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METHODOLOGY

FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF SECURITY STUDIES WITHIN "MIHAI VITEAZUL" NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ACADEMY

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LEGAL BASIS

- Law of higher education No. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and completions;
- Law No. 80/1995 on the status of military personnel, with subsequent amendments and completions;
- Order of the Ministry of Education No. 3693/2024 for the approval of the framework Methodology for organizing admission to higher education for short-cycle, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral university studies;
- Government Emergency Ordinance No. 41/2016 on establishing some simplification measures at the level of central public administration, local public administration and public institutions and amending and supplementing some normative acts, with subsequent amendments and completions;
- Government Decision No. 404/2006 on the organization and conduct of master's degree studies;
- Order of the minister of Education and Research No. 4.492/2005 on the promotion of professional ethics in universities;
- Government Decision No. 206/1995 on the reorganization of the National Intelligence Institute into the "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy, with subsequent amendments and completions;
- University Charter of "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy;
- Internal regulation of the Romanian Intelligence Service on the selection and recruitment process of the military personnel.

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. (1) The National Intelligence Academy "Mihai Viteazul" (ANIMV), through the Faculty of Intelligence Studies, initiated the accreditation of the university study program *Hybrid Threats and Strategic Resilience* in the field of *Security Studies* master's program.

(2) ANIMV will organize the admission to the university study program *Hybrid Threats and Strategic Resilience* only under the terms of accreditation of the Master's study field by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and its mention in the Government Decision on the approval of the accredited fields and master's degree programs and of the maximum number of students that may be educated.

(3) This methodology elaborates on the organization and conduct of the competition for the admission to the *Hybrid Threats and Strategic Resilience* program and shall be used in the accreditation process to prove the existence of a quality culture in the process of admission to ANIMV.

Art. 2. The admission is organized according to this *Methodology*, according to the *General criteria on the organization of admission to the Master's university education* developed by the Ministry of Education and Research and completed by the ANIMV University Senate.

Art. 3. The purpose of the university study program *Hybrid Threats and Strategic Resilience* is to deepen knowledge, skills and responsibility and professional autonomy related to fostering institutional resilience to hybrid threats. The program aims to strengthen the culture of security among citizens, civil servants and decision-makers by understanding modern threats to national security and developing a common vocabulary specific to increasing the resilience of organizations and institutions.

Art. 4. (1) The education offer, the period of the admission session, the manner in which the

competition is conducted, the examinations and the ways of conducting them, as well as the conditions and the necessary documents for applying are established and made public according to the legal provisions in force, by displaying them at the ANIMV headquarters and by posting them on the Academy website, www.animv.ro , and on the Romanian Intelligence Service website, www.sri.ro.

(2) A candidate may be admitted and enrolled as a student in no more than 2 study programs at the same time (one ANIMV study program and one short-term study program/Bachelor/Master/Doctorate at another university).

(3) The competition for admission to of the professional Master's degree program is organized within ANIMV, during two admission sessions – the first in July, and a second one in September, only if there are vacant places.

(4) The periods of conducting the admission processes shall be set annually, by the University Senate's Decision.

CHAPTER II APPLYING FOR THE ADMISSION COMPETITION

Art. 5. Candidates who wish to participate in the competition for admission to ANIMV for the *Hybrid Threats and Strategic Resilience* professional Master's degree program must fulfil, *cumulatively*, the following conditions:

a) they are graduates of higher education, with a Bachelor's degree or equivalent, regardless of the year of graduation of the Bachelor's program, in accordance with *Law of higher education No. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and completions*, in the fields and specializations approved by the Ministry of Education and Research.

b) they have Romanian citizenship and their permanent residence in Romania according to the provisions of Article 35, paragraph (4) of the *Law of higher education No. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and completions*;

c) they have a civic and moral behaviour.

Art. 6. (1) Registration of candidates for admission shall be carried out **online**.

