AGENDA

• Overview on West Point
• Application Process
• Q & A
West Point Graduates – Shaping the World

- 6 Heads of State (2 U.S. Presidents)
- 4 Five-Star Generals
- 83 Rhodes Scholars
- 18 U.S. Cabinet Members
- 37 Governors of States or Territories
- 33 Members of Congress (9 Senators)
- 16 Ambassadors
- 3 Heisman Trophy Winners
- 18 Astronauts
- Famous Coaches
  - Mike Krzyzewski ’69
  - Bobby Knight
  - Arthur Ashe
  - Vince Lombardi
  - Bill Parcells
- 23 University/College Founders or Presidents
- *The highest percentage of CEOs of any institution in the country!!*
West Point 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 to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.

The West Point Experience

- Military Academy
- Honor Code
- Senior Class Responsible for Leadership
- Summer Training
- Broad Academic Experience
- Activities
- Financial Independence
- Army Career Opportunities
Sustained Excellence

In 2009, West Point is receiving rave reviews:

- #1 PUBLIC COLLEGE in America
  Forbes.com
- #1 PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE in America
  U.S. News & World Report
- #4 among TOP 2000 UNIVERSITIES in America
  StateUniversity.com
- #5 among BEST UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS in America*
  U.S. News & World Report

* At schools whose highest degree is a bachelor's or master's

Academic Program Goals

Graduates anticipate and respond effectively to the uncertainties of a changing technological, social, political, and economic world.

As Army Leaders, they:

**demonstrate:** Commitment to Continued Intellectual Development
- Effective listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Creativity
- Moral Awareness

**understand:** Patterns of Human Behavior
- Mathematics and Science
- Engineering and Technology
- Information Technology
- Culture
- History
Academic Program
The Curriculum

10-14 Electives for Major

8 Military Science
7 Physical Education

16 Courses in Humanities, Behavioral Sciences, and Social Sciences

11 Courses in Math, Basic Sciences, and Information Technology

3 Courses in an Engineering Sequence

Academic Program
The Curriculum

Fourth Class “Plebe”
Mathematical Modeling
Calculus I
Calculus II

Chemistry I
Chemistry II
Physics I
Probability & Statistics

Psychology
Info Tech I
Philosophy
Physical Geography

History
History
American Politics
Economics

Composition
Literature
Foreign Language
Foreign Language

Third Class “Yearling”

Engineering Sequence #1
Info Tech II
Elective
Elective

Engineering Sequence #2
Elective
International Relations
Military Leadership

Engineering Sequence #3
Elective
Advanced Composition
Elective for Major

First Class “Firstie”

Engineering Sequence #4
Elective
Law

Engineering Sequence #5
Elective
History of Military Art
Elective for Major

Elective
Elective
History of Military Art
Elective for Major
Academic Majors

45 total to include…
- Arabic, Chinese, Russian
- Art, Philosophy, & Literature
- Civil & Mechanical Engineering
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- History
- International & Comparative Legal Studies
- Kinesiology – NEW THIS YEAR
- Life Sciences (Pre-Med)
- Management
- Military Art & Science
- Operations Research (Math)
- Physics
- Psychology
- Systems Engineering

Individual Advanced Development

- **Semester Abroad**: In 07-08, 140 Cadets studied language/culture in 10 nations including Egypt, Morocco, China, Germany, Russia, and France
- **Summer Enrichment**: Over 300 developmental programs
  - 60+ cultural immersion opportunities
  - 200+ opportunities in support of Army research
  - 30+ opportunities with federal agencies and congressional offices (White House, CIA, NASA)
  - 30+ with the Army and Department of Defense
  - Various other opportunities such as Boy Scouts, Stanford University, Los Angeles Police Department, self-made programs, etc.
Military Program

4th Class – Freshman – “Plebe”
- 7-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

3rd Class – Sophomore – “Yearling”
- 4-Week Cadet Field Training: Buckner & Fort Knox
- Marksmanship & Land Navigation
- Mounted Operations & Patrolling
- 5 Nights in the Field
- General Military Instruction
- 4-Week block for Individual Advanced Development

2nd Class – Junior – “Cow”
- Second Class Detail (CBT or CFT)
- Cadet Troop / Drill Cadet Leader Training
- Individual Advanced Development
  - Military / Academic / Physical
  - Military Leadership Courses
  - Corps NCO Leadership

1st Class – 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
Physical Program
BEST program in the Country!

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

4th Class – Freshman – “Plebe”
- Boxing; Combatives
- Military Movement

3rd Class – Sophomore – “Yearling”
- Fitness Leadership I
- Close Quarters Combat

2nd Class – Junior – “Cow”
- Fitness Leadership II
- Survival Swimming
- Lifetime Sport (Elective)

1st Class – Senior – “Firstie”
- Lifetime Sport (Required)

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

Athletic Program
Every Cadet an Athlete, Every Athlete Challenged

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<th># Sports</th>
<th>% of Corps</th>
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<td>Competitive Clubs</td>
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<td>NCAA (Corps Squad)</td>
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“Upon the fields of friendly strife, are sown the seeds that upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory.”
- GEN Douglas MacArthur
Clubs & Activities

More than 100 Clubs at West Point
Options include religious clubs, musical groups, combat weapons team, and foreign language clubs.

* Princeton Review 2005

A Typical Cadet Academic Day

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Class or Study Time</th>
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<td>Breakfast Formation</td>
<td>1200</td>
<td>1615</td>
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<td>0705</td>
<td>Lunch Formation</td>
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<td>1500</td>
<td>Evening Study Period</td>
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<td>1615</td>
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Application Process: are you a candidate?

