

STANDARDS OF CADET CONDUCT AND APPEARANCE

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SUMMARY of CHANGE

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This rapid action revision, dated 16 September 2015–

- o Changes Platoon Leaders and Cadets requirements with TRIPS to be only when pass or leave exceeds 75 miles and adds map of radius (section 1 Para 5s).
- o Changes to female footwear specifications for pumps (section 2, para 4b).
- o Changes to female socks requirement for low quarter shoes while wearing skirts (section 2, para 11e).
- o Changes to female in low quarter shoes with skirt, will wear neutral (skin color of wearer) stockings or panty hose (Section 2, para 11f).
- o Adds appendix A which is policy letters with hyperlinks (Appendix A).
- o Adds Seniority Authority (section 1, para 1f(i)).
- o Changes back pack standard in mess hall for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class cadets (section 1, para 5f).
- o Adds backpacks will not be left unattended in Mess Hall at any time (section 1, para 5f).
- o Changes Cadet Bank to Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Taylor Hall (section 1, para 5f(i, iii(b), & iv(b)&(C))).
- o Changes academic major process (section 1, para 6g).
- o Changes the word approximate in the placement of the cartridge box to no less than and no more than (section 2, para 1b (iii)).
- o Clarifies the requirement to wear necktie if in long sleeve AFC (section 2, para 2a).
- o Adds when wearing overcoats, jackets, parkas or Gore-Tex with duty uniforms, cadets must wear black gloves (section 2, para 5a).
- o Clarifies acceptable skirt lengths for female cadets (section 2, para 7).
- o Adds approval authority to wear fleece cap with ACUs and clarifies the wear of foliage and black micro fleece cap while in uniform (section 2, para 10h).
- o Adds mandatory wear out date for foliage micro fleece cap (section 2, para 10h).
- o Adds guidance on the wear of earring in Cadet Casual uniform (section 2, para 17b).



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MEMORANDUM FOR United States Corps of Cadets, West Point, NY 10996

SUBJECT: USCC STANDARDS OF CADET CONDUCT AND APPEARANCE

1. This regulation for the command and administration of the Corps of Cadets is issued pursuant to paragraph 6-17, Army Regulation 210-26, *United States Military Academy*, dated 5 September 2012. This regulation is punitive. Violations of the standards set herein are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92, *Failure to Obey Order or Regulation*, and under the Cadet Disciplinary System under the provisions of Army Regulation 210-26, *United States Military Academy*, Chapter 6-17. All Cadets will read and adhere to this regulation, as well as the Standards of the Cadet Living Area and all Brigade policy memorandums.
2. This regulation governs the United States Corps of Cadets, and is written to inform the Corps on the standards of conduct and professional appearance. This regulation requires that Cadets develop as professional leaders that adhere to and enforce the standards required for this profession. Each graduate of the United States Military Academy is expected to be a leader of character, able to inspire subordinates, build trust, and be an exemplary steward of the Profession of Arms. To this end, each Cadet must have the self discipline to uphold the standards of the profession in order to provide Soldier safety, good order and discipline, and commander accountability. Each Cadet is expected to act with integrity and respect in the performance of their duty, which includes choosing the harder right over the easier wrong, and living honorably.
3. Requests for exceptions to policy will be forwarded to the Brigade Tactical Officer (BTO). Input or recommended changes to this regulation will be provided to the Brigade Executive Officer, x4029.

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SECTION 1: STANDARDS OF CADET CONDUCT

1. General Standards of Conduct

a. This regulation establishes the standards, obligations, authorizations, and privileges of Cadets in order to create an environment in which each Cadet's concept of duty can develop and strengthen through good order and discipline. Cadets are personally responsible for knowing and adhering to the standards set forth in this regulation.

b. Performance of Duty. The responsibility to perform one's duty applies to each Cadet at all times, 24 hours a day, in or out of uniform, at or away from West Point. Duty always takes precedence over privileges. Duty may be academic, physical, or military in nature and may not necessarily appear in writing.

c. Spirit of the Regulation. This regulation is meant to serve as a guideline for establishing and maintaining good order and discipline. The omission of subject matter from this document does not constitute authorization for Cadets to participate in an activity or to conduct themselves contrary to the spirit of the standards expected of the Corps of Cadets. In the absence of written or oral instructions, or when unable to determine a proper course of action, a Cadet should seek guidance from his/her Cadet chain of command, company tactical officer, company tactical noncommissioned officer, or the officer-in-charge (OC).

d. Personal accountability is the ultimate responsibility of the military professional. Each Cadet is required to abide by the standards set forth in this regulation, and to keep their chain of command informed.

e. Place of Duty. Each Cadet is required to be at their appointed place of duty, including, but not limited to class, company athletics, formations, mandatory meals, and designated Commandant's Hour/Dean's Hour activities. The only excusals from the place of duty are an approved trip section with TAC authorization. If a Cadet is unsure if they have received the proper excusal from their place of duty they will immediately bring the issue to their TAC team.

f. Authority to Enforce Regulations and Issue Orders. All Cadets are authorized and expected to make corrections on other Cadets, regardless of rank. Cadets are authorized to give orders to other Cadets based on rank and duty position. Cadets acting as a commander's designated representative, such as guard or CCQ, are authorized to issue orders in the discharge of their responsibilities to all Cadets regardless seniority of the Cadets involved.

i. Seniority. Within the organization of the Corps of Cadets, seniority is determined first by cadet rank and thereafter by alphabetical order among cadets of equal rank within each class. Order of rank is cadet officers, sergeants,

corporals and privates. Regardless of cadet rank, corps squad team captains and cadets in charge of extracurricular activities are senior to cadets in their respective teams or activities for all actions pertinent to that team or activity. On trip sections, the senior ranking cadet present will assume the duties of Cadet-in-Charge (CIC) for that particular activity when a club officer, section marcher, or other duly appointed CIC is not present. The team captain will be in charge of athletic team trip sections. The CIC of an educational trip section will be the section leader or the senior-ranking cadet present. In academic and physical education sections, seniority is determined by the order in which a cadet's name appears on the section roster, the section marcher being the first in order or seniority.

g. Discrimination and Sexual Harassment.

i. **Discrimination.** Leaders have a responsibility to practice the highest standards of fairness and impartiality in the conduct of their duties. **Cadets will not take any action that unlawfully or unjustly results in unequal treatment of persons or groups based on race, color, gender, national origin, sexual orientation or religion, and will provide an environment free of unlawful discrimination and offensive behavior.**

ii. **Sexual Harassment.** The Department of Defense (AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 6 November 2014) has defined sexual harassment as: A form of gender discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature between the same or opposite genders when:

A. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a person's job, pay or career.

B. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as a basis for career or employment decisions affecting that person.

C. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. In the Corps of Cadets, the working environment may include academic, military, and physical requirements, Trip Sections, ODIA or DCA club activities, and unit functions.

iii. This policy applies both on and off post, during duty and non-duty hours.

iv. Any person in a supervisory or command position who uses or condones implicit or explicit sexual behavior to control, influence, or affect the career, pay, or job of a Soldier or Civilian employee is engaging in sexual harassment. Similarly, any Soldier or Civilian employee who makes deliberate or repeated unwelcome verbal comments, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature

may be engaging in sexual harassment.

v. Harassment in any form and for any reason is unacceptable behavior and is not tolerated. Individuals observing such behavior or being victimized by harassment are encouraged to take appropriate actions. Appropriate actions may include directly confronting the individual responsible for the harassment, reporting the incident through the chain of command, and, if necessary, filing a complaint with the USCC Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). Complaints may also be filed with the Office of the Inspector General, Legal Assistance Office, chaplain, or the Company Tactical Officer. More information concerning harassment and respect issues, including proper reporting procedures, can be found at <http://www.usma.edu/sharp/SitePages/Home.aspx>

2. Professional Customs and Courtesies

a. Military Courtesies Among Cadets. All Cadets will be addressed as “Sir, Ma’am, Sergeant, or Corporal” or “Cadet” as appropriate in all duty related activities (formations, inspections, parades, guard duty, etc.). Fourth Class Cadets will maintain appropriate courtesy at all times within the Cadet Area.

b. Saluting. Saluting is a time honored and historical extension of respect and courtesy specific to the military profession. All Cadets are required to understand and enforce the proper protocols for saluting. Saluting is required when both parties are outdoors, and in an appropriate setting. All military personnel will salute the flag as specified regardless of their position relative to the flag while on the West Point Military Reservation.

i. A salute and greeting are required when both the Cadet and officer are in uniform. Within approximately six paces the Cadet will salute AND greet the officer with an appropriate greeting i.e. “Good Morning Sir/Ma’am”. The salute is not complete until the officer has returned the salute.

ii. When carrying an item, it will be carried in the left hand, leaving the right hand free to salute. A greeting is still required if an item is too large to be carried in one hand.

iii. A salute and greeting are required when in uniform, to include Cadet casual and athletic uniforms if the officer is in uniform. The same rules for normal saluting apply.

iv. Regardless if the Cadet is in uniform or civilian clothes, if an officer in civilian clothes is recognized, a salute and greeting are encouraged.

v. While running for individual physical training a greeting is required if passing an

officer. Anyone wishing to render a salute must do so from a quick-time pace, and resume double-time upon completion of the salute. You are not required to stop running and salute. This exception is ONLY when Cadets are running as part of actual physical fitness or training.

c. Greeting Indoors. Cadets are required to greet all officers, NCOs, instructors, staff and faculty when passing indoors. General customs and courtesies require a respectful acknowledgement of other personnel indoors, and an appropriate greeting is an extension of that courtesy.

d. Reporting to an Officer or NCO Indoors.

i. Whenever an officer/NCO approaches a table in the Cadet Mess, the table commandant will rise and stand at the position of attention/parade rest to address the officer/NCO. All other Cadets at the table may continue eating or talking unless otherwise directed by the officer/NCO.

ii. Whenever an officer enters a Cadet room or common use area, the first Cadet to see the officer will call the occupants to attention (e.g. "GROUP, ATTENTION"). The ranking Cadet will then appropriately greet (without saluting) the officer. All Cadets will remain at attention until the officer departs or commands otherwise. In the case of a NCO entering a Cadet room, Cadets follow the same procedures prescribed for an officer, except Cadets will command "AT EASE," and stand at parade rest until otherwise directed by the NCO.

iii. Cadets who report to an officer's office when not under arms will remove their headgear and approach within two steps of the officer's desk, halt, salute, and report by saying, "Sir (Ma'am), Cadet ___ reports." If more than one cadet is reporting, the ranking cadet in the group will report for the other cadets as deemed appropriate for the situation. When the business is over, cadets will salute with an appropriate end greeting, face about and depart the office. In the case of entering a NCO's office, cadets will follow the same procedures prescribed for reporting to an officer's office except there is no hand salute and by saying, "Sergeant/First Sergeant/ Sergeant Major, Cadet ___ reports."

iv. Cadets who report to an officer's office when under arms will follow the same procedures outlined above except that they will wear headgear. The rifle will be carried at the trail (ORDER ARMS) and the Cadet will render a rifle salute (or if wearing a saber, render a hand salute) to the officer. When reporting under arms to a NCO's office, Cadets do not render a salute.

v. Whenever the TAC (arrives or departs for the day), the OC, or an officer senior to the TAC enters the Cadet barracks, the first Cadet seeing the officer will call the company to attention (e.g. "COMPANY, ATTENTION"). The senior Cadet present, or CCQ, will then report without saluting to the officer and ask how he/she can help.

vi. Whenever the TAC NCO (arrives or departs for the day), the NCO OC, or an NCO senior to the TAC NCO enters the Cadet barracks, the first Cadet seeing the NCO will call "AT EASE." The senior Cadet present, or CCQ, will then report (without saluting) to the NCO and ask how he/she can help.

e. Reporting to an Officer or NCO Outdoors. The procedures for reporting outdoors are the same as described for reporting indoors except Cadets wear headgear and render salutes (and appropriate greetings) to all officers or the appropriate greeting to all NCO's.

f. Courtesy to the National Colors. In general, to render honors: if indoors, stand at attention; if outdoors, execute the hand salute when in uniform or by placing the right hand over the heart when in civilian clothes.

i. **Moving Vehicles.** The vehicle will be brought to a halt during reveille and retreat. On buses and trucks, only the senior will dismount and render appropriate courtesy. Passengers and drivers of other vehicles will dismount and render the appropriate courtesy.

ii. Military personnel in uniform and in formation.

A. Reveille: Execute "PRESENT ARMS" and "ORDER ARMS" arms at the command of OIC or NCOIC.

B. Retreat (when played as prelude to "To the Colors"): Execute parade rest at command of OIC or NCOIC. Remain at parade rest until given attention by OIC or NCOIC.

C. "To The Colors" or National Anthem when uncased Colors pass by or when passing uncased Colors: Same as for reveille. Execute "PRESENT ARMS" at the command of OIC or NCOIC. Command is given when Colors are within six paces of the flank of the unit, and the salute is held until the Colors are six paces past the flank of the unit, at which time the command "ORDER ARMS" is given.

D. Passing the Colors: Execute orders at the command of OIC or NCOIC.

E. Cannon salutes rendered as honor to a person (note 1): Execute "PRESENT ARMS" at command of OIC or NCOIC. Hold salute until command "ORDER ARMS" is given by OIC or NCOIC.

F. Military funerals: Execute "PRESENT ARMS" at the command of OIC or NCOIC.

iii. Military personnel in uniform (including sports uniform and Cadet casual)

not in formation.

A. Reveille: At the first note of music, face the flag (or music if flag is not in view) and render hand salute. End salute on last note of music.

B. Retreat: when played as prelude to "To the Colors". At the first note of music, face the flag (or music if flag is not in view) and stand at attention. Hold that position until the last note of "Retreat" has been played.

C. "To The Colors" or National Anthem: At the first note of anthem or music: if outdoors render hand salute; if indoors, stand at attention. Hold that position until last note of music has been played.

D. When uncased Colors pass by: When Colors are within six paces: If outdoors, render hand salute; if indoors, stand at attention. Hold that position until Colors have passed six paces. Note: When passing stationary uncased colors outdoors, render a hand salute when six paces away and hold the salute until you have passed the colors.

E. Passing the Colors outdoors: When within six paces of the Colors, turn head in direction of the Colors and render hand salute. Hold salute until six paces past the Colors.

F. Cannon salutes rendered as honor to a person: At the first note of music or first round of salute, face the ceremonial party and render hand salute. End salute on last note of music or when last round of salute has been fired.

G. Military funerals. Each time casket is moved: if outdoors, render hand salute; if indoors, stand at attention.

iv. All civilian and military personnel wearing civilian clothes.

A. Reveille: At the first note of music, face the flag (or music if flag is not in view), stand at attention, and place right hand or headgear with the right hand over the heart. Hold that position until last note of music has been played.

B. Retreat (when played as prelude to "To the Colors"): At the first note of music, face the flag (or music, if flag is not in view), remove hat with right hand if applicable, and stand at attention. Remain at attention until last note of "Retreat" has been played.

C. "To The Colors" or National Anthem: At the first note of music: If outdoors, stand at attention and place hand over the heart or hold hat over the left shoulder with the right hand over the heart. Military personnel may render the hand salute or place hand over their heart. If indoors, stand at attention. Hold that position until last note of music has been played.

D. When uncased Colors pass by or when passing uncased Colors: When Colors are within six paces: If outdoors, stand at attention, place right hand over the heart or remove hat with right hand, and hold over the left shoulder with right hand over the heart; if indoors, stand at attention. Hold that position until Colors have passed six paces.