The option to take part in the admission competition is made by filling in a standard application addressed to the Commandant (Rector) of the Academy (Annex 1b). The application can be downloaded from the Academy's website, www.animv.ro, it is filled in, **scanned in .PDF format** and sent for the programs of the **Faculty of Intelligence Studies** **to the email address: admiterefsi@animv.ro**

Art. 7. (1) Candidates' electronic competition files must contain the following documents scanned in .PDF format:

a) standard application for the competition, according to *Annex 1*;

b) copy of the Baccalaureate diploma and the corresponding transcript or proof of equivalence of pre-university studies by the National Centre for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas of the Ministry of Education and Research, under the terms of the law, in case the candidates completed these studies in accredited pre-university educational institutions abroad;

c) copy of the bachelor's degree or equivalent diploma and the transcript/supplement to the diploma or certificate issued by higher education institutions, for graduates who passed the bachelor's examination in the year preceding the organization of the competition or in the year of the competition;

d) proof of the equivalence of the bachelor's degree studies issued by the National Centre for the Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas within the Ministry of Education and Research, under the conditions of the law, when the candidates graduated these studies in accredited

institutions of higher education abroad;

e) copy of the birth certificate;

f) copy of the identity card;

g) a copy of the court decision or other documents relating to the change of name for candidates who have changed their name;

h) copy of the marriage certificate, if applicable;

i) proof of payment of the registration fee, amounting to:

- **400 lei** by bank transfer **in the account** of the National Academy of Information "Mihai Viteazul" **RO35TREZ70120F330500XXXX, CF 4204267**, opened at the Sector 1 Treasury, Bucharest, **beneficiary UM 0418 Bucharest**, with the **mention of Registration Fee for the Master for enhancing the security culture within civil society for the candidate's first name and surname**, for candidates in the competition for the admission to the professional master's degree program for enhancing the security culture within civil society;

j) **an essay** prepared for the examination according to the suggested topics of *Annex 3*;

(2) When the contest is conducted, *candidates for the competition for the admission to master's university studies* will carry the originals documents mentioned in paragraph (1) to certify the conformity with the required original documents in accordance with Emergency Government Decision No. 41/2016 on establishing some simplification measures at the level of central public administration, local public administration and public institutions and amending and supplementing some normative acts, approved with amendments by Law No. 179/2017, with subsequent completions;

(3) By exception, when imposing the alert, curfew or emergency state, each sent scanned document shall contain the statement under holograph signature that the copies are authentic and correspond to the original document(s).

(4) Children of teaching staff and auxiliary teaching staff still working or retired, who worked in the education system, orphans of one or both parents, those from single-parent families, who are at risk of losing their capacity to meet daily living needs due to situations of illness, disability, poverty are exempted from the application fee for the admission competition. The exemption from the application fee is made only on the basis of the proving documents submitted by the candidates in the admission file, as follows:

a) for the children of the teaching staff and auxiliary teaching staff still working or retired: certificate of employee/ former employee in an educational institution;

b) for young orphans: the parent's death certificate;

c) for young people from single-parent families: documents proving the family composition (where applicable: civil status documents, court decision maintaining the arrest state, social investigation report on missing parents, etc);

d) people at risk of losing their ability to meet their daily living needs due to situations of illness, disability, poverty.

(5) On the day of the competition, candidates who do not carry the original documents sent electronically for registration cannot take part in the admission competition.

(6) The Admissions Committee for Specialization set up at the ANIMV level can approve exemptions from the application fee depending on the social situation of the candidates, based on the examination of their justified requests, on a case-by-case basis.

Article 8. The submitted competition files shall remain, for the whole period of the admission competition, at **The Technical Secretariat** set up for conducting the admission competition.

CHAPTER III

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

Art. 9. For the purpose of organizing and conducting the admission competition, an *Admissions Committee for the professional master's degree programs aimed at enhancing the security culture within civil society (Annex 2)* is hereby established.

Art. 10. The specific membership of the committee shall be determined at least seven days before the start of the admission competition, by *Order of the Day pe Unit*.

Art. 11. Upon its establishment, the **Central Admissions Committee** assumes all responsibilities regarding the organization and conduct of the admission competition as well as the observance of legality, of transparency, and of the principle of equal opportunities for all candidates, as follows:

- a) ensures the implementation of and compliance with this *Methodology*;
- b) ensures that the Methodology for organizing and conducting the admission competition for master's degree programs at the "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy and the documentation provided for in Article 4, paragraph (1), are posted on the ANIMV website, www.animv.ro;
- c) plans, organizes, directs, and supervises activities throughout the entire duration of the competition;
- d) ensures compliance with the admissions schedule;
- e) ensures the publication of the results of the admission competition;
- f) takes all necessary measures to resolve any conflicts and maintain order;
- g) ensures the training of the committee's members, as well as all the training of staff involved in organizing and conducting the competition, in accordance with the provisions of this *Methodology*;
- h) ensures the timely resolution of any issues that arise during the course of the admission competition.

