"Chemistry"

1. Specialty - Chemistry (radiation, chemical and biological defense);
1.2. Standard period of study - 5 years;
1.3. Qualification characteristics of the graduate:
A graduate is designed for military service in units of Radiation, Chemical and Biological Defense in the primary position of platoon commander; with further promotion to the positions of the squadron commander, chief of staff, deputy commander, the commander of battalion, the chief of NBC protection, as well as to work in the structures of the economy in the area of radiation safety environment.

“Journalism”

1. Specialty - Journalism (print and electronic media).
   
   1.1 Qualification of graduates: journalist
   
   1.2 Standard period of study - 5 years.
   
   1.3 The graduate should be prepared to work in the organization of mass media in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus.

   A graduate is intended for military service in the primary officer position of a correspondent (a browser) in the offices of military media, an officer of the Armed Forces of the information center with subsequent use without additional preparation as the chief of the editorial board, the chief of the information center.
“Jurisprudence”

1. Specialty - jurisprudence, specialization - legal counsel work in the military sphere.

1.1 Graduate Qualifications - a lawyer.

1.2 Standard period of study - 5 years.

1.3 Qualification characteristics of graduates:

A graduate should be prepared for organization and management, research, expert analysis and teaching in the field of lawmaking and law enforcement.

A graduate is intended for military service in the primary military position an investigator of the legal service with subsequent appointment without further training on the head of the legal department of military units.
“International relations”

1. Specialty - International Relations, specialization - international security activities in the military.

   1.1 Qualification of graduates - an expert on international relations and linguistic support of the international military activities.

   1.2 Standard period of study - 5 years.

   1.3 Qualification characteristics of graduates:

   A graduate should be prepared for replacement of the primary officer positions in the structural units of the Ministry of Defence and the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus who are responsible for planning, organizing and carrying out activities of international military cooperation and verification activities. With the acquisition of practical experience and training on special courses and on the military diplomatic faculty of the "Military Academy of the Republic of Belarus" the officer can consistently move ahead on service to the head of the department (direction), a military attaché, representatives of the Armed Forces of the Republic Belarus in the international organizations and staffs.

“Geographic Information Systems”

1. Specialty - geographic information systems, specialty - GIS Military
1.1 Qualification of graduates: Geographer. Geographic Information System Specialist

1.2 Standard period of study - 5 years.

1.3 The appointment of graduates.

A graduate is intended for military service in the navigation and topographical military units on the primary military post - cartographer, with the subsequent use without additional training as the military chief of the department, after further training - on the military chief of navigation-topographic service connections (chief of navigation topographic part, the head of navigation-topographic center), as well as to work in the structures of the economy.

TO THE FUTURE CADET

Accommodation of cadets at the military faculty is organized: for students of the 1 and 2 courses - in the barracks on Slavinsky street, in the cantonment number 2 of the Military Academy of the Republic of Belarus; for students of the 3th, 4th and 5th courses - in the dormitory of the BSU and at home for the citizens of Minsk.

Catering of cadets:
1 and 2 courses have breakfast and dinner in the dining room of the Military Academy (free), lunch in the dining halls of the BSU in cash (a cadet is given monetary compensation for lunch);

3-5 courses - in cash in the dining room of the BSU (by food stamps).

Furlough of cadets from a location in the city is carried out on weekends and public holidays in order of priority. During the period of basic military training (August 2011) furlough of the cadets is not available. At this time relatives and friends are allowed to visit the cadets over the weekend at the set time. On the day of adoption of the military oath all cadets will be granted the furlough.

Training sessions are conducted with the cadets 6 days a week for 6-10 hours a day in the 1st or 2nd shift:

on military subjects - the military faculty (street October 4 and Pobediteley Ave, 9A);

on common disciplines - in the appropriate departments of the BSU within student groups (together).

During training the students are involved to the practices, training in the army and at the enterprises of the city of Minsk and Belarus, conferences, research work, military training, military parades, sports events.

Vacations are 2 times a year:

in winter (January-February) - 2 weeks;
in summer (July-August) - 4 weeks.

**Dismissal** of cadets from military school can be carried out for the following reasons:
- on their own;
- on indiscipline;
- on underachievement.

In the 1st and 2nd cases, student will pay monetary compensation for living and learning.

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