E. Passing stationary Colors outdoors: No action required.

F. Cannon salutes rendered as honor to a person: At first note of music or first round of salute, face the ceremonial party, remove headdress if applicable, and stand at attention. Hold that position until last note of music or last round of salute has been fired.

G. Military funerals: Each time casket is moved: If outdoors, stand at attention, place the right hand over the heart or remove hat with right hand, and hold over the left shoulder with right hand over heart; if indoors, stand at attention.

H. NOTE: A Cadet or member of the military, **active duty or retired** has the option of rendering a military salute while in civilian clothes in all occasions listed above.

3. Professional Conduct

a. Drugs. Possession, use, or sales of illegal drugs are not tolerated by the Army, United States Military Academy, or the United States Corps of Cadets. Cadets found to be in violation are subject to major disciplinary sanctions under AR 600-85, AR 210-26 and Articles 80 and 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. A Cadet who knowingly uses a prescription medication belonging to anyone else is also considered to be in possession of a controlled substance. A Cadet who shares a prescription medication with anyone else is also considered to be a distributor of a controlled substance. Leaders do not use illicit drugs. The United States Corps of Cadets has zero tolerance for the use of illegal drugs. Any Cadet who manufactures, possesses, distributes, or uses any illicit drug may be subject to court-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or to actions under Regulations, USMA.

b. Prescribed Medicines or Drugs. Cadets are only authorized to use those prescription medications / drugs that are prescribed to them by a licensed medical professional. Cadets can only take prescribed drugs in the prescribed dosage and frequency. Cadets are not authorized to maintain any prescribed medicine beyond its expiration date. Cadets who have prescription medication must have it secured in a proper place when they are not either in immediate personal possession or in quarters. Prescription medication that is signed for at the pharmacy **must** be secured (locked) in a lock box at all times when not in use by, or in the immediate personal possession of, the Cadet to whom it is prescribed.

c. Alcoholic Beverages. Society has established specific laws to regulate the use of alcohol and alcohol-related offenses. Cadets face disciplinary action for violating any state law regarding alcohol (e.g. underage drinking) or alcohol-related offense (e.g. driving while intoxicated, drunk and disorderly conduct.) Cadets are subject to New York State law and published USCC brigade policy when on the West Point Military Reservation. Cadets assume full responsibility for all improper behavior and consequences as a result of their decision to consume alcohol. Cadets cannot blame improper conduct or displays of poor judgment on alcohol impairment. The decision to consume alcohol requires careful consideration and safety awareness. It is the duty of military leaders to act responsibly and provide for the proper health, welfare, and training of subordinates. Cadets are responsible to advise their guests, hosts, and mentors of USCC regulations pertaining to consumption of alcohol.

d. Tobacco Products. The use of all tobacco products, to include smoking, chewing, dipping, and snorting, is not authorized in the Cadet barracks or in the academic area. Further, the use of these products is highly discouraged at all times, but especially in and around the United States Military Academy grounds. Cadets who smoke, chew, dip, or who use snuff, will do so only in designated tobacco use areas located in and around the Cadet Area. Designated smoking and smokeless tobacco areas are the only authorized areas on the West Point Military Reservation where Cadets may smoke, chew, dip, or use snuff. Receptacles for the proper disposal of cigarette butts and other tobacco products will be utilized. Receptacles are located in the vicinity of Lee Barracks, Grant Barracks, Sherman Barracks, Bradley Barracks / Washington Hall, and Scott Barracks. In accordance with federal law, Cadets will not use tobacco products within fifty feet of the entrance to a government building, except at these designated locations. These designated tobacco-use areas will be properly maintained and policed.

e. Financial Management. Cadets must live within their means and manage their personal affairs appropriately and responsibly. A Cadet receives pay to purchase and maintain personal items such as uniforms, academic materials, and expendable items; to have sufficient funds for leaves and trips; and, in general, to learn to manage personal finances. Also, Cadets must purchase required officer uniforms and financially support themselves until receipt of their first pay as commissioned officers.

f. Gambling. Cadets are not authorized to gamble on any military installation or while in a duty status. Examples of prohibited gambling include company betting pools, tournament brackets, etc. As an exception based on tradition, Cadets may conduct a wager of items of nominal value, that are reflective of the respective service schools, such as bathrobes or sweatshirts on the outcome of Army-Navy, Army-Air Force and Army - Royal Military College athletic events. However, corps squad and competitive club Cadets who fall under NCAA rules should note that NCAA rules prohibit intercollegiate student-athletes from participating in any form of gambling or betting on intercollegiate teams to include any form of traditional rival betting to include items of nominal value. Cadets in a proper leave or pass status may gamble at licensed establishments in accordance with State law, but will ensure their conduct at all times comports with the Standards of Cadet Conduct and Appearance.

g. Selling of Items or Services. Cadets are authorized to advertise (via oral, written, electronic bulletin boards, or the Internet) and sell their own personal, nonmilitary, non-issued items (e.g., ski equipment, POV, etc). Cadets are not authorized to engage in any business activity or financial dealings either for themselves or as agents for others -- regardless of whether or not a profit is made. Unit-unique items (e.g., company hats, shirts, patches, coins, mugs, etc.) can be procured and sold (at cost only) with tactical officer permission. Cadets are not authorized to sell their duties (CGR, CCQ) or swap summer assignments for cash. Violations of this are punitive.

h. Employment. Cadets are not authorized to engage in any type of employment, either on or off post.

i. Use of Military/Academy Benefits. Post Exchanges, commissaries, and hospital care are important military benefits developed for the convenience and protection of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents. Members of the Armed Forces will not purchase items in post exchanges or commissaries on behalf of persons who are unauthorized recipients. Cadets are authorized to purchase items for non-Cadets from the Post Exchange (PX), Commissary, or the Cadet Store only as bona fide gifts and only with their own money. Cadet personal-use event tickets are exclusively for Cadet use and may not be given or resold to non-Cadets. While attending events at Ike Hall, Cadets are expected to escort and sit with their guests except if the cadet is actually participating as part of the activity or athletic team. See the Brigade On Post Facilities memo for specific guidance about all on post policies.

j. Public Affairs. The Superintendent has specifically designated and authorized the PAO, USMA, to represent USMA to the news media and to act as a liaison between USMA and media representatives. All requests by media representatives for official interviews will be referred to Headquarters, USCC, or the PAO, USMA. Any member of the Corps of Cadets may respond to public query or public issue with members of the news media as an unofficial spokesperson. In such unofficial interviews, Cadets may discuss candidly any subject of which they have personal knowledge or opinion, provided the information is not classified, not a matter in litigation, or otherwise non-releasable. Cadets should identify such responses in unofficial interviews as personal knowledge or opinion and not necessarily the official position of USMA and will notify their Tactical Officer who will notify PAO, USMA, of the interview to enable that office to be cognizant of all matters of public interest. Such interviews are voluntary on the part of Cadets. No Cadet may be forced to participate as an unofficial spokesperson. Cadets may not grant or participate in interviews as official spokespersons for the United States Corps of Cadets or the United States Military Academy with members of the news media without the specific approval of Headquarters, USCC, or the Public Affairs Office (PAO), USMA.

k. Political Activity. The Department of Defense (AR 600-20, Appendix B, Army Command Policy, 6 November 2014) has provided specific guidance for Soldiers on political activities that are permitted or prohibited. Cadets are encouraged to exercise

their right to vote in national and local elections. Cadets should consult with AR 600-20, Appendix B, before engaging in any political activity (e.g., attending a political event, financially contributing to a campaign) and may contact the Legal Assistance Office, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, for questions about appropriate political activity.

