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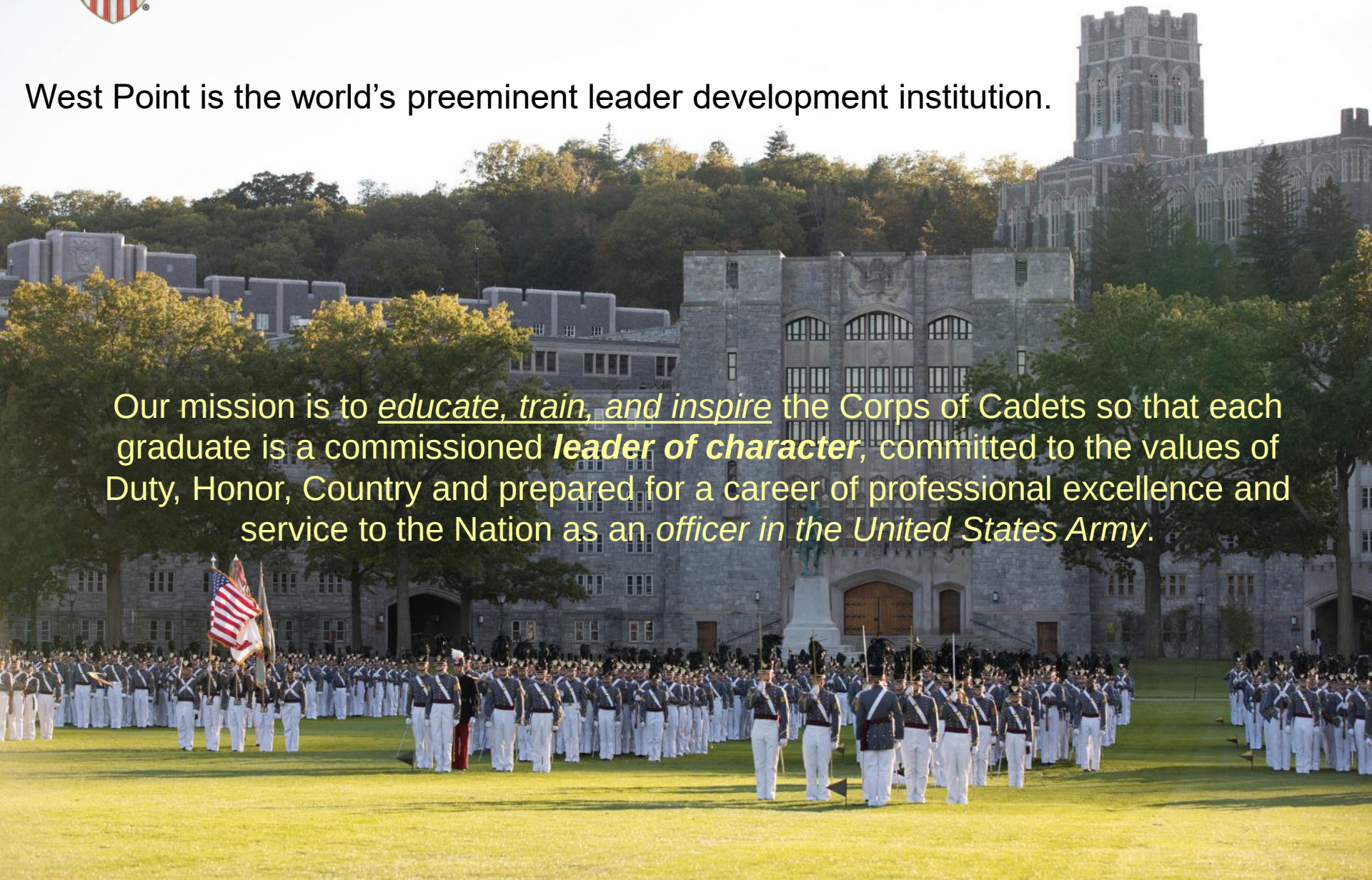
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Vision and Mission

West Point is the world's preeminent leader development institution.



