

Training Academy “A. Marchetti” AgustaWestland



AgustaWestland
welcomes you to its
“Alessandro Marchetti”
Training Academy
in Sesto Calende.

The following pages provide
useful information for your stay.

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1 AgustaWestland Training Academy

1.1 About us

AgustaWestland, a company in the Finmeccanica group, is a leader in the technology sector and offers a range of aeronautical products designed to meet the needs of business and military customers. The company's range of products goes from the AW119 Ke, an innovative 2.8 ton single-engine helicopter, to the AW101, a 16-ton three-engine model. Other products include the AW109 Power, Grand, combat helicopter AW129, the multi-function super Lynx 300, the medium two-engine AW139, and the 11-ton NH-90, in which AgustaWestland owns a 32% stake.

New products launched in 2006 include the Future Lynx and the AW149, military helicopters with the potential for further future development.

Customer satisfaction is a priority for AgustaWestland, supporting the primary industry and preparing solutions for its growing pool of users.

The development of its updating capacities has also allowed AgustaWestland to expand its market and become the biggest supplier of training in the field of defence systems. The main operational headquarters of AgustaWestland are in Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States.



2 Training Academy: history

2.1 From 1965 to the present day

The company started training pilots and technicians in 1965 with the production of helicopters AB205, AB206, SH3D and AB412. At the beginning customers were trained by production technicians and test pilots to maintain and fly their own helicopters.

In 1967 the Training Centre started operating more organically under the name “Agusta School for Pilots and Technicians”. The main office was in Cascina Costa with a branch office at the Frosinone plant.

In 1992 all work was assimilated into the “Agusta Training Centre”, located at the Caproni plant in Somma Lombardo.

In 2005, following a major increase in work, the Centre was relocated to the old SIAI Marchetti plant in Sesto Calende.

Flying work was carried out at the airfields in Cascina Costa and Vergiate and at Cameri military airport in the province of Novara.

In July 2006 AgustaWestland and Finmeccanica officially opened the “Training Academy Alessandro Marchetti” in Sesto Calende.



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3 Training Academy: courses

The Training Academy “A. Marchetti” offers a complete range of courses for all AgustaWestland aircraft.

All teaching materials used during the courses are developed by applying state-of-the-art technologies and teaching methodologies.



3.1 Courses for pilots

The Training Academy is an organisation certified by JAR (the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (E.N.A.C.) in accordance with JAR-FCL2) and FAA (as a Training Center Part 142).



With its different types of helicopters and the level of professionalism of its instructors and pilot instructors, the Training Academy offers the highest range of services which run from basic VFR and IFR training to the highest level of qualification required by the complexity of modern military helicopters.

All courses comply with the standards established by JAR-FCL2.

3.2 Technical courses

The Training Academy has been approved as a maintenance-training centre and certified by ENAC in accordance with regulation EASA Part147.

Basic courses are available for technical personnel without experience and advanced courses are available for personnel who have already done technical training.

All courses comply with the standards established by JAR 66/147. Here follows a list of the different levels of training which can be undertaken at our “Academy”:



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- **Category A:**
line mechanic certificate
(turbine helicopters)
- **Category B1.3:**
line technician certificate
(turbine helicopters)
- **Category B2:**
line technician avionics certificate
- **Category C:**
basic maintenance certificate

3.3 Certificates issued

Required minimum mark

Training is complete when the student passes the final exam with a required minimum mark of 75%.

A certificate of proficiency will be issued to students who pass the exam.

A certificate of attendance will be issued to students who do not pass the exam.



3.4 Instructors

The AgustaWestland Training Academy “A. Marchetti” boasts a large team of pilots and theory instructors (mechanics-avionics) who cover the huge range of courses on offer. All our staff are highly qualified and have in-depth experience in the aeronautical sector.



3.5 Attendance

In view of the complexity and quantity of topics covered, the following table shows the maximum number of absences permitted for a course to be considered valid.