I. False Identification Cards. Cadets will not possess or use false civilian or military identification cards, nor make, alter, or tamper with civilian or military identification cards. In addition, Cadets will not have in their possession someone else's civilian or military identification card without a legitimate and legal purpose. Use of a false identification card, with the intent to deceive another person, may be considered a violation of the Cadet Honor Code, and will be referred to the Cadet Honor Committee.

m. Athletic Event Rules of Engagement. Cadets are expected to maintain proper decorum at all athletic events. Booing, heckling or other unsportsmanlike conduct at athletic events is not authorized. Horseplay, such as the passing up of spectators, piling-on, physically interacting with opposing team cheerleaders, spectators or contestants, and other activities that endanger the safety of others, is not authorized. At the conclusion of the game, Cadets will remain at their seats until the playing of the Alma Mater has been concluded (Cadets will stand at attention, remove hats and sing the Alma Mater). No Cadets are authorized to depart prior to the Alma Mater. Furthermore, Cadets will stand at attention for the playing of the Army song. Cadets are prohibited from touching, taking, mocking, or harming anything that belongs to the opposing team during an intercollegiate contest, including cheerleaders, mascots, flags, banners, etc. The following rules of engagement pertain to all home and away Army games.

i. **Seating.** For each home **athletic** game, the brigade staff will designate either assigned areas for each company or a general area for open Cadet seating. These designated areas are the only authorized areas for Cadets to sit. If company sections are designated, Cadets WILL sit with their company. If "open seating" is authorized, Cadets must remain within the designated assigned area for Cadets. During **a football** game, the Corps of Cadets will stand for the entire game except during halftime. Cadets will only stand with the Corps, even if tickets are purchased. Cadets are authorized guests in the Corps seating only if they are on official duty as an escort. Cadets with guests in the Cadet section are responsible for their guests' actions.

ii. Cadets are required to stay off the field while the game is in progress. During **all athletic events**, failure to stay off the field may result in a penalty against the Army team. While in the Cadet section, Cadets may wear company hats or TAC approved company items. Those items must be carried to and from game, and Cadets must resume a complete uniform anytime when leaving the Cadet section.

n. Appropriate Network Use. Cadets must practice considerate and responsible computing and adhere to common sense standards to determine appropriate use of academic computing resources. Any activity that obstructs or hinders the authorized use of USMA academic computing and network resources is prohibited. All computer and

network use must be in accordance with Goldcoats network user agreement and the Brigade Information Technology Standards memorandum.

o. Sexual Material/Pornography. Cadets, including exchange Cadets and foreign Cadets, are prohibited from accessing, viewing, downloading, or exchanging adult pornography on a government computer or via any computer system in whole or in part operated by the government. Receiving, viewing, possessing, downloading, or distributing child pornography is criminal misconduct and should be immediately reported to CID.

p. Cyberbullying. Engaging in any form of Cyberbullying or online harassment, including but not limited to Facebook harassment or stalking, discriminatory or abusive language, or any pictures, messages, or videos that are intended to demean or intimidate, is considered unprofessional conduct. This includes posting on anonymous message boards, email harassment, or creating a fake social media profile with the intent to demean, intimidate, or harass an individual.

q. Answering Phones. Cadets should answer incoming phone calls on military phones in such a fashion that they first identify the location/organization of the phone and then identify themselves, e.g., "Central Guard Room, Cadet____speaking, may I help you?" (The use of "sir" or "ma'am" is not required until the caller's identity is determined.) Cadets shall answer their personal phones in a professional military manner, and will identify themselves as Cadet ____ if they recognize the number as an officer or NCO. Cadet voicemail messages will also be professional.

r. Running/Foot Marching Limits.

i. On post: Cadets may run anywhere on post limits between the hours of 0520 and 1930 (extended to taps when there is no ESP). Only Cadet sergeants and above may jog or run on post during an evening study period evening. All Cadets will wear a reflective belt at all times when running.

ii. Off post. Cadet physical training off-post is prohibited. Exceptions can be requested through the company TAC officer. All exceptions must be for a group of 2 or more Cadets, and proper accountability procedures, Cadet safety, run route, and emergency contact procedures must be addressed. Cadets will sign out on CIS before departing, and will sign in upon completion. Cadets must use existing sidewalks, or run while facing traffic if there is no sidewalk available. The use of Route 9W, 218, or 293 is prohibited for Cadet physical training, including Competitive Club / Corps Squad training. Any Competitive Club / Corps Squad team that requests to train off-post can submit a team exception to the BTO to justify training or the use of prohibited routes.

s. Safety. Company commanders and First Sergeants will conduct a unit safety briefing prior to all weekends and leave periods. Cadets may only depart for pass and leave between 0520-2200 hours. **Platoon leaders are responsible for the monitoring**

and approval of TRIPS risk assessments (<https://safety.army.mil/>), prior to approval for passes and leave when distance of trip is over 75 miles.

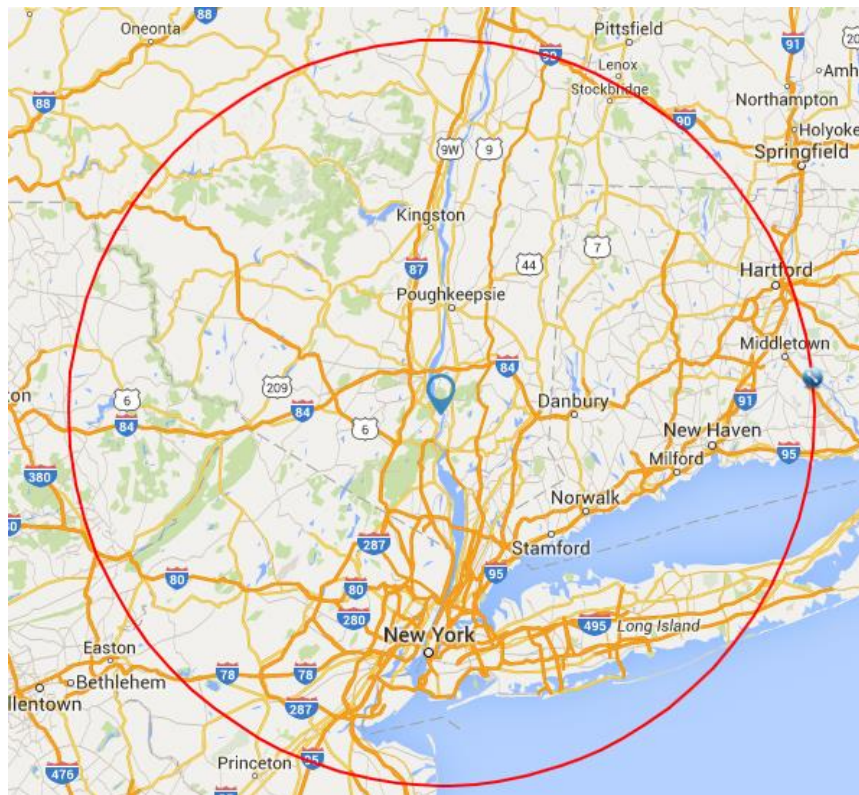


Figure 0-1. Driving Radius With Out TRIPS

4. Social Conduct

a. General Social Conduct. Cadets are expected to exercise good judgment at all times and to always meet the standards of decorum and conduct expected of a commissioned officer and a gentleman or lady.

b. Cadet Relationships. West Point is unique in its demands upon Cadets to work and live together. Conflicts between professional and personal relationships inevitably arise and Cadets must resolve such issues with maturity, respect for rank, and concern for the good order and discipline of the unit.

c. Fraternization. Fraternization is an inappropriate relationship among officers, NCOs, or enlisted Soldier and is prohibited in accordance with AR600-20, paragraph 4-14. In the context of USCC, relationships between Cadets of different rank are prohibited if they:

- i. Compromise, or appear to compromise, the integrity of supervisory authority or the chain of command.