Our mission is to *educate, train, and inspire* the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned ***leader of character***, committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an *officer in the United States Army*.

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Leaders

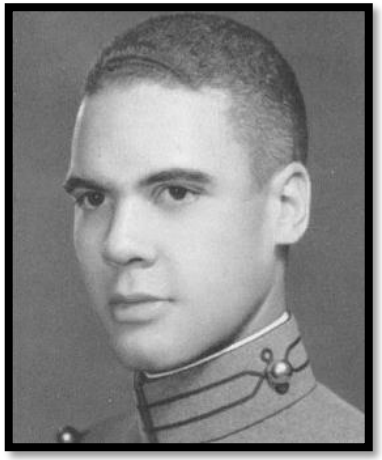
- **2** U.S. Presidents
- **4** Heads of State
- **4** Five-Star Generals
- **83** Army Medal of Honor Recipients
- **20** U.S. Cabinet Members
- **37** Governors of States or Territories
- **33** Members of Congress
- **16** Ambassadors
- **21** Astronauts
- **93** Rhodes Scholars
- **23** University/College Founders or Presidents



Douglas MacArthur
General of the Army
Class of 1903



Dwight Eisenhower
34th President of USA
Class of 1915



Benjamin O. Davis Jr.
Tuskegee Airman
Class of 1936



Mike Krzyzewski
Coach at Duke
Class of 1969



Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State
Class of 1986



Mark Esper
Secretary of Defense
Class of 1986

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Top Academic Ranking

U.S.News & WORLD REPORT

#1 Top Public Schools
#2 High School Counselor Ranking
#4 Best Undergraduate Engineering Program

The Princeton Review

#1 Most Accessible Professors
#2 Best Classroom Experience
#3 Best College Library

#3 Public College
#27 Top Colleges
(Navy #31, Air Force #40)

Forbes.com

Most Rhodes Scholars (All-time)
1. Harvard University
2. Yale University
3. Princeton University
4. Stanford University
5. U.S. Military Academy

Most Marshall Scholars (All-time)
1. Harvard University
2. Princeton University
3. Yale University
4. Stanford University
5. MIT
6. Brown University
7. U.S. Military Academy

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Academic Majors

American Politics
Chemistry
Chemistry w/ ACS
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Comparative Politics
Computer Science
Defense Strategic Studies
Economics
Electrical Engineering
English
Engineering Management
Engineering Psychology
Environmental Engineering
Environmental Science
Foreign Area Study
Foreign Language
Geo Info Science
History: US
History: International

History: Military
Geography
Information Technology
International Relations
Kinesiology
Law/Legal Studies
Life Science
Mathematical Sciences
Mechanical Engineering
Management
Nuclear Engineering
Operations Research
Philosophy
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
Space Science
Sys & Decision Sciences
Systems Engineering







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Opportunities Abroad

Enrichment Programs in 55 countries



Summer Academic Program
- 1067 cadets
- 422 cadets in 50 countries
- 645 cadets in 39 states



Foreign Military Schools
- 138 cadets
- 4 countries



Study Abroad / Semester Exchange
- 147 cadets
- 20 countries

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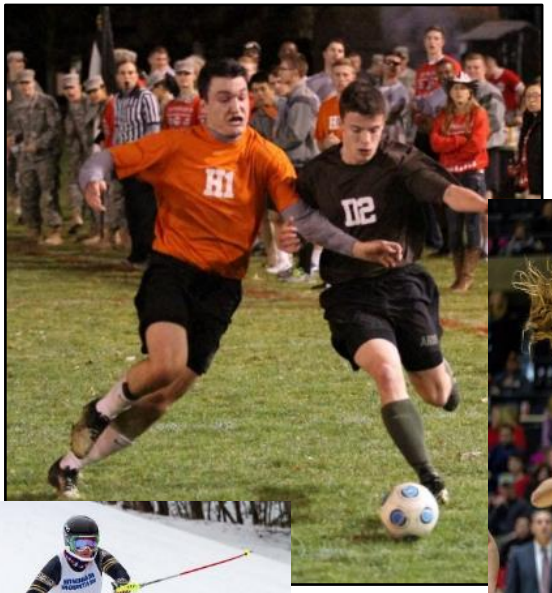
Physical Development
"Every Cadet an Athlete"