Whole Candidate Concept

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

**What is our workload?**

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<th>Stage</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<td>Prospects</td>
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<td>Leads</td>
<td>36,959</td>
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<td>Candidates</td>
<td>10,000+</td>
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<td>Selected</td>
<td>3,500+</td>
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<tr>
<td>Qualified</td>
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<td>Accepted</td>
<td>~1,600</td>
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<td>New Cadets</td>
<td>~1,300</td>
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### Evaluation Process

- **Academic (60%)**
  - High School Rank
  - SAT and/or ACT
    - **NOTE:** *Must* take ACT Writing Test
  - Transcript
- **Leadership (30%)**
  - Extracurricular Activities
  - Athletic Participation
  - Faculty Appraisals
- **Candidate Fitness Assessment (10%)**
  - Basketball Throw
  - Pull-Ups
  - 40-Yard Shuttle Run
  - Modified Sit-Ups
  - Push-Ups
  - 1-Mile Run
Academic Preparation
Recommended

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Years</th>
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<td>English</td>
<td>4 Years</td>
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<td>Mathematics (including Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus)</td>
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<td>Laboratory Science</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
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<td>United States History</td>
<td>1 Year</td>
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<td>Computer Technology</td>
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Cadet Profile: Class of 2012

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Top 20% of High School Class</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>Valedictorians</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Salutatorians</td>
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<td>National Merit Scholarship Recognition</td>
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<td>National Honor Society</td>
<td>57%</td>
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<td>Boys/Girls State</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Class or Student Body President</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Scouting Participant</td>
<td>39%</td>
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<td>Eagle Scout or Gold Award Winner</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>Varsity Letter Winners</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>Team Captain</td>
<td>55%</td>
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Mean SAT: Verbal - 626, Math - 648
### Steps To West Point

**The Admissions Process**

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<th>NUMBER OF CANDIDATES</th>
<th>TIME OF ACTION</th>
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<td>~1,300</td>
<td>JULY OF YEAR OF ADMISSION</td>
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<td>2,500+</td>
<td>WINTER OF SENIOR YEAR</td>
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<td>3,500+</td>
<td>SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR</td>
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<td>10,000+</td>
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- **JULY OF YEAR OF ADMISSION**
  - Visit West Point
  - Await evaluation and status

- **WINTER OF SENIOR YEAR**
  - Complete testing
  - Obtain nomination

- **SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR**
  - Start a File at West Point!
  - Determine whether you meet the basic requirements

### The 5 Pieces of the Admissions Process

- Earn a Cadet Appointment
- Obtain a Nomination
- Qualify Academically
- Qualify Medically
- Qualify Physically
Academic and Physical Qualification

- Personal Data Record
- Request for Transcript
  - SAT/ACT Scores
    - **NOTE:** Must take ACT Writing Test
  - Class Rank
  - Grade Point Average
- School Official Evaluations (SOE)
  - English, Math, & Chemistry or Physics
- Essay / Candidate Statement
- Candidate Activities Record
- Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)

Medical Qualification

- Medical Qualifications:
  - Good physical and mental health
  - Pass a Qualifying Medical Exam

- DoDMERB and YOU!!!!
  - QUALIFIED
  - REMEDIAL
  - DISQUALIFIED

- Medical Waivers
  - Case by Case Basis
Obtain a Nomination

Congressional

- Each Member of Congress is authorized five (5) Cadet Appointments at West Point at any one time.
- Each Member may nominate up to ten (10) young people to fill each vacancy.
- The Vice President has five (5) Cadet Appointments for applicants from the United States at large.

Contact Congressional offices EARLY; each member has his/her own time schedule & process

Obtain a Nomination

Service-Connected

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Limit</th>
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<td>Presidential: Sons &amp; Daughters of career military personnel</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Regular Army &amp; Reserve Components</td>
<td>85, 85</td>
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<tr>
<td>ROTC &amp; JROTC Schools</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sons &amp; Daughters of deceased &amp; 100% disabled veterans</td>
<td>~15</td>
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<td>Sons &amp; Daughters of Medal of Honor awardees</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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Obtain a Nomination

- Nominations are due to West Point no later than 31 January
- Make the best impression possible; be prepared for your interview
- Be aggressive in pursuing nominations!
- A Nomination is NOT an Appointment

Earn a Cadet Appointment

- Files must be complete by 28 February unless otherwise noted in official correspondence
  - Rolling Admissions
  - Early Completion means Early Qualification
- Majority of offers in Jan-Feb-March
- Each nomination allows you to compete with the pool of Candidates that have earned the same nomination as you
- The more places you compete, the better
- You also compete on a National Level (National Waiting List)
Filling the Class

Qualified and Nominated

Congressional: 536
Service Connected: 355
National Waiting List: ~400

CLASS OF 2012: ~1,300

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
  - Overnight Visits: for those who are competitive for an offer of admission

- Visits are cadet-escorted and offer a real “inside look” at the Academy

To set up a visit sign-up online or call 845-938-5760
Report as a New Cadet

- Reception Day (“R-Day”)
- Come prepared
  - physically
  - mentally
  - emotionally
- We will provide you with lots of information
  - read it!
  - share it!

Reasons for Coming to West Point

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<td>Self-Development</td>
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<td>USMA’s Overall Reputation</td>
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<td>Leadership Training</td>
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<td>Academic Program</td>
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<td>Other:</td>
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<td>Athletics</td>
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<td>Family Influences</td>
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<td>Economics</td>
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Admissions Strategy

- Apply to all available nomination sources Early
- Complete Candidate Kit Early
- Take ACT and/or SAT multiple times; if taking the ACT, USMA requires you to take the optional Writing Test
- Practice for the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Prepare file carefully with emphasis on the Personal Statement
- Fully Qualified Non-Select
- Consider ROTC in addition to West Point
- Make the Admissions Decision that is Right for YOU

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