- ii. Cause actual or perceived partiality or unfairness.
- iii. Involve, or appear to involve, the improper use of rank or position for personal gain.
- iv. Are, or are perceived to be, exploitative or coercive in nature.
- v. Create an actual or clearly predictable adverse impact on discipline, authority, morale, or the ability of the command to accomplish its mission.

d. Upper-Class/Fourth-Class Relationships. Fraternization includes inappropriate relationships, such as dating, sexual, and platonic relationships, between Upper-Class Cadets and Fourth-Class Cadets. These relationships are prohibited and this prohibition includes not only inappropriate face-to-face interaction, but also any interaction via email, text messaging, social media, wireless communication, etc. unless the communication is for official business. Friendships that existed prior to the fourth class Cadet's entering West Point and social relationships derived from being on a competitive club team / corps squad or DCA club activities may be formally permitted if both Cadets are not assigned to the same company. The senior Cadet will, in these instances, forward a request for tactical officer approval of this relationship through his or her Cadet company commander to the tactical officer. Approval does not eliminate the responsibility of both Cadets to interact such that the expression of friendship will not cause the perception of improper bias, favoritism, or a lack of professionalism.

e. Cadet/USMAPS Cadet Candidate Relationships. Fraternization includes inappropriate relationships, such as dating, sexual, and platonic relationships, between Cadets and United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) Cadet Candidates. These inappropriate relationships are prohibited and this prohibition includes not only inappropriate face-to-face interaction between Cadets and USMAPS Cadet Candidates, but also any interaction via email, text messaging, social media, wireless communication, etc. unless the communication is for official business. Friendships that existed prior to the Cadet entering West Point and/or the Cadet Candidate entering USMAPS may be formally permitted if approved by the tactical officer. The Cadet must request approval of this relationship through his or her Cadet company commander to the tactical officer. Approval does not eliminate the responsibility of the Cadet to interact such that the expression of friendship will not cause the perception of improper bias, favoritism, or a lack of professionalism.

f. Dating or Personal Associations between Cadets and non-Cadet personnel. Professional and social associations between officers, enlisted Soldiers, civilian staff / faculty and Cadets play an important role in the education and socialization of Cadets. Participation in these professional associations is encouraged. Dating and/or overly familiar relationships, however, whether actual or perceived, erode the value of these professional associations and are prohibited. In accordance with Army policy for officers, Cadets are prohibited from dating and or engaging in an overly familiar relationship with officers, warrant officers, enlisted Soldiers, and civilian staff/faculty

permanently or temporarily assigned to West Point or visiting West Point. Tactical officers may approve an exception to this policy for Cadets who have a prior existing relationship with a member of the staff and faculty (i.e. a Cadet and a graduate assistant). In these cases, the Cadet must submit a written memorandum to his or her tactical officer requesting authorization to participate in said relationship.

g. Public Display of Affection (PDA). Affectionate physical contact with a guest or another Cadet in public on the West Point Military Reservation (WPMR), such as holding hands or sitting with an arm around waist or shoulder is not permitted. **An escort may offer the left arm, and a guest may take it when walking conditions warrant.** Walking arm-in-arm, however, does not preclude the requirement to render proper military courtesies. Cadets are responsible for the conduct and decorum of their guests while they are visiting West Point.

h. Conduct When Visiting Staff and Faculty Quarters. A Cadet's personal relationship with staff and faculty members, official mentors, and their Families, is expected to be exemplary with respect to social behavior and conduct. Cadets are expected not to extend any visit so as to inconvenience their host or hostess. Although junior to their host or hostess, Cadets are expected to take the initiative to inform their host or hostesses of standards expected of the Corps of Cadets. A mentor, parent, sponsor, or spouse must be present during quarter's visitation. Cadets whose parents reside on post may be present in their parent's quarters, when authorized, if their parents are absent. Cadets are not authorized to baby-sit or perform services for hire.

i. Religious Services Uniform. Cadets may attend Chapel and religious services as per rank privileges, in accordance with the Brigade Privileges Memo, Civilian Clothes Policy, and Cadet Casual Policy. Fourth Class Cadets in worship bands will travel to the religious service in the appropriate Dress uniform, but may be permitted to change into Cadet Casual for the service. Fourth Class Cadets who wish to attend a church service outside walking privileges must have an approved trip section or ETP.

j. RSVPs and Thank You Notes. Promptly responding to invitations and immediately following up with hand-written thank you notes is a matter of professional courtesy and is expected of Cadets.

k. Spirit Missions. Spirit missions are activities to demonstrate pride and esprit de corps. The fact that a Cadet is on an authorized spirit mission does not constitute a defense to a violation of the UCMJ or a bar to financial liability for any property damage. Symbols (flags, banners) and mascots of opposing teams or other Cadet companies will not be physically harmed removed or captured. Cadets are authorized to engage in spirit missions that meet the following criteria:

i. Rules of Engagement. Spirit missions must be chain of command (Cadet Captain) approved, led by a team leader or higher, team-focused, non-destructive, safe, and respectful. All spirit missions must include a recovery/clean-up plan. Cadets must ensure that spirit missions do not become

videos that are posted to social media sites. Any action whether recorded or not, needs to be free of any sort of disrespectful conduct that could in any way tarnish the image of USMA.

ii. **All monuments or historical items are off-limits to spirit missions.** Spirit activities must not cause physical harm to people, damage to property, or bring discredit upon the USMA. Cadets are responsible for knowing and following any memoranda of agreements between the Commandant and the leaders of other service academies.

5. **Barracks and Cadet Area Conduct**

a. Specific Barracks Guidance. Specific guidance for barracks authorizations, storage of materials and supplies, as well as Cadet room, common area, and barracks cleanliness standards are can be found in the Standards of Cadet Living Areas.

b. Sexual Activity on the West Point Military Reservation. Sexual activity, such as kissing, fondling, and intercourse, is prohibited for Cadets while on the West Point Military Reservation (e.g. barracks rooms, trunk rooms) or on any land/building leased or used by West Point, including Camp Buckner, Camp Natural Bridge, and any training areas. This prohibition applies to Cadets when they are away from the Academy on official business (e.g. Trip Sections.)

c. Cadet Rooms. Cadets may close room door during the legitimate conduct of a study group, unless the room occupants are required to observe ESP, when the door must be open. Other than approved study groups, Cadet's room door must remain open at all times when non-roommates are inside the room, regardless of gender. **Open means the trash can, or like sized object, are between the door and the frame.**

d. Elevator Use. Cadets are authorized to use elevators prior to 0655 hours and after 1600 hours daily. Exceptions must be approved by Company TAC Teams. Cadets invited by a staff and faculty member or who have an authorized exception may use the elevator during the normal duty day. This applies to elevators in all barracks, academic buildings, and library. Cadets are not authorized to use the elevators in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center unless it is required for official business picking up or dropping off equipment, or if they are on a medical profile.

e. Visitors in Barracks. For current policy regarding barracks visitors and overnight guests, reference the Brigade Barracks Visitation Policy memorandum.

f. Mess Hall Standards. During mandatory meals, the Cadet Mess hall is the place of duty for all Cadets. Cadets are not authorized to miss a mandatory meal unless on an approved trip section, guard duty, or have TAC approval. Duty uniform is the only authorized uniform for wear during mandatory meals; Gym-A's and athletic uniforms are not permitted unless on a medical profile with TAC approval. Backpacks are **only** authorized in the Cadet Mess, on duty days for optional breakfast for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

class Cadets. Under no circumstances will backpacks be left unattended at any time in the Cadet Mess. Cadets will not throw any items in the mess hall, and will act professionally at all times.

i. Table Commandants must pick up floaters before they take their seats. If a table is floated, Cadets are not authorized to leave the mess hall, but must stand under the poop deck to be picked up by a table commandant.

ii. No Cadet may take their seat until the order to take seats. No eating is authorized before the order to take seats. Plebes will stand behind their chairs at parade rest until attention to orders, and will adhere to all standards as established by the Brigade Fourth Class Privilege Memo. Plebes are responsible for setting the table prior to the meal. First and Second Class Cadets may leave the meal following the announcement of "REST." Third and Fourth Class Cadets may leave the meal following the announcement of "BRIGADE RISE."

iii. Guest Meals (Official). Cadets of all ranks may invite and escort a member of the staff and faculty (military or civilian), an official civilian guest (official as deemed by Protocol or Academy Relations) or a member of the Armed Forces, to dine with them in the Cadet Mess for meals specifically designated as official guest meals.