- 28 NCAA Sports
- 16 Club Sports
- 11 Company Athletics















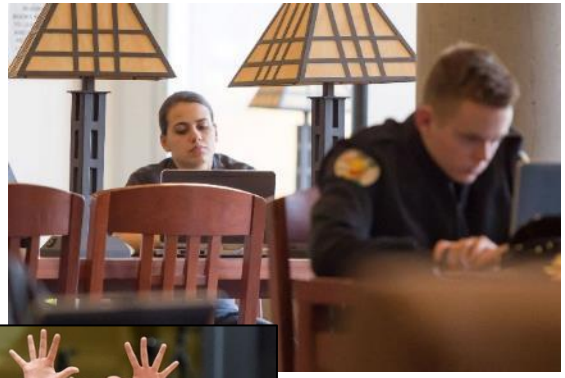
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Typical Cadet Day

5:20am	7:05	11:55	12:50pm	4:15	6:30	7:30	11:30	12:00
	Class or Study Time		Class or Study Time		Dinner		Taps	
Breakfast Formation		Lunch Formation		Intramural, Club, or Intercollegiate Athletics		Evening Study Period		Lights Out











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Military Development







Freshman - “Plebe”

6-Week Cadet Basic Training

- In-process, Uniform Issue, & Academic Placement
- Marksmanship Fundamentals & First Aid
- Mountaineering & Obstacle course
- Physical Training & Foot Marches
- Field Training Exercise & Rappelling
- Values & Army Culture

New Cadets formally accepted into the Corps

Sophomore - “Yearling”

4-Week Cadet Field Training

- Advanced Marksmanship & Land Navigation
- Mounted Operations, Patrolling, & Urban Operations
- Problem Solving & Risk Mitigation
- Water Confidence & Obstacle Courses
- Capstone Field Training Exercise (FTX)

4-Week block for Individual Advanced Development

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Military Development







Junior - "Cow"

Second Class Detail - NCO Leadership

Cadet Troop Leader Training

3-Week Cadet Leader Development Training

- Plan, Rehearse, & Execute Model
- Offense, Movement to Contact, & Defense
- 100% tactical time in a field environment

Military Leadership Schools

Individual Advanced Development

Senior - "Firstie"

First Class Detail - Officer Leadership

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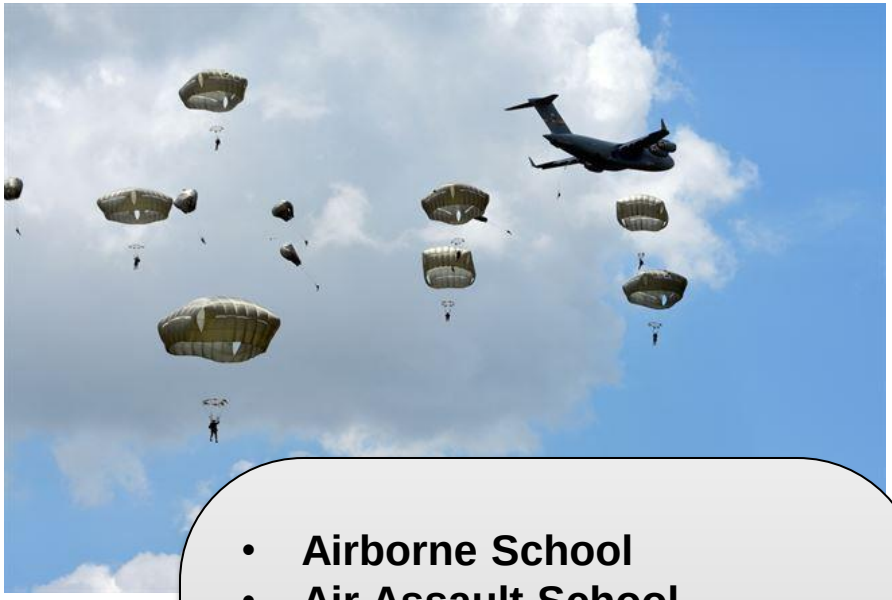
Military Leadership Schools

