

Military Academy: U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Introduction

Founded in 1876, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut is a professional college educating future United States Coast Guard officers. It is a fully resident military cadet campus and the smallest United States federal service academy.



The Academy provides a four-year Bachelor of Science degree program, with the curriculum heavily oriented toward math, science, and engineering. Like the other U.S. federal service academies, our students receive a full scholarship and our graduates serve in the military for at least five years after graduation. However, unlike the other service academies, there are no congressional appointments — admission is based solely on nationwide competition.

The Coast Guard Academy has a proud tradition as one of the most selective colleges in America. Students come to the Academy to be challenged academically, physically, and professionally. By providing excellent academic programs, a structured military regimen, and competitive athletics, the Academy graduates competent and professional military leaders who serve their country and humanity with honor as Coast Guard officers.

USCGA Mission Statement

"To graduate young men and women with sound bodies, stout hearts and alert minds, with a liking for the sea and its lore, with that high sense of honor, loyalty and obedience which goes with trained initiative and leadership; well grounded in seamanship, the sciences and amenities, and strong in the resolve to be worthy of the traditions of commissioned officers in the United States Coast Guard in the service of their country and humanity." *USCG*



"The Academy is a place that offers a four year experience filled with exciting challenges that foster the intellectual, physical and professional growth of our future Coast Guard leadership. I encourage you to seize every opportunity to invest in yourself and take ownership of your own development in all areas.

The present-day world is an environment that demands well developed critical thinking skills, a strong ability to communicate, and a motivation and desire to never stop learning. Coast Guard officers in our world possess sharp minds, demonstrate sound leadership competencies, and value the importance of teamwork while living and breathing the Coast Guard Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty." *USCGA Dean, 2011*

Admissions

Application to the Academy is free, online, and completely secure. The application is normally available in early September with an application deadline of February 1 of the year of entry.

If you are interested in applying to a future class, you should create a personalized profile now as well as check out AIM, our [one-week summer program](#) for high school juniors. To learn more about our application process, please explore the drop down menus in the Admissions tab above.

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You are eligible to apply for the Coast Guard Academy if you are:

- A U.S. citizen of sound moral character
- Unmarried with no dependents or financial debt
- 17-22 years of age on July 1 of the year of entry
- A high school graduate or GED recipient (or will be prior to entry)

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you may want to consider applying to be an [International Cadet](#).

Unlike the other federal service academies, the Coast Guard Academy does not require a Congressional nomination. To be considered for admission, you must submit all required application material by February 1 of the year of entrance (October 15 or November 1 of the year prior to entrance for Early Action consideration). This includes:

Online Application - the initial application data that allows us to start a file on you

Essays - available online after you've completed the online application

Supplemental Forms* - available online after you've completed the online application

High School Transcript(s)
Math Instructor Evaluation
English Instructor Evaluation
Coach/PE Instructor Evaluation
Commanding Officer Recommendation (if currently serving in the military)
College Transcript(s) (if you are or were in college)
Physical Fitness Examination (PFE)
Official SAT Reasoning or ACT with Writing Test Scores

Also, though not required for review of your application, a qualifying [DoDMERB Medical Exam](#) must be on file before an appointment to the Academy can be offered.

* Please note that supplemental information may be returned to you if received before the online application is submitted.

**[Link to the online application process:](#)
<http://www.cga.edu/display.aspx?id=2938>

Academics

The Coast Guard Academy is structured in the classic academic manner. The Dean of Academics heads the Academic Division comprising these departments of instruction:

Engineering
Humanities
Management
Mathematics
Science



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Departments are staffed through competitive appointments. Faculty include permanent civilian, permanent military, and rotating military personnel.

The Academic Division provides challenging classroom and laboratory experiences that promote intellectual growth and critical thought. This is achieved through a strong background in science and technology, a sound foundation in the liberal arts, and an in-depth concentration in a major field of interest to the Cadet and of use to the Coast Guard.

The breadth and rigor of the Academy's curriculum positions our graduates for acceptance into the nation's most prestigious graduate and professional schools. The large majority of Academy graduates continue their education, typically at Coast Guard expense.

Cost:

Tuition, room, and board at the Coast Guard Academy are paid for by the government. **As of November, 2010, there is no longer a \$3,000 entrance fee.**

Pay:

All cadets receive pay totaling \$11,150 per year. Cadet pay is furnished by the government for uniforms, equipment, textbooks, and other expenses incidental to training. These funds cover all official expenses and are used only as directed by the Superintendent. Each cadet receives a portion of his or her monthly pay for personal expenses. Any funds remaining in cadets' accounts are given to them upon graduation or departure from the Academy.

Obligation:

Upon graduation from the Coast Guard Academy, there is a five-year commitment to serve as a commissioned Coast Guard officer. Approximately 80% of Academy graduates go to sea after graduation, although some go to marine safety offices, ashore operations, or flight training

Links to USCGA information click below:

USCGA Web Site: <http://www.cga.edu/>

USCGA "At a Glance" Fact Sheet: <http://www.cga.edu/display.aspx?id=340>

USCGA Academic Courses: <http://www.cga.edu/display.aspx?id=485>

Links to additional information click below:

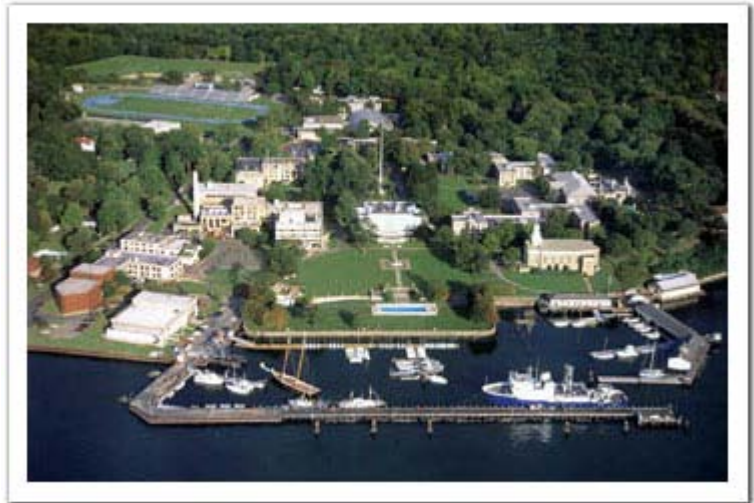
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Coast_Guard_Academy

<http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/coast-guard-academy-1415>

All military academy entrance scores:

[All Academy entrance scores Fact Sheet](#)

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