A. An official guest meal is defined as any meal Monday through Friday. Cadets must notify their company supply officer at least 48 hours in advance to arrange for seating.

B. Cadets must receive an approved guest meal authorization memorandum from USCC S4 to purchase tickets for these meals from Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Taylor Hall, Monday through Friday prior to the meal.

iv. Guest Meals (Informal). Cadets corporals and above may invite and escort guests, otherwise not listed above, to meals specifically designated as informal meals. A maximum of five meal tickets are authorized for each Cadet for informal meals. The exception for privates is during plebe parent weekend when they are authorized to escort guests to informal meals.

A. An informal meal is defined as Saturday lunch and dinner; Sunday or holiday brunch. The only exception to this rule is when there is an official class weekend (i.e., Ring Weekend, Yearling Winter Weekend, 500th Night, 100th Night, or Graduation Week). Guest meal tickets are not authorized during these times.

B. Plebe Parent Weekend is the only authorized official class weekend where guest meal tickets may be purchased from Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Taylor Hall. Plebes do not need an authorization from USCC S4 to purchase tickets for PPW and are not limited on the amount of tickets they can

purchase.

C. Cadets do not need an authorization from USCC S4 to purchase tickets for informal meals. Cadets will purchase guest meal tickets directly from Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Taylor Hall prior to the meal. Meal tickets for informal meals are sold Monday through Wednesday only.

g. Control of Firearms in the Cadet Area. Privately- owned weapons, firearms, and ammunition will not be brought into or stored in the Cadet barracks. Privately-owned weapons, firearms, and ammunition will be stored before and immediately after use in the Cadet Arms Storage Facility; they will not be stored in CGR. Ammunition, pyrotechnics, and tactical training aids from CST are also not-authorized in the barracks.

i. Pellet guns, BB Guns, Airsoft guns, or any similar type of hobby weapons are not authorized in the barracks at any time. This includes storage in trunk rooms or Cadet rooms, as well as usage of such items.

ii. Those recognized clubs that use firearms as part of their primary club activities are permitted to use Cadet privately-owned weapons. These clubs include the Pistol Club, Combat Weapons Team, and the Trap and Skeet Team. The storage facilities used to store these weapons must meet all applicable Army Regulations, as does the USCC Arms Room, and be inventoried by an E7 or above specifically not involved with that particular club. This policy does not exempt Cadets from registering their privately-owned firearms in accordance with Army Regulations and USMA Regulations.

A. Weapons, firearms, and ammunition may be drawn from the Cadet Arms Storage Facility between 0800-1600 hours, Monday through Friday, for use and/or maintenance. Cadets must have signed authorization from their tactical officer giving authority to remove the weapon, firearm, and/or ammunition each time they are removed.

B. Weapons, firearms, and ammunition boxes will be plainly marked with the owner's name, class, and company.

C. No munitions or pyrotechnics, to include any class of fireworks (an ignition type device), are authorized in the Cadet barracks. Any munitions coming into the possession of a Cadet will be turned-in immediately to the Tac Team or officer-in-charge.

D. During hunting season, a Cadet may temporarily store his or her privately-owned weapon, firearm, and ammunition in the home of a staff or faculty member. Each Cadet will submit a written request seeking authorization that must be approved by his or her tactical officer, to Cadet supply prior to removing the weapon. Authorization will include: name of sponsor, rank,

quarters address, type of weapon and inclusive dates for temporary storage. The staff or faculty member is individually responsible that they are in accordance with all Director of Emergency Services (DES) policies for firearms storage.

E. Paint guns used by the Cadet survival club will be stored in accordance with club rules. They will not be brought into Cadet rooms or the barracks area.

F. Cadets carrying firearms and other dangerous weapons outside those areas under the command of the Superintendent, USMA, must comply with applicable state laws. Sections 1896 and 1897 of the New York Penal Law, State of New York, prohibits the possession and carrying of dangerous weapons. The possession of an unloaded pistol without written license issued by the appropriate New York State authority, is a misdemeanor. The carrying of a loaded pistol, or pistol with ammunition, without written license by the appropriate New York State authority, is a felony.

h. Laundry. Each Cadet will send out laundry or use available machines a minimum of once a week. All Cadets will maintain a minimum of issued serviceable uniforms as defined by the USCC S4. The Cadet chain of command is responsible for staff supervision of laundry operations, as well as Cadet adherence of published procedures and regulations. The chain of command will ensure that laundry is promptly cleared following delivery and that all Cadets maintain uniform requirements and know the proper laundry procedures.

6. Classroom Conduct

a. Dean's Policy and Operating Memoranda. The Dean of the Academic Board policy index is located at <http://www-internal.dean.usma.edu>. Then click on DPOMS on right side. Access this link for information regarding any of the following topic areas: Term End Examinations Procedures and Exceptions, Academic Program Score, Disposition of Academically Deficient Cadets, and Summer Term Academic Program (STAP) Guidance.

b. Personal Responsibility. The primary responsibility for achieving satisfactory academic performance rests with the individual Cadet. To meet this responsibility, Cadets have an obligation to know their academic status, manage their time, and establish effective priorities. The performance of academic duties is a significant part of the process of preparing for the acceptance of the duties and responsibilities of Army officers. The standard for performance of academic duties is the same as that for the performance of officer duties.

c. Conduct. Cadets will conform to the highest standards of ethical behavior and military bearing in the performance of their academic duties. Cadets will treat every member of the faculty with the courtesy appropriate to commissioned officers. Smoking,

using smokeless tobacco, chewing gum, and consuming food is prohibited at all times in classrooms, laboratories, lecture halls, and auditoriums. The uniform for classes will be the duty uniform, with exceptions made for injury and special class functions that occur during the class day. Cadets will leave outer garments and bags in the hallway. Professors may at their discretion allow outer garments in class when environmental conditions warrant. Cadets are authorized to wear sweaters when temperature conditions warrant. The uniform for additional instruction (AI) is the duty uniform.

d. Instructor Authority. Military customs and courtesies will be maintained in academic settings. Specific use and regulation of calculators, course text, and reference materials is determined by individual Academic Department regulations. When the instructor commands "cease work," Cadets will immediately stop writing, put down their writing instruments and make no further marks on boards or paper. Cadets who for any reason need to make additional marks must raise their hands, ask the instructor's permission, and comply with all directions. Cadets will not leave any place of instruction without the permission of their instructor. If they feel a need to leave the section room for any reason, they will obtain the instructor's permission before departing. Instructors retain the authority to determine the specific electronic devices that can be used, and for what purpose, in their classroom.

e. Section Marchers' Responsibilities. Unless otherwise designated by the individual instructor, the first Cadet named on each section roster is the section marcher and, in the absence of the instructor, will take charge of the section. If the instructor is not present within 2 minutes after the start of the class period, the section marcher will take charge of the section and direct another Cadet to the office of the department concerned for instructions. The section marcher will, at minimum, call the section to attention when the instructor enters the classroom, and render an oral accountability report at the start of class. The section marcher will annotate on the absenter report each Cadet who is absent, arrives late, or departs early at each session. Cadets will report to their respective section marcher for accountability at lectures.