3.6 Length of course: permitted absences

| | |
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| Less than 2 weeks | None |
| 2 weeks | half day |
| 3 weeks | 1 day |

3.7 Teaching materials

All teaching materials (manuals and stationary) required for the course will be provided by the Training Academy for enrolled students only.

3.8 Exam regulations

Exams are taken with “books closed” and basically consist of completing multiple-choice tests in a given time. Books, files, notes, calculators and mobile phones may not be used during exams.

Above all remember that:

- Copying or communicating with other candidates will not be allowed; all queries must be directed at the examiner.
- It will not be possible to leave the exam room while the exam is in progress (only in exceptional cases).
- It will not be possible to take exam materials out of the exam room, especially the questions.
- It will not be possible to use any additional documentation to that deemed necessary by the examiner.



3.9 A109Power and AW139 Simulators

FAA Qualification - Level D
(as per AC120-63) February 2007.

JAR Certification for A109Power - Level D
(JAR - STD - 1H) June 2006.

JAR Certification for AW139 - Level D
(JAR - STD - 1H) December 2007.



4 Training Academy: security, standards and services



In the event of....



Call this number immediately



Examples of safety signs

Warning



Prohibition



Rescue



Fire prevention




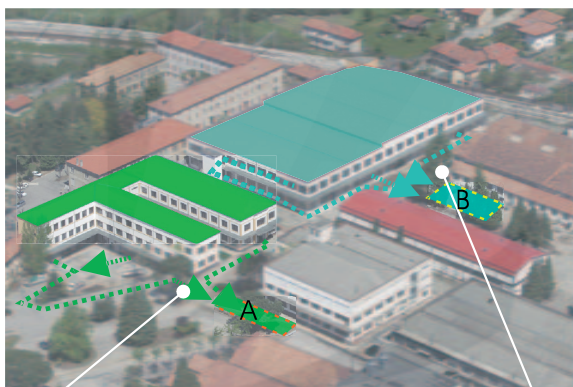
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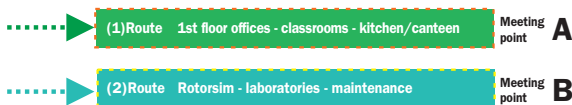
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When the alarm sounds, calmly proceed to the meeting point  and follow the instructions given by members of the **Fire Prevention Team**



Meeting
point symbol

Meeting
point symbol



Fire prevention team



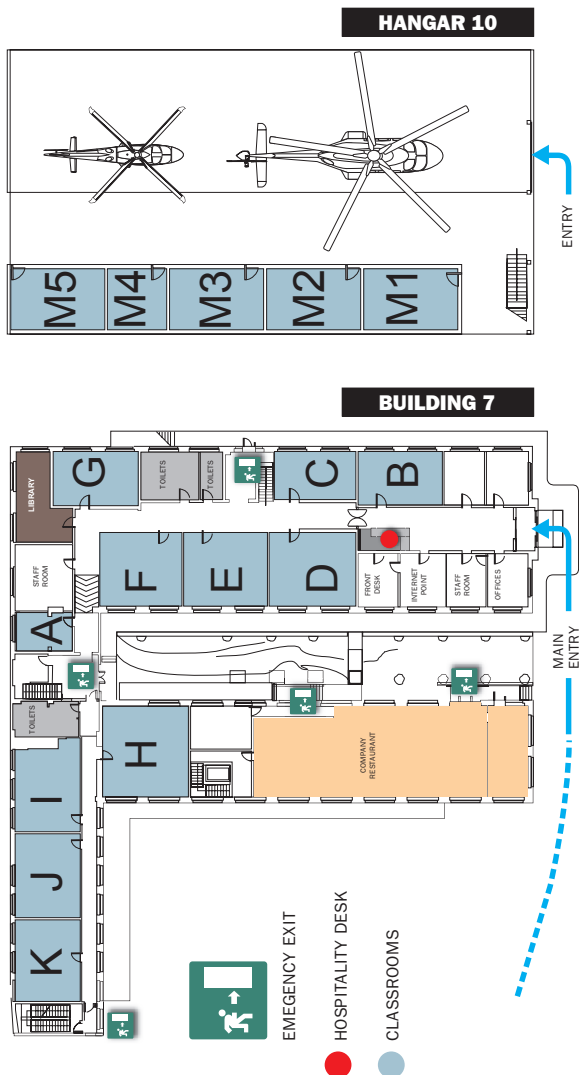
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| Giuseppe | BELLI |
| Fabrizio | BOCCHETTA |
| Lucio | CALIENNO |
| Angelo | COSTANTE |
| Mario | DOGNINI |
| Paolo | MAGNAGHI |
| Massimo | MILANI |
| Maurizio | MENIN |
| Emanuela | PLEBE |
| Roberto | SANGUINI |



