

Military Service Academies: West Point

Introduction

The United States Military Academy is located in West Point, N.Y., approximately 50 miles north of New York City on the Hudson River. The school, also known as USMA, West Point, and Army, is the oldest of the country's five federal service academies. Students, referred to as cadets, are officers in training, and their tuitions are funded by the U.S. Army in return for an active-service duty obligation. Since 1802, West Point has produced graduates who have contributed substantially to our nation's growth and security in peace and war. Their service is so intertwined with American history that it is often said, "Much of the history we teach was made by people we taught." Collectively, graduates of the U.S. Military Academy are known as the Long Gray Line.



The mission of U.S. Army Garrison West Point is to "provide base operations, community support programs and facilities while maintaining a safe and secure environment to enhance the well-being of the West Point community." The garrison staff strives to provide West Point community members with services and facilities that not only support the development of future Army leaders, but also foster the well-being and morale of all community members.

Applying

When applying to United States Military Academy, it's important to note the application deadline is February 28. Scores for either the ACT or SAT test are due March 1. It is more selective, with an acceptance rate of 14.8 percent. So the question is, are you eligible?

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First – Are you eligible to apply for admission to West Point? Eligible means meeting the basic requirements:

- At least 17 but not yet 23 years of age
- Not married
- Not pregnant or have a legal obligation to support a child
- A U.S. citizen (exception: see International Admissions)

If you are eligible, fill out and submit the initial screening application, called the [Candidate Questionnaire](#).

Then, if you are approved to proceed, you receive access to your online [Candidate Kit](#). It contains additional forms and instructions for completing your application.

Continue to work on completing your application online via your "Candidate Portal."

Review the viewbook, or "[Prospectus](#)", to become familiar with the admissions process.

- You can also request a printed version of the Prospectus by contacting the Admissions Office.
- Check out all of the application requirements.
- Apply early. West Point has rolling admissions; applying early will get you an early decision.
- Don't miss deadlines.

Academics

The student-faculty ratio at United States Military Academy is 7:1, and the school has 96.3 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students. The most popular majors at United States Military Academy include: Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services; Engineering; Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics; History; and Social Sciences. The average freshman retention rate, an indicator of student satisfaction, is 91.0 percent.

The academic program consists of a structured core of 31 courses balanced between the arts and sciences. The Academy operates on the semester system, which it labels as "terms" (Term 1 is the fall semester; Term 2 is the spring semester). Although cadets choose their majors in the fall of their sophomore year, they take the same course of instruction until the beginning of their junior year. This core course of instruction consists of mathematics, information technology, chemistry, physics, engineering, history, physical geography, philosophy, leadership and general psychology, English composition and literature, foreign language, political science, international relations, economics, and constitutional law. Some advanced cadets may "validate" out of the base-level classes and take advanced or accelerated courses earlier as freshmen or sophomores. Regardless of major, all cadets graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree.

The **United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS)**, sometimes referred to as **West Point Prep**, is a preparatory school for the United States Military Academy (USMA) currently located at on the West Point Base since 2011. Formally established in 1946, its official mission is "to provide academic, military and physical instruction in a moral-ethical military environment to prepare and motivate candidates for success at the United States Military Academy." Admission to USMAPS is seen as alternate route to get acceptance to attend West Point and ensure that Cadets are better qualified for the academic and military training there. Indeed, post Prep students at West Point comprise "11% of the Corps of Cadets, yet they have held 25% of the senior leadership positions of the [West Point] Corps." Wikipedia



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Activities Officer*	Athletic Officer*	Company Commander, Bn Exec Off

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