f. Meeting Requirements for Graduation. Cadets must understand that they alone bear the responsibility for completing an approved academic program and meeting all academic requirements for graduation. *The Academic Program* (Redbook) provides information on graduation requirements, descriptions of the core and elective programs, enrollment and scheduling procedures, course descriptions, academic counseling, and related matters. Counseling services are available to assist Cadets, but assistance by counselors does not relieve Cadets of their basic responsibility.

g. Major. Cadets must designate an area of elective concentration by selecting a major as specified by the instructions from the Office of the Dean. Cadets are responsible to ensure that an eight-term academic plan, including core and major courses and meeting graduation requirements, is completed by the established deadline.

h. Course Materials. Cadets will ensure that they possess all required textbooks, course material and accessories prior to the start of each academic course, except for

any material designated for issue in class. Cadets will not rely on using others' materials; they must have sole use of the book or other item for the entire term. Cadets should also have an individual copy of the 1 day/2 day schedule (Buff Card) for the current academic year.

i. Homework and Examination Procedures.

i. **Documentation.** Cadets will understand and apply the current version of the pamphlet, *Documentation of Written Work*. This pamphlet prescribes policies for the preparation and documentation of all homework. Plebes will be issued a printed copy early in their first term. Thereafter, Cadets may access annual updates from the Dean's internal website, <http://www-internal.dean.usma.edu/staff/aad/DWW/index.htm>.

ii. **Examinations.** Cadets are authorized unrestricted discussion of anything that occurred in a class or an examination as soon as they are dismissed from the class. Discussion may be with anyone, whether or not that individual has attended the class or examination. Departments will specify, for each course for which they are responsible, authorized sources or notes that may be used during examinations. Cadets will assume that no references are authorized unless they receive instructions to the contrary.

iii. **Exam Attendance.** All Cadets, less those officially excused, will take Written Partial Reviews (WPRs) as scheduled. Cadets are officially excused from attendance at regularly scheduled WPRs only for the following reasons:

- A. Medically excused by the USCC Surgeon.
- B. On emergency leave or special pass.
- C. Participating in trip sections for Competitive Club Team or Corps Squad competition.
- D. Participating in Cadet public relations council trips.
- E. Participating in honor investigative hearings.
- F. Appearing before an investigating officer for *Misconduct*, *USMA*, or *UCMJ*.

iv. If any activity other than those listed above conflicts with a WPR, attendance at the WPR takes precedence. Cadets with conflicts may not participate in the activity even though the activity itself has been approved. Cadets may petition the head of the department administering the WPR to take the exam at an alternate time to resolve a conflict. The option to allow alternate attendance at WPRs rests with the department head.

- A. Arrangements for taking a WPR at alternate times should be coordinated as soon as possible after the conflict is determined, but no later than 48 hours prior to the regularly scheduled exam period.
 - B. Department Heads may require Cadets to make up a scheduled WPR regardless of their reason for absence.
 - C. When a conflict with a WPR attendance will result, Cadets will not schedule themselves for an official duty voluntarily without the prior approval of the department concerned.
 - D. If Cadets have more than one graded requirement occurring during the same time period (i.e. lab and WPR during the same Dean's hour block), they will alert the two departments no later than 48 hours prior to the event. Graded events that cannot be rescheduled will take priority over graded events than can be made-ahead or made-up.
- v. Hospitalized Cadets. Hospitalized Cadets whom the USCC Surgeon determines unable to prepare for or take a WPR will be excused. Cadets so informed by the Surgeon will notify the department concerned that they are medically excused as soon as practically possible.
- A. Hospitalized Cadets unable to attend class, but not medically excused by the Surgeon, may be required to take a WPR.
 - B. Cadets may request to take an examination even though they are eligible to be excused for medical reasons, if the Surgeon approves.
 - C. The department concerned will determine whether an examination will be administered in the hospital and will inform the Cadet of its decision.

j. Academy Schedule. The Academy schedule includes six periods each academic day for scheduling classes. Attendance at regularly scheduled classes is a duty for all Cadets. Cadets are responsible to ensure they possess a valid individual schedule of class attendance at the start of each academic term.

k. Additional Instruction (AI). Additional instruction is instruction on course material supplemental to that presented during normal class time as scheduled in the course syllabus. Additional instruction is normally presented by the Cadet's regularly assigned instructor, but in any case by an instructor of the department presenting the course. Material covered in AI is restricted to that previously covered during regularly scheduled class attendance. Academic departments may schedule make-ahead AI sessions as necessary.

- i. AI may be scheduled in accordance with the Academy schedule (USMA REG 1-1). Departments are encouraged to arrange times for AI that are mutually

agreeable to Cadets and the department, particularly in the cases of Cadets who bear heavy institutional responsibilities. AI will not be conducted during the Evening Study Period without the prior approval of the Dean. Although AI is not normally presented during the TEE period, specific questions addressed by Cadets to instructors will be answered.

ii. AI will not be scheduled during mandatory sports participation time and Company Chain of Command Time that occurs Monday through Thursday from 1630-1830, otherwise known as MacArthur Time. Participation in the Sports Education program (i.e. Company Athletics, Competitive Club team, Corps Squad teams) is a mandatory requirement in the physical pillar for all Cadets.

iii. Though AI is optional, once Cadets have made appointments to receive AI or otherwise committed to attend AI at a specified time, attendance becomes mandatory and Cadets will be reported if absent. Cadets are responsible to avoid conflicts or to resolve them should they occur.

iv. Physical Education AI. Some courses may publish a predetermined schedule for AI at the beginning of the round of instruction. Cadets may choose to attend any number of sessions. Additional instruction may be offered in individual or group settings, depending on the course and material and activities presented. Cadets are responsible for requesting and attending Physical Education AI.

I. Tutoring. Tutoring covers all supplemental instruction not included in AI. It is authorized for all Cadets and is normally voluntary. Cadets may receive tutoring individually, as part of organized Cadet groups, while confined to the hospital, or during trips away from West Point. Tutoring is normally conducted only by other Cadets or by USMA instructors not assigned to the department in whose course the tutoring is conducted. Exceptions to this policy must receive prior written approval of the Dean.

i. **Company Tutoring Programs.** The USCC chain of command manages company tutoring programs in which tutoring is conducted by other Cadets. Cadets are required to keep the chain of command informed of any tutoring they are involved in, whether as tutor or recipient of instruction.

ii. **Payment.** Cadets and USMA personnel may not accept payment for tutoring.

iii. **Material Covered.** Tutoring may properly address material covered in past lessons, current assignments, or future lessons. In all cases, the goal of tutoring should be genuine mastery of disciplinary skills and material, not a passing grade in a particular lesson.

iv. **Documentation.** When assistance is provided on any assignment to be submitted to an instructor, the tutor must caution tutored Cadets regarding their obligation to document all assistance received.

m. Excusals From Class. Cadets may be excused from classes only by the Superintendent, the Dean (only those classes taught by the academic departments), the Commandant (only those classes taught by DMI, DPE, and LDB), heads of departments (only those classes taught by their respective department,) and the Surgeon (for illness or physical disability).

n. Alternate Arrangements. Cadets who need to attend a scheduled class at a time other than that prescribed for their section must obtain approval from their instructor and comply with all additional requirements. Cadets will not petition to attend a class at an earlier hour to permit early departure on pass or leave. Cadets must also notify the chain of command, to include the company tactical officer, of any alternate class arrangements.

o. Illness. Cadets who become ill during class in a way that prevents further participation will inform the instructor. The instructor will release the Cadet who will proceed immediately to sick call.

p. Special Provisions for Wrestlers. Wrestlers on the varsity and junior varsity wrestling squads designated to compete in a home match will be excused from class 5 hours prior to the scheduled competition in order to weigh in and eat a training meal. Cadets will return to scheduled class after the meal.