The floor plan shows a building layout with the following features:

- Entry:** Indicated by a red arrow at the bottom left.
- Meeting point:** Represented by a green square with a cross, located near the entry.
- Nursery:** Represented by a circle with a cross, located near the meeting point.
- Classroom/Offices/Canteen:** Represented by a circle with a cross, located in the central area.
- Maintenance Simulator:** Represented by a circle with a cross, located in the central area.
- Flight Simulator:** Represented by a circle with a cross, located in the central area.
- Stock:** Represented by a circle with a cross, located in the central area.
- Maintenance:** Represented by a circle with a cross, located in the central area.
- CPT - OJT:** Represented by a circle with a cross, located in the central area.
- Room Numbers:** 7, 8, 10a, 10b, 10c, 15a, 15b, 15c, and 16 are distributed throughout the plan.

TRAINING ACADEMY LAYOUT



4.1 Security

Photographic and recording equipment may not be brought into the Training Academy. Portable computers may only be brought into the Training Academy and used following authorisation from the security manager.

4.2 Clothing

Suitable clothing should always be worn. We strongly advise against wearing short trousers, vest tops and flip-flops.

4.3 Smoking ban

Smoking is forbidden inside the Training Academy. Smoking is only allowed in the specially designated outside areas.

4.4 Company restaurant

Lunch will be provided in our restaurant during your stay at the Training Academy. You will be given the necessary information to use the service at the beginning of your course.

Situated near the classrooms (see map), the company restaurant is open from 12 pm to 2 pm from Monday to Friday

The lunch voucher offers vegetarian menus, yoghurts and seasonal fruit, water and drinks as well as a typical Mediterranean menu. (No alcohol may be consumed in the restaurant during lunch).

5 Info for foreign students

Students from countries outside the European Union who attend the Training Academy courses for more than (2) two weeks must carry out some bureaucratic formalities in accordance with the Italian laws on immigration. Those concerned should call at the Hospitality Desk with their passport as soon as they arrive in order to receive detailed information from specialized personnel.



6 Useful information – Guide to Italy

6.1 Access

6.1.1 Airports



Sesto Calende can be reached from the airports of Malpensa, Linate and Lugano, three international airports within a 50 km radius. All national airlines use Malpensa Airport, the main hub of Northern Italy. Orio al Serio airport is about 60 km away on the Milano – Venezia motorway route and is used more for “Low Cost” flights.

If you want to organize a short weekend break, just contact our Hospitality Desk for assistance.

Malpensa Airport and Linate Airport:
www.aeroportidimilano.it

Information:
Hospitality Desk at the Training Academy on all days when courses are held.

6.1.2 Motorways



The area around Sesto Calende is well served by motorways, indicated in bright green on maps. The A4 connects Venezia to Torino, passing north of Milano and from here the A8/A9 branches off to Como/Varese.

Almost all Italian motorways are subject to payment of a toll and the speed limit is 130km/h, or 110Km/h in the event of rain. Payment at the barriers can be made by cash or credit card.



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6.1.3 Highway code



Road signs are mainly in keeping with European guidelines.

