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West Point International Program

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West Point, NY

History

- International cadets have been at West Point since **1816** and program officially began in **1884**

- Prominent International Graduates
  - Former Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza, Jr., Class of 1946
  - Former Philippines President Fidel Valdez Ramos, Class of 1950
  - Former Cost Rican President Jose M. Figueres, Class of 1979

- **440** International Cadets have been accepted

- **46** Active International Cadets representing **38** countries
  - **14** Accepted into Class of 2018

Governing Legislation

- **162** countries invited to nominate for **Class of 2018**

- Countries invited to participate are selected by:
  - US State Department
  - US Department of Defense

- Each country can sponsor and nominate up to **6** candidates

- IAW P.L. 107-107 (Dec ’02), USMA is authorized international cadet strength of **60** in USCC

- An individual country cannot have more than **3** cadets at USMA at any one time unless granted a waiver by OSD

Tuition

- US Law – foreign countries must reimburse for tuition cost of approximately **$76,944.18** annually

- Secretary of Defense is authorized to grant tuition waivers in whole or in part:
  - Maximum of **20** full waivers at any one time
  - No limit on partial waivers which waive up to **66%** of tuition
  - Tuition assistance determined by GNP of country
  - No waivers for World Bank "High Income Countries" (GNP greater than **$12,476**)

Mission

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

Requirements

- Must be **nominated** by foreign government official verified through United States Defense Attaché Office

- Requirements:
  - 17 to 22 years of age
  - Not married
  - Not pregnant and have any legal obligation to support a dependent

Elements of Excellence

Whole Person Development

- Academic
- Military
- Physical
- Leadership
- Honor & Respect

Academic Majors

Over 40 Total Majors

- Arabic, Chinese, and Russian
- Art, Philosophy, and Literature
- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Defense and Strategic Studies
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- History
- International Relations
- Kinesiology
- Life Sciences (Pre-Med)
- Management
- Operations Research (Math)
- Psychology
- Systems Engineering

Military Program

Freshman - "Plebe"

6-Week Cadet Basic Training (General Military Skills)

- Marksmanship Fundamentals & First Aid
- Mountaineering & Obstacle course
- Physical Training & Foot Marches
- 6 Nights in the Field

New Cadets formally accepted into the Corps

Sophomore -"Yearling"

4-Week Cadet Field Training: Buckner

- Marksmanship & Land Navigation
- Mounted Operations & Patrolling
- 5 Nights in the Field

General Military Instruction

4-Week block for Individual Advanced Development

Military Program

Airborne

Air Assault

Junior - "Cow"

Second Class Detail (CBT or CFT)

Individual Advanced Development

- Military / Academic / Physical

Military Leadership Courses

Corps NCO Leadership

Senior - "Firstie"

First Class Detail (CBT or CFT)

4-Week Cadet Leader Development Training

- 6 x 3-Day Committees (Plan, Rehearse, Execute Model)
- 17 Nights in the Field

Individual Advanced Development

Military Leadership Courses

Corps Officer Leadership

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Physical Program

In addition to classes, every cadet must participate in a competitive sport

Freshman - "Plebe"

- Boxing & Combatives
- Military Movement

Sophomore - "Yearling"

- Fitness Leadership I
- Survival Swimming

Junior - "Cow"

- Close Quarters Combat
- Lifetime Sport

Senior - "Firstie"