Art. 12. Upon its establishment, the **Program's Admission Committee** assumes responsibility for organizing and conducting the admission competition for the relevant programs, as follows:

- a) registering enrolled candidates;
- b) verifying application files;
- c) approving/rejecting exemptions from the competition registration fee following verification of the supporting documents submitted by candidates for this purpose, in accordance with Art. 8, paragraph (4);
- d) compiling lists of candidates;
- e) issuing admission competition ID cards;
- f) assigning candidates to exam rooms;
- g) receiving candidates for the competition examinations and instructing them on the specific rules during the examination, as well as on proper conduct on the Academy's premises;
- h) compiling the final results of the admission competition and certifying them.

Art. 13. The **secretary of the Central Admissions Committee** has the following duties:

- a) ensures that data regarding the admission competition and the composition of all admissions committees are entered into the *Order of the Day per Unit*;
- b) proposes to the chair of the Central Admissions Committee the admission schedule, the way of organizing activities, and the rooms for the competition;
- c) handles correspondence with the Service regarding the admission process.

Art. 14. The **secretary of the Program's Admissions Committee** has the following duties:

- a) coordinates the activities of the Secretariat of the Program's Admissions Committee;
- b) manages the related secretarial activities;

- c) organizes and monitors the accurate entry of candidates' examinations scores into the score sheets and, together with the commission chair, certifies their accuracy;
- d) ensures the issuance of certificates requested by candidates and university members;
- e) prepares the minutes regarding the conduct of the admission process and submits it to the secretary of the Central Admissions Committee for validation by the ANIMV Senate of the results of the admission competition for the respective program.

Art. 15. The members of the secretariat of the Program's Admissions Committee have the following duties:

- a) maintain records of candidates' files and verify the required documents in the candidates' files and the accuracy of personal data entered into the database;
- b) perform secretarial duties (completing candidate files with the study documents required for enrolment, registering requests submitted by candidates, and communicating to the candidates the Admissions Committee's decisions regarding the program in question;
- c) ensures the preparation, registration, record-keeping, and handling of admission documents in accordance with applicable regulations;
- d) carries out tasks assigned by the secretariat of the Program's Admissions Committee;
- e) performs administrative tasks specific to the admission process (setting up rooms, providing administrative support to committees);
- f) verifies that the documents included in the candidates' files match the originals, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, paragraph (1);
- g) requests support from other administrative units.

Art. 16. The staff responsible for the use of computer equipment and copying equipment have the following duties:

- a) ensure the proper functioning of computer equipment;
- b) carry out tasks assigned by the Secretariat of the Admissions Committees.

Art. 17. During the admission competition, the Admissions Committees shall have at their disposal rooms specifically designated for this activity, equipped with the necessary resources for drafting, copying, and storing documents.

Art. 18. (1) People who declare or for whom there is reliable information indicating that they have relatives among the candidates, or who present moral or professional conflicts of interest regarding their involvement in the conduct of the admission competition, shall not be appointed to *the committees established to conduct the admission process* and shall not be assigned any other duties related to the admission competition.

(2) People appointed to the *committees* shall submit **a written affidavit** stating that they are not in any of the situations mentioned in paragraph (1).

(3) Following the committees' establishment, measures shall be taken to replace those people who are members of those commissions and who find themselves in the above mentioned categories.

(4) Concealing or withholding the truth regarding the situations mentioned in paragraph (1) shall result in disciplinary action against the people at fault.

(5) Furthermore, disciplinary measures shall be taken against those who, through false statements, evade their obligations regarding the admission competition.

Art. 19. Members of the *Committee established to organize the admission process* who fail to comply with this *Methodology* or who, through their actions, undermine the proper organization and conduct of the admission competition, disclose the content of documents, violate the rules for evaluation of competition examinations, or incorrectly record the results shall be subject to disciplinary or, where applicable, criminal sanctions, in accordance with the regulations in force.