A few basic rules: cars drive on the right-hand side of the road in Italy. The normal speed limit is 50km/h in cities and 90km/h outside urban areas. Seat belts are compulsory. Children under 12 must travel in the back seat.

Many traffic lights are fitted with cameras, which are activated when a vehicle crosses the junction if the lights are red.

In the event of checks by the Traffic Police, all documents must be exhibited: identity card, driving license and your own car's documents or the rental documents.

6.1.4 Parking and car parks



It is always possible to park along the side of roads in Sesto Calende, Arona and Angera, but pay attention to the colour of the lines which delimit the space: blue indicates paid parking (there is usually a meter at the top of the line of spaces which issues a ticket upon payment valid for 30 minutes – 2 hours); yellow indicates parking for residents only. Look out for other signs too, such as those requiring a parking disk to be displayed at certain times.

Paid car parks can be found more or less everywhere. Use them especially in tourist centres or very crowded places, also to avoid having a nasty surprise when you return.



6.2 Electricity

Voltage 220V

Frequency 50Hz

Cycle AC



Plug: standard continental:
two circular pins.

6.3 Metric system

The metric system is in standard use in Italy.

To avoid confusion: commas separate decimals,
while points separate thousands.

6.4 Currency



The Euro is the Italian currency

Banknotes in use are: €500, €200, €100,

€50, €20, €10, e €5; while coins are: €2 and

€1, and cents: 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1.

If possible, change your currency directly in the
airport when you arrive at a bureau de change
counter.

6.5 Travellers Cheques

They are accepted, even if they are no longer
used much because credit cards are accepted
everywhere.

6.6 Credit cards



The most frequently accepted cards in Italy are
Visa and MasterCard. Small hotels and a few
restaurants do not accept credit cards.

For 24h assistance, call the number on the
back of your card or the following freephone
numbers:



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| American Express | 800 874 333 |
| Diners Club | 800 864 064 |
| MasterCard | 800 870 866 |
| Visa | 800 877 232 |

6.7 ATMs

Cash withdrawal points are found at banks.

Exchange rates are better at ATMs than at bureaux de change.

6.8 Newspapers and magazines



All the major European and Foreign titles can be bought at large newsstands or in the tourist centres on Lago Maggiore.

Non-Italian newspapers can also be bought at the newsstands in the squares in Sesto Calende, Angera and Arona.

6.9 Smoking

Cigarettes can only be bought at tobacconists and automatic vending machines found widely. Smoking is strictly forbidden in any closed Italian public place such as airports, restaurants and bars.

At the moment it is still permitted in open public places such as stadia.



Ashtrays can usually be found outside bars and restaurants, while companies provide specially equipped areas for smokers. Smoking is strictly forbidden inside the Training Academy.



6.10 Water



Tap water is drinkable and is usually used in the kitchen and at table.

Despite this, thanks to the many water sources in Italy, it is now common to only serve and drink bottled still or sparkling mineral water also in restaurants and pizzerias.

6.11 Public holidays

Public transport may run on a reduced service and shops and restaurants may be closed on these days:

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| New Year's Day | 1 January |
| Feast of Epiphany | 6 January |
| Easter Sunday and Monday | March/April |
| Liberation Day | 25 April |
| Labour Day | 1 May |
| Republic Day | 2 June |
| Feast of the Assumption | 15 August |
| All Saints' Day | 1 November |
| Feast of St. Ambrogio (only for Milano and surrounding area) | 7 December |
| Feast of the Immaculate Conception | 8 December |
| Christmas Day | 25 December |
| Boxing Day | 26 December |

Patron saint: the calendar date on which the town or city's saint is celebrated, when services (banks, post offices etc) are only open part-time.



7 Services

7.1 Internet access @

Most hotels are equipped with Internet access, even if only a few of them have wireless access. For a more reliable service it is better to use Internet cafés or the Internet Points in the Training Academy.