Individual Advanced Development

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Military Leadership Schools









- Airborne School
- Air Assault School
- Basic Mountaineering
- Combat Diver Qualification
- Survival, Evasion, Resistance, & Escape (SERE)
- Sapper Leader Course
- French Commando
- Jungle Operation Training
- Chilean Mountaineering
- Brazilian Mountaineering
- Georgian Mountaineering

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Physical Development









Freshman - “Plebe”

Boxing (male & female)
Military Movement
Army Physical Fitness Test (x2)

Sophomore - “Yearling”

Fundamentals of Fitness
Survival Swimming
Army Physical Fitness Test (x2)
Indoor Obstacle Course Test

Junior - “Cow”

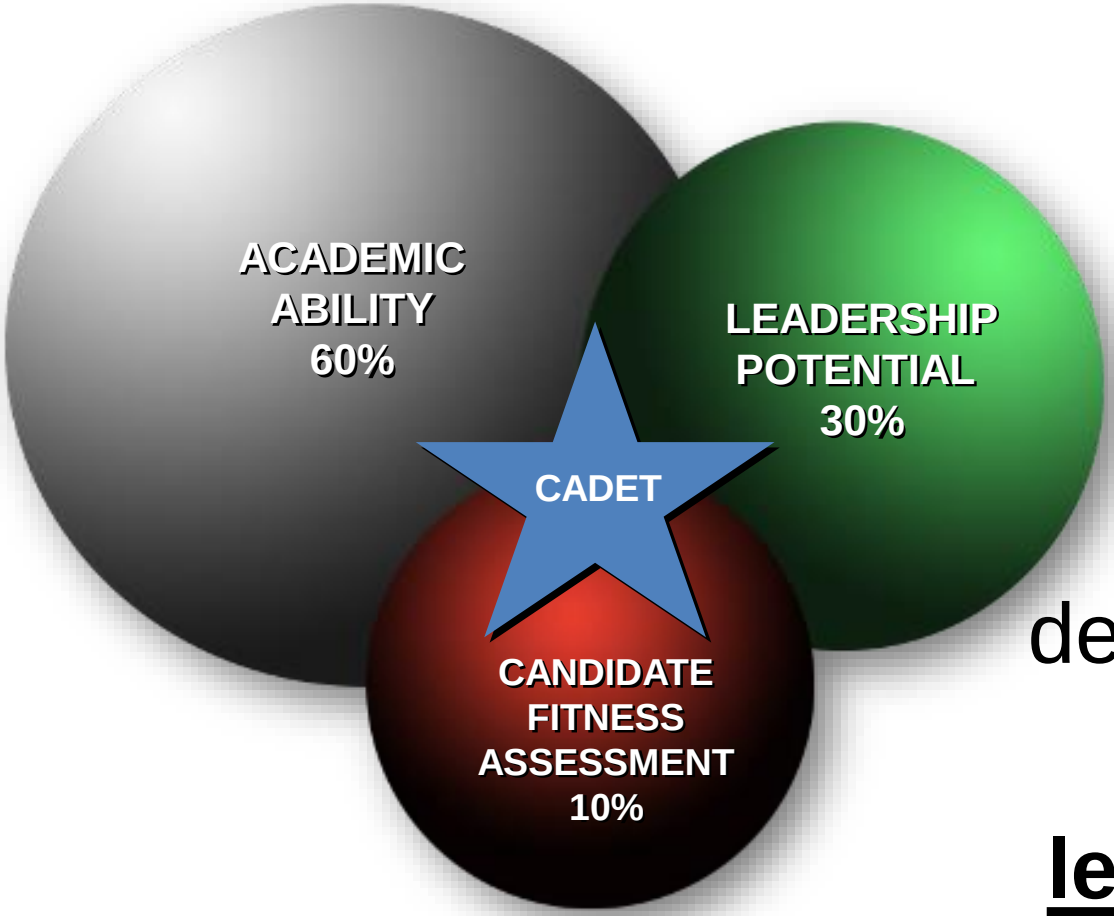
Combat Applications
Lifetime Physical Activity
Army Physical Fitness Test (x2)
Indoor Obstacle Course Test