Art. 20. Prior to the competition examinations, the members of the *admission committees* shall be convened at the headquarters of the "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy in order

to establish and inform about the organizational details and those pertaining to the actual conduct of the competition examinations.

CHAPTER IV CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION

Art. 21. (1) The admission competition is organized by ANIMV during two admission sessions — the first in July, and the second in September, only if there are vacant positions left.

(2) The competition consists of an oral presentation of the essay written according to the exam topic and submitted upon registration, as specified in Art. 8, paragraph (2) of this methodology.

(3) The presentation lasts **15 minutes per candidate**;

(4) The suggested topics for the essay are listed in *Annex 3*.

Art. 22. All information regarding the admission competition is posted on the Academy's website, www.animv.ro.

Art. 23. *Schedule for the conduct of the competition*

No.	Activity	Starting time
1	Candidates entering the Academy	starting 8:00, according to schedule
2	Candidates entering the rooms and checking the candidates' ID cards	starting 8:10, according to schedule
3	Conducting the competition	from 8:45 to 20:00

Art. 24. *Conduct of the examination*

a) At **8:30**, the programs' admission committees will proceed to their assigned examination rooms.

b) Candidates will enter the examination room after their identity has been checked at the entrance by a member of the admissions commission.

c) Candidates are not allowed to bring communication devices, textbooks, notebooks, notes, or other sources of information into the room.

d) Candidates who do not have their IDs will NOT be allowed into the examination room.

Art. 25. (1) The admission competition will consist of an oral presentation of an essay on a topic from the suggested list of topics corresponding to each master's degree program (*Annex 3*);

(2) The essay will be assessed by the members of the *Program's Admissions Committee* based on the following scoring criteria:

a) the degree of knowledge and application of the presented concepts and thesis (level of access to and knowledge of the reference list, both nationally and internationally, the structure, coherence, and fluency of the writing/speaking) – 40 points;

b) the novelty and innovation of the presented thesis – 30 points;

c) the candidate's ability to structure ideas and present arguments – 30 points.

(3) The members of each Admissions Committee shall fill in an evaluation form for each candidate, awarding each one of them a score of up to 100 points. The overall admission average is the arithmetic mean of the scores awarded by the members of the Admission commission evaluating the candidates.

(4) Prior to the oral examination, the essay will be checked using the sistemantiplagiat.ro software in order to determine similarity coefficients.

Art. 26. The minimum overall admission average is 6.00 (six).

Art. 27. The results of the oral evaluation cannot be disputed.

Art. 28. (1) For the purpose of posting the results, after compiling all the results obtained by the candidates, a ranking will be drawn up in descending order of the scores obtained; this ranking will not include the candidates' names, but their admission competition ID numbers.

(2) The results of the admission competition are being announced after they have been validated by the *Central Admissions Committee*.

(3) Following validation, the Central Admissions Committee shall order the posting of the results on the Academy's website, www.animv.ro, and on the bulletin board at the access control point, for both programs simultaneously, indicating the time of posting.

(4) If multiple candidates with the same average score occupy the last position in the ranking, the candidate with the highest average grade for bachelor's studies will be admitted.

CHAPTER V FINAL ROVISIONS

Art. 29 The documents regarding the organization and conduct of the admission competition shall be submitted to the secretariat of the relevant faculty for filing and retention in accordance with the law, after the validation of the admission results.

Art. 30. The „Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy is investigating violations related to the activities of faculty members (graders, examiners, proctors or members of admissions committees) all through the admissions process.

Art. 31. During the admission competition, the chair of the *Central Admissions Committee* may order any necessary legal measures for the proper conduct of the admission process, after consulting with the *Committee* members.

Art. 32. Candidates who are declared ADMITTED are enrolled in the first year of the second master's degree program cycle, by decision of the commander/rector of the „Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy”.

Art. 33. Enrolled candidates sign a study contract with Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy”, which sets forth the mutual rights and obligations of the parties.

Art. 34. The application files of candidates who have been declared REJECTED will be returned to the candidates upon their request, will be retained for one year from the date of posting the results of the admission competition, after which they will be destroyed in accordance with the procedures in effect.

