



West Point
The United States Military Academy

West Point International Program



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West Point, NY





- 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





- 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



- 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)



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





- 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





Whole Person Development

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





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





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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



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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



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



Class or Study Time

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Dinner

Taps

0520

0705

1155

1250

1615

1830

1930

2330

2400

Optional Breakfast

Lunch Formation

Parade Practice Athletics

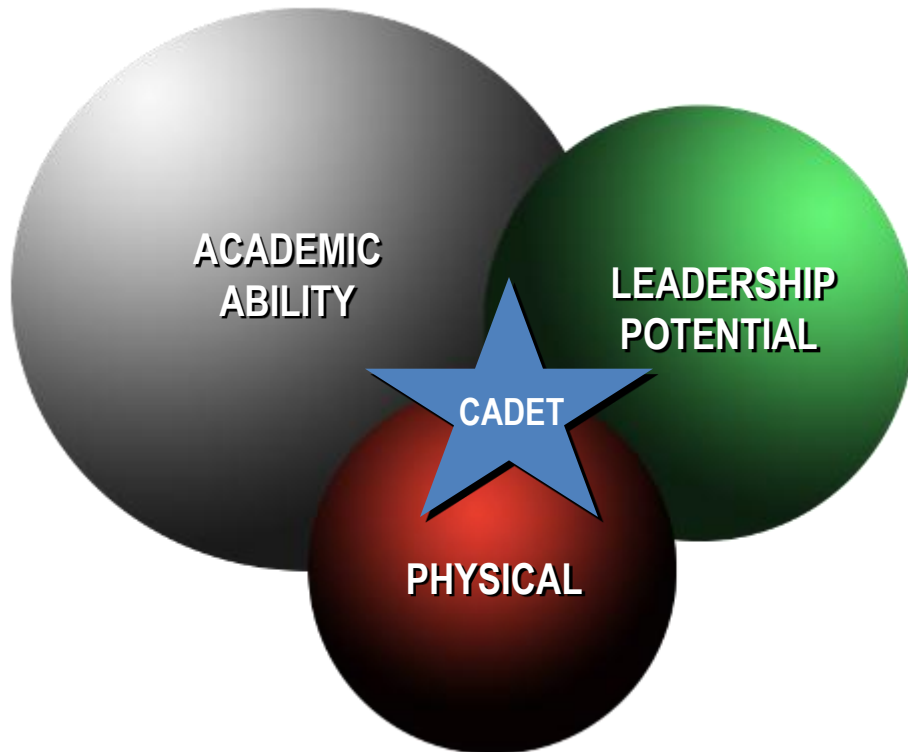
Evening Study Period

Lights Out





Whole Candidate Concept



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



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)



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)





31 January

- **Suspense** for receipt of all nominations

28 February

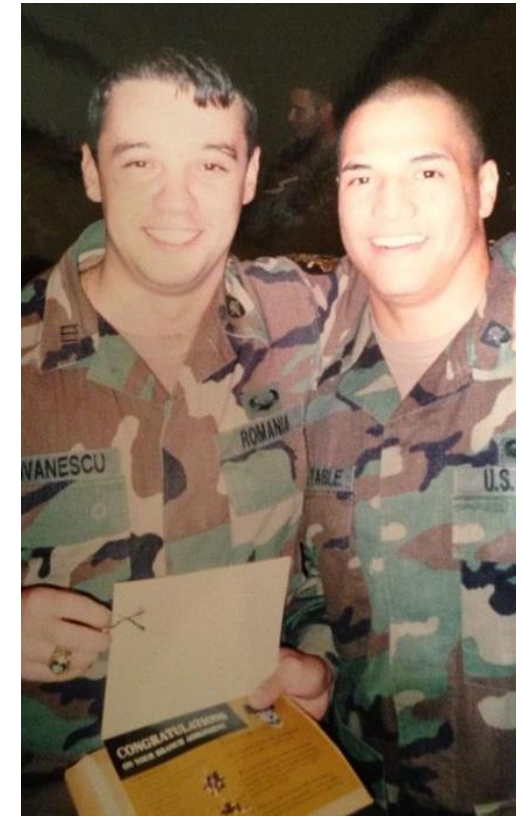
- **Suspense** for file completion

March

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

Mid-April

- USDAOs are notified via mail and email of file results





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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Class of 2017





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