Senior - “Firstie”

Army Fitness Development
Army Physical Fitness Test (x2)
Indoor Obstacle Course Test

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Whole Candidate Concept



West Point seeks **well-rounded** candidates who demonstrate excellent **academic** ability, **leadership** potential, and overall **fitness**.

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Steps To West Point

The Admissions Process

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		TIME OF ACTION
~1,250	Report as a New Cadet	JULY OF YEAR OF ADMISSION
2,500+	Visit West Point	
	Await evaluation and status	
	Complete testing	
4,100+	Obtain nomination	WINTER OF SENIOR YEAR
	Complete USMA Forms	
	Apply for a Nomination	SUMMER BETWEEN JR/SR YEAR
15,000+	Start a File at West Point	JANUARY OF JUNIOR YEAR
	Determine whether you meet the basic requirements	

Basic Requirements (continued)

- ❑ Leadership
  - Demonstrated leadership in school, community, church, scouts, etc.
- ❑ Academic Qualifications:
  - Above average High School or College academic record
  - Strong performance on ACT/SAT
- ❑ Medical Qualifications:
  - Good physical and mental health
  - Pass a Qualifying Medical Exam
- ❑ Physical Qualifications:
  - Above average strength, endurance, and agility
  - Good performance on Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)

Academic Preparation

	Recommended
English	**4 Years**
Mathematics (w/ minimum of Trigonometry or Pre-Calculus)	**4 Years**
Laboratory Science (w/ one year of Physics or Chemistry)	**2 Years**
Foreign Language	**2 Years**
United States History	**1 Year**
Computer Technology	**1 Year**

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No Surprises

Explore

- www.usma.edu
- Books, Magazines, Documentaries



Ask Questions

- Regional Commander
- Field Force members
- Local Area Cadets and Graduates

Visit West Point

SUMMER

LEADERS

EXPERIENCE



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Evaluation Process

Academic (60%)

- High School Class Rank
- SAT and/or ACT
  - **Must take SAT Essay / ACT Writing**
  - College Codes: SAT=2924 / ACT=2976
- Transcript

Leadership (30%)

- Extracurricular Activities
  - Boys / Girls State
  - Eagle Scout / Gold Award
- Athletic Participation
- School Official Evaluations

Candidate Fitness Assessment (10%)

- Basketball Throw
- 40-Yard Shuttle Run
- Pull-ups/Flexed-Arm Hang
- Modified Sit-Ups
- 1-Mile Run
- Push-ups
  - **Must submit video of both push-ups & pull-ups/flexed-arm hang**





Medical

Medical Qualifications

- Complete application *early* to be authorized medical exam *early*.
- Good Physical and Mental Health
- Pass a Qualifying Medical Exam



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- Qualified
- Remedial
- Disqualified

Medical Waivers

- Case by Case Basis

Obtain a Nomination

Congressional

- Apply for **ALL** 4 nominations.
  - **US House of Representative** (http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/)
  - **2 US Senators** (http://www.senate.gov/states/)
  - **Vice President** (https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-pence/academy-nominations)
- Contact Congressional offices **early!**
- Traditional timeframe to start nomination process is summer/fall of senior year.
  - Each office has different requirements & deadlines.
- Be **prepared** for your interview.