- Lifetime Sport (Elective)
- Fitness Leadership

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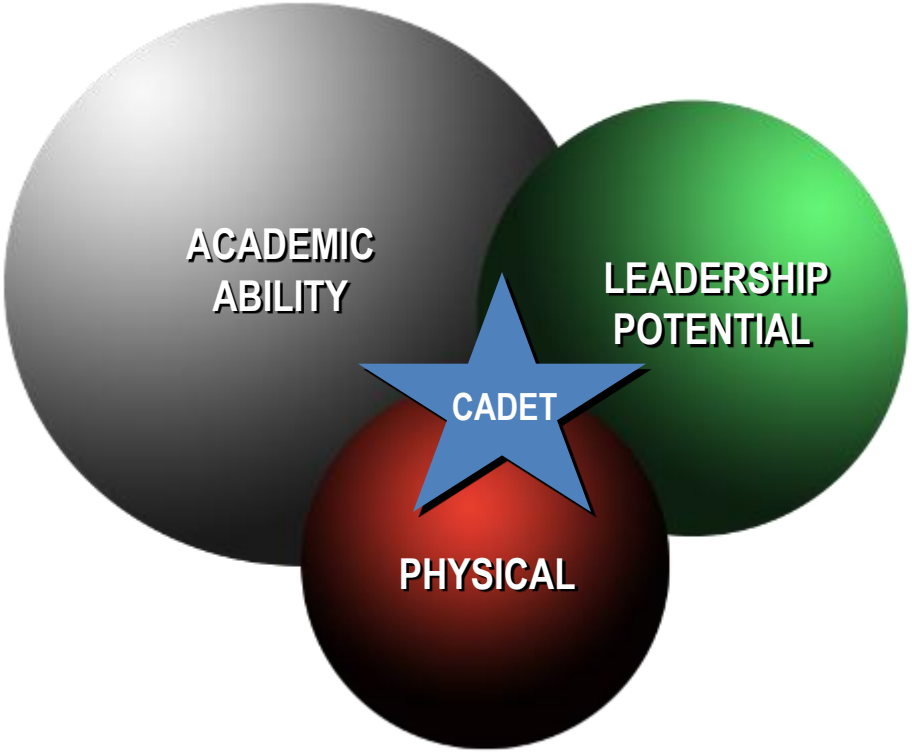
Typical Cadet Day

0520	0705	1155	1250	1615	1830	1930	2330	2400
	Optional Breakfast	Lunch Formation	Class or Study Time	Parade Practice Athletics	Dinner	Evening Study Period	Taps	Lights Out

Whole Candidate Concept



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

Admission Process

Academic

- High school or college academic transcripts
- SAT or ACT (**Must take Writing**)
- English proficiency on TOEFL

Leadership Potential

- Athletic activities
- Extracurricular activities
- Community participation
- Recommendations from school officials and USDAO

Physical and Medical

- Strength, endurance, and agility
- Cadet Fitness Assessment (6 events)
- Certificate from licensed medical physician (evaluating physical and mental health)

Timeline

September

- List of countries invited to participate **published** by OSD

- Message to USDAO citing **critical information** and **dates** in the admissions cycle

- **Instructions** and **applications** sent (via Email to USDAO)

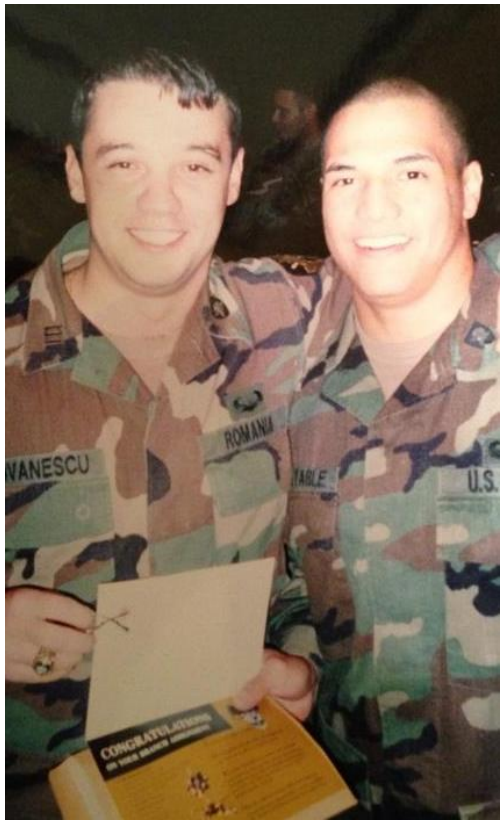
Timeline

31 January

- **Suspense** for receipt of all nominations

28 February

- **Suspense** for file completion



March

- File screened by English, Math, Foreign Language, and Physical Education Departments

Mid-April

- USDAOs are notified via mail and email of file results

Timeline

Early May

- Offered candidates notifies USMA to "**accept or decline**"

Mid-May

- "**Admit packages**" sent to USDAOs
    - Appointment certificates
    - Visa requests
    - Travel orders
    - Plane tickets
    - Orientation schedule

5-Days Prior to Reception Day

- Orientation (Welcome Dinner, Six Flags Trip, Briefings, Medical)

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