Art. 35. This information and these details are official data regarding the organization and conduct of the competition for the admission to „Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy”.

Art. 36. Should the Ministry of Education and Research issue any further clarifications regarding the admission competition, these will be communicated to applicants in a timely manner by posting them on the „Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy” website, www.animv.ro, as well as on the bulletin board at the access control point.

ANNEX

Annex 1 – Application for the competition for admission to the professional master's degree program for enhancing the security culture within civil society - sample

Annex 2 – Committees established for the competition for admission to the professional master's degree program for enhancing the security culture within civil society

Annex 3 – Suggested topics for the admission competition

APPLICATION FORM

for the competition for admission to the professional master's degree program for enhancing the security culture within civil society

Faculty _____ study
program _____ session

Commander (Rector),

I, the undersigned _____ son/daughter of _____ and _____ of _____ born in year _____, month _____, day _____, in the town of _____, county _____, holder of identity card series _____, no. _____, issued by _____, on _____

[illegible]

with permanent residence at _____
(city, street, no., block., building, floor, apartment, county/district)

Education _____
(university, college, field of study and program)

place of employment _____
(please clearly write the name of the institution)

occupation _____, phone number _____,
e-mail address _____, please approve my registration for the _____

(fill it out correctly and clearly)

colloquium for admission to the professional master's degree program for enhancing the security culture within civil society _____, training series _____, organized by the „Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy, at the Faculty _____.

I hereby consent to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the provisions set forth in the **Privacy Notice regarding the processing of the personal data for applicants, students enrolled in academic programs and participants in activities organized by the „Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy**, posted on the Academy website, <http://www.animv.ro>:

yes

no

I take full responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided in this application.

I attach the following:

1. a copy of the high school diploma and the corresponding transcript;
2. a copy of the Bachelor's degree or equivalent diploma and the transcript / diploma supplement or, for candidates who passed the Bachelor's degree exam during the _____ and _____ sessions, a certificate issued by the higher education institutions;
3. proof of equivalence of the Bachelor's degree studies by the National Centre for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas within the Ministry of Education and Research, in accordance with the law, in cases where candidates completed these studies at accredited higher education institutions abroad;
4. a copy of the birth certificate;
5. a copy of the identity card;
6. a copy of the court decision or other documents regarding a name change for those who have changed their name;
7. a copy of the marriage certificate (if applicable);
8. proof of payment of the application fee;
9. **the essay, in .pdf , and .doc or .docx format**

Date

Signature

To the Commander (Rector) of the „Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy

Annex 2

**COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED FOR THE COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO
THE PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM FOR ENHANCING
THE SECURITY CULTURE WITHIN CIVIL SOCIETY**

The following committees are established for the admission competition:

- 1. CENTRAL ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**
- 2. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEES FOR EACH PROGRAM**
- 3. TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

The chair of the central committee is the commander or another person designated by the commander. The other members of the admissions committees are nominated by the chair of the central committee and the deans and approved by the commander. The committees are registered with the OZU by the secretary of the central admissions committee.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR THE COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM¹

- 1) NATO's 2022 Strategic Concept from Madrid – implications for international security.
- 2) Tools for tackling disinformation.
- 3) Dimensions and areas of manifestation of hybrid threats.
- 4) Strategies and policies for increasing national resilience.
- 5) Romania – provider and beneficiary of security at regional and global level.
- 6) Protection of critical infrastructure.
- 7) The transformation of intelligence organizations in the current security environment.
- 8) The role of emergent technologies in national security.
- 9) Diplomacy and national security.
- 10) Strategies for countering hybrid threats.
- 11) Risks, vulnerabilities and threats to national security.
- 12) The impact of hybrid threats on the regional security architecture.

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¹ Guidelines for writing the essay/article Times New Roman 12, Justify alignment, 1,5 line spacing, between 5000 and 10000 de characters, essay abstract key words – at least 5

- Introduction: motivation, background, objectives, hypotheses or research questions
- Conceptual delimitation: placement within the field of interest and relevance of the research.
- Methodology and reasoning: the technique, the method, and the working tool for the issue at question
- Research results
- Conclusions and recommendations

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