Obtain a Nomination

Service-Connected

- In addition to all 4 congressional nominations, eligible candidates should also apply for any service-connected nominations:
  - Presidential: Sons & Daughters of career military
  - Soldiers: Active Duty, National Guard, & Reserve Components
  - ROTC & JROTC Schools (if not Army, must be Honor Unit with Distinction)
  - Sons & Daughters of deceased and 100% disabled veterans
  - Sons & Daughters of Medal of Honor awardees

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Earn an Appointment

Files must be complete by **28 February**







Qualify Academically

Qualify Physically

Qualify Medically

Receive a Nomination










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Visit West Point

Candidate Orientation Visits

- Available Monday through Friday during the academic year
- **Daily Visits**: for students who are at least in their sophomore year of high school (Available **Monday through Friday**)
- **Overnight Visits**: for those who are competitive for an offer of admission (Available **Monday through Thursday**)

<u>Visits are cadet-escorted and offer a real "inside look" at the Academy.</u>

To schedule a visit:
Sign-up online
(https://www.usma.edu/admissions/SitePages/Visit.aspx)
or call (845) 938-5760



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Admissions Strategy

- Be **proactive** and **aggressive** through process
- Communicate with local **Field Force representative**
- Candidate's **email** / **phone number** on file (not parents)
- **Emails** / **calls** from candidates (not parents)
- Apply to all available nomination sources **EARLY**
- Complete application **EARLY**
- Schedule medical exam **EARLY**
- Take ACT/SAT multiple times **(with Writing portion)**
- **Train** for the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Consider **ROTC** in addition to West Point
- Make the admissions decision that is right for **YOU!**

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Academic Program

Major selected

Class of 2021 Standard Course Scheduling

PLEBE		YEARLING		COW		FIRSTIE	
Fall	**Spring**	**Fall**	**Spring**	**Fall**	**Spring**	**Fall**	**Spring**
ENG COMP	ENG LIT	MAJ 1	MAJ 2	MAJ 3	MAJ 4	MAJ 5	MAJ 6
CHEM 1 GEOG	PHYS 1 CHEM 1	SCIENCE 2 PHYS 1	GEOG SCIENCE 2	MAJ 7	MAJ 8	MAJ 9	MAJ 10
MATH MOD	CALC	PHILOS PROB/STAT	PROB/STAT PHILOS	CES 1	CES 2	CES 3	CSC 1
IT PSYCH	PSYCH IT	POLY SCI ECON	ECON POLY SCI	LDRSHP IR	IR LDRSHP	CSC 2	CSC 3
AM HIST REG HIST	REG HIST AM HIST	LANG 1	LANG 2	MIL ART IT/CYBER	IT/CYBER MIL ART	MX400 LAW	LAW MX400
BOXING MS100 or	MILMOVE MS100	PERS FIT MS200 or	SURV SWIM MS200	COMBAPP MS300 or	LIFE SPT MS300	ARMY FIT or	ARMY FIT

Core Courses **Elective Courses**

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Academic Program

Faculty



- **50%** Active Army Officers on 2 to 3 year assignments
- **30%** Civilian Professors
- **20%** Active Army Officers permanently assigned

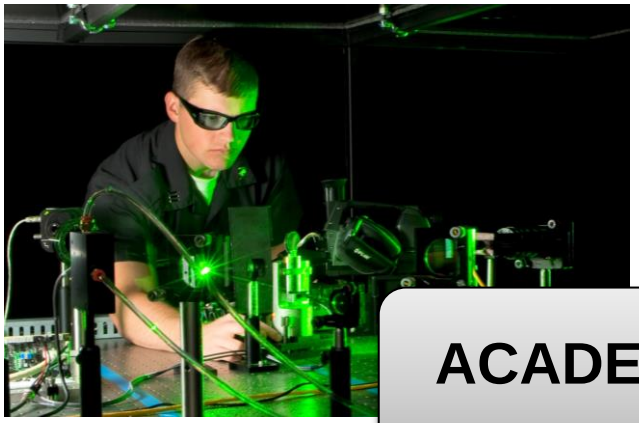


Academic Achievement

- Small classes (15-18)
- Full access to excellent faculty
- Rhodes, Marshall, Hertz, Olmsted, Asia Pacific Leadership, Mitchell, Truman, Rotary Foundation, Fulbright

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Developmental Domains







ACADEMIC

PHYSICAL

Develop Leaders of Character

MILITARY

CHARACTER