7.2 Information websites

This website provides all the tourist information you need for the Milano and Varese areas:
www.milanoinfotourist.com

7.3 Pharmacies

Pharmacy opening hours are the same as those for shops, but they have a rest day, which usually alternates in rotation with other pharmacies in the area.

| | |
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| SESTO CALENDE | Via XX Settembre |
| SESTO CALENDE | Abbazia |
| ANGERA | P.za della Chiesa |

7.4 Banks

Italian banks are open to the public from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. In the afternoon they only open again for an hour – with notable variations between banks – from Monday to Friday.



7.5 Opening hours and shopping centres



Most shops follow standard opening hours except during the summer (August). Shops are usually open from 3 pm to 7 pm on Monday and from 10 am to 7 pm from Tuesday to Saturday, but in most cases they are closed from 1 pm to 3.30 pm. Museums and galleries are usually closed on Monday. Banks are open from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm and from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm on weekdays. Cafés are open from 7.30 am to around 8 pm or beyond, while restaurants are open for lunch from midday to 3 pm. Dinner is usually from 7 pm to midnight. Clubs are open from 10 pm to 3 or 4 am.

The opening hours of many shopping centres offer the possibility to go shopping 7 days a week from 8 am to 8-9 pm (depending on the day of the week).

Sesto Calende is considered a tourist centre due to its proximity to Lago Maggiore. All shopping centres are open throughout the day.

7.6 Post offices and telephones



7.6.1 Post offices - www.poste.it

Opening hours of Sesto Calende post office (on the Sempione road): from 8.30 am to 7 pm every day from Monday to Friday and from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm on Saturday. Stamps can be bought at post offices or tobacconists.

The cost of sending a letter or postcard is € 0,60. Always ask at the counter to send small packets or other post.




The post office can also be used for banking services if you decide to open an account there, or buying prepaid debit cards, to avoid going around with too much cash. You need to have a tax code to use the latter service: ask at the Hospitality Desk for more details.

7.6.2 Telephones



National calls are paid by the minute, and added charges are applied to calls to and from mobile phones.

To avoid high charges calling from mobiles or hotels you can use special Call Centres for foreigners. There is also one in Sesto Calende near the Training Academy. During days when lessons are held, ask at the Hospitality Desk to find out how to call directly from the Training Academy. Few public phones accept coins; most accept Telecom Italia phone cards. Some telephones only accept Infostrada and Albacom phone cards. These cards can be bought at all tobacconists, recognizable by the large capital  .

7.6.3 Phone cards

Telecom Italia (187) phone cards can be used on both public and private telephones. Cards can be bought at tobacconists, newsstands and Telecom offices.



7.6.4 Mobile phones

You can purchase a prepaid card for your GSM dual band or tri-band mobile phone from TIM (Telecom Italia Mobile), Vodafone, Wind or Tre. All telephone providers sell SIM cards (to get an Italian mobile phone number) and top-up cards. You'll need your passport, Italian address and tax code to purchase a SIM card. Ask at the Hospitality Desk for more information.

7.6.5 Telephone area codes

The area code for Sesto Calende and Angera is 0331;

Arona is 0321 while Milano is 02.

Area codes must be dialled before the local number.

Mobile phone numbers are now without "0" at the beginning.

7.7 Time

Standard time in Roma is an hour after GMT/UTC;

summer time is in force between the last weekend in March and the end of October.



ROMA
12.00



LONDON
-1 HOUR



NEW YORK
-6 HOURS



SYDNEY
+ 8 HOURS



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8 Free time

8.1 Italian cuisine

Food/Restaurants



Italians are famous all over the world for their excellent cuisine. During your stay, treat yourself at least once to a good restaurant in the area. As they are tourist centres, Sesto Calende, Arona and Angera have many restaurants which offer menus in English and German. A typical Italian meal begins with a starter and continues with two main courses, the first pasta-based and the second meat or fish-based. Nobody will bat an eyelid though if you only have one of the two. Prices vary and it is a good idea to check immediately if they accept credit cards.

Cafés often offer tasty alternatives for a quick lunch with hot and cold dishes. Alcohol is served everywhere, except in motorway service stations after 10 pm. A “cover” charge is applied in restaurants; this is a fixed amount per diner. Ask at the Hospitality Desk for more information.

8.2 Relaxation

8.2.1 Fitness

Large hotels and several beauty centres have swimming pools, gyms and organised courses.

8.2.2 Swimming pools

Swimming pools are either run by the council or private. Water parks are open in the summer from June to the beginning of September, offering a range of swimming pools run as a fun park.



8.2.3 Excursions

There are a variety of excursions on offer to experience the beauty of the area:

On foot: around Lago Monate, Lago Comabbio and Lago Varese.

By bicycle: on the cycle paths in the Valle del Ticino, with bike hire in Sesto Calende, or along the cycle paths around Lago Varese.

By boat: from Stresa, Verbania where you can get boats to and from the Borromee Islands and nearby Switzerland.

By train, from Arona to travel to Switzerland, or from Milano to reach Venezia or Firenze.

Ask at the Hospitality Desk for more information.



8.2.4 Theme/fun parks

There is now a wide choice of fun and theme parks. If you have a free weekend and you want to have fun in this way, the nearest one is SAFARIPARK in Varallo Pombia
www.safaripark.it.



8.2.5 Cinema - TV

The MULTISCREEN (www.metropolisarea.it) in Castelletto Ticino on the Sempione road shows first-run film in Italian.

All hotels have TVs in their rooms and almost all of them have DVD players to watch rented movies. There are lots of video stores (such as BLOCKBUSTER) where you can get a free membership card which entitles you to rent DVDs.



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9 Sightseeing in Sesto Calende and the surrounding area

It is the first centre you get to when travelling to Lago Maggiore from Milano and Malpensa airport.

The lakeshores in Piemonte and Lombardia offer walks and tours among the green hills which drop down to the lake.

Towns of great interest such as Arona, Meina, Stresa, Baveno and Luino are about half an hour away by car and can also be reached by boat with the “Navigazione del Lago Maggiore” company, offering trips to the Borromee Islands or the Swiss cities of Lugano and Locarno.

9.1 Sesto Calende

Sesto Calende, a small town of Roman origins, has about 10000 inhabitants. It is situated near Lago Maggiore, on the banks of the River Ticino, in a verdant glacial valley. It is famous for its weekly market, which is held on Wednesdays.

9.1.1 Sightseeing in Sesto Calende

- St. Vincent's Oratory: dates back to the XI century. Located to the north of Sesto, at the top of a hill looking out over the River Ticino.
- Located in a wooded area nearby is the glacial erratic boulder called “Sass di Preia Buia”.
- St. Donato's Abbey: located on the ancient site called “Scozzola”. The abbey is considered the most beautiful monument in Sesto Calende and dates back to the VIII century.



- **Civic Museum:** Located inside the Town Hall, with exhibits of finds from primitive cultures in the area which were part of the Golasecca Culture (Iron Age).

9.2 Lakes and rivers

Bathing in Lago Maggiore, Lago Varese, Lago Monate and Lago Comabbio is subject to council deliberations; thorough analyses of the water and the surrounding area are carried out annually.

Bathing prohibition notices are displayed at the relevant sites.

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The town stands where the river Ticino leaves Lago Maggiore and in addition to its natural beauty offers a wide range of religious, natural and civil monuments, including a Paleontological Museum of the Golasecca Iron Age culture.



Angera

Owned by the Princes of Borromeo, the outstanding feature of this jewel of Lago Maggiore is its fortified castle, which looks out over the gulf. It can be reached by car or bus, with departures from the square outside Sesto Calende station. It offers spectacular scenery.



Arona

This elegant small town lies on the banks of Lago Maggiore in Piedmont and is a starting point for boat trips to the Borromeo Islands and nearby Switzerland. Good for shopping.



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