q. Physical Education Class Attendance. Corps squad athletes will attend Physical Education classes on days of competition, unless they have previously coordinated their absence with their instructor. At the beginning of the class, they will notify their instructor of the scheduled competition and then will participate in the Physical Education instruction as directed by the instructor. Injured Cadets will be present for the class attendance report and will comply with directives issued by the instructor. (USMA REG 350-12).

r. Academic Trip Definitions. A mandatory educational trip is defined as a trip sponsored by an academic department and compulsory for all Cadets enrolled in an academic course of the sponsoring department. It may be scheduled at least partially during time reserved for other required Cadet activities. Trip-related costs such as transportation, tickets, meals, etc., will not be defrayed by Cadets.

i. Voluntary educational trip is defined as a trip sponsored by an academic department for those enrolled Cadets who volunteer to participate in the trip. It may be scheduled during times reserved for voluntary Cadet activities. Trip-related costs may be defrayed by Cadets. No coercion, implicit or otherwise, will be used to induce Cadets to participate.

ii. **Cadet Participation.** Cadet participation in educational trips, whether mandatory or voluntary, becomes a duty once the Company Tactical Officer approves it and the Cadet's name appears on the trip roster. Cadets must then participate in the trip unless they are:

A. Excused by the Superintendent, Dean of the Academic Board, or sponsoring academic department.

B. The Commandant of Cadets, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, or the head of an academic department may object, for cause, to a Cadet's participation (such objections will be considered on a case-by-case basis).

C. Scheduled to take a written partial review (WPR) during the period of the trip. If prior arrangements to take the WPR at an alternate time have been made with the academic department concerned, or waived by the department, a Cadet may then participate. The responsibility for obtaining waivers or establishing alternate times for WPRs rests with the Cadet.

D. A member of a corps squad team that has a scheduled competition or a practice for a scheduled United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, or Royal Military College competition, unless a waiver has been granted by the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

E. If a Cadet is assigned to a trip section that departs after the last class of the day giving insufficient time to change into the proper uniform, the Cadet may attend class in trip section uniform as long as it is one level above "as for class" uniform.

iii. **Team Trip Sections.** Members of teams departing for an away competition will attend as much academic instruction as possible. Cadets may request from their instructors an early release from class, but release may not be earlier than 30 minutes prior to assembly for trip departure.

s. Courtesy to Lecturers: Cadets will remove outer garments and hang them outside the lecture hall. Cadets will be seated no later than 5 minutes before a lecture is scheduled to begin. When specified, Cadets will sit with their companies or per seating charts. Otherwise, Cadets will fill seating from the front of the lecture hall.

i. **Etiquette.** All Cadets will observe proper standards of etiquette when the official party enters and exits the auditorium. When a lecturer or guest speaker enters and moves toward the stage or lectern, all present will come to the position of attention and remain in that position until told to do otherwise. Cadets will not leave a lecture to get drinks of water or to otherwise take a break, and will leave to use the latrine only in case of an emergency.

ii. **Questioning.** When addressing a question or comment to the lecturer or guest, Cadets will stand and state their name and company (i.e., Sir/Ma'am, Cadet Smith, Company C-1) before proceeding with their question or comment. The Cadet may be seated after the question has been asked, but will stand again before asking a follow-on question or thanking the individual.

SECTION 2: STANDARDS OF CADET APPEARANCE

1. Dress Uniforms

a. These uniforms are worn to formal occasions such as hops, banquets, dining-ins, other social occasions, parades, and ceremonies.

b. **Full Dress under Arms.** This is the normal uniform for reviews. Pants will be determined by season (white for summer wardrobe / gray for winter wardrobe). The parade hat (or tar bucket) will be worn with this uniform – the plume will be bent forward to where the tip is directly vertical from the outermost part of the bill (roughly 15 degrees). Watches / military bands are not authorized for wear when in this uniform. No awards, medals, commendations, etc. are to be worn during reviews – it will be a sterile uniform.



Figure 1-1. Full Dress under Arms (underclass)

i. **Sabers.** Cadets with the rank of Cadet 1SG and above will bear sabers with this uniform. The saber will be carried in its sheath anytime while outdoors and not in formation and anytime while indoors. Cadets will only draw sabers when in formation to march onto the Plain. The saber's sheath will be on the Cadet's left hip, with its front edge directly in line with the front edge of the Cadet's trouser's black stripe. Cadets will remove the three (3) bottom buttons and replace the

center one with a flat golden button. The red sash will be placed over the bottom three button holes, making a seamless transition between the trouser and the full dress coat. The saber belt will be rolled at its ends and held by the breast plate's clasps so as to hang on the Cadet's hip no less than 1.5in and no more than 2 in below the red sash. The breast plate will be at reverse port arms, and its top-most clasp will be hooked into the second button hole from the top to keep it high and in position. The red sash will wrap around the saber belt. The highest two buttons on the back will be right below the red sash. The red sash should be tight enough to where the buttons hold the red sash above them.

ii. Wear of the Red Sash. The red sash is only authorized for wear by Cadet 1SGs and above; all other cadet will wear white chapel belts regardless of class. The red flap should be directly covering the left back pocket when worn. The tousele of the red sash is to be affixed on top of the red flap and should cover the adjustment band. The red sash should fit snugly around the waist of the wearer and loose ends should be tucked into the belt smoothly to present a neat appearance. The red sash will only be worn with Dress uniforms for formal events, or as prescribed by the chain of command.

iii. Rifle and Bayonet. All Cadet Privates, Cadet PFCs, Cadet Corporals and Cadet Sergeants will bear rifles with this uniform. The rifle will be carried at port arms anytime not in formation. Cadets will only fix bayonets when in formation to march onto the Plain. Bayonets will be unfixed immediately upon completion of the parade, prior to the command of "Fall Out." The bayonet's sheath will be on the Cadet's left hip, with its front edge directly in line with the front edge of the Cadet's trouser's black stripe. The chapel belt will hold the sheath tight so as to hold the sheath as far up on the hip as possible. Cadets will remove the three (3) bottom buttons on the full dress coat and replace the center one with a flat golden button. The chapel belt will be placed over the bottom three button holes, making a seamless transition between the trouser and the full dress coat. The breast plate will be at reverse port arms, and its top-most clasp will be hooked into the second button hole from the top to keep it high and in position. The chapel belt will wrap around the shoulder belts, and the cartridge box will hang no less than 2.5 inches and no more than 3 inches below the chapel belt. This space will allow the highest two buttons on the back to pop between the cross of the chapel belt (on top) and the shoulder belts (on both sides, forming a triangle). The belts should be tight enough to hold these rear buttons in place for the duration of the review.

c. Full Dress.

i. Full Dress over Gray. This is the formal winter uniform. The parade hat, with plume appropriate to rank, is always worn with the uniform except to evening formal events. However, headgear will be worn when wearing this uniform on all other occasions. The commander may prescribe belt or red sash to be worn with the uniform depending on the wearer's rank.

ii. Full Dress over White. Worn in the spring and fall to parades, ceremonies, and various social functions. It is the prescribed uniform for graduation Week functions. The parade hat, with plume appropriate to rank, is worn with the uniform. The white service cover will be worn with this uniform only for graduation (Fig. 1-2).



Figure 1-2. Full Dress over White

iii. Full Dress Awards. The bottom row of decorations are positioned in line with the second button from the top of the coat and centered on the Cadet's left side (to right when looking at Cadet). Placement of the decorations may be adjusted for individual figure and uniform differences. All skill badges will be centered and placed above the decorations IAW AR 670-1. All USMA awards minus the Distinguished Cadet's Award are positioned in a single row centered on the Cadet's right side (to left when looking at Cadet), with the bottom of the awards positioned in line with the second button from the top of the coat. The Distinguished Cadet's Award will be sewn on the collar by the Cadet or through WB-4. Unit awards and foreign awards will be placed to the Cadet's right side. Medals and badges worn on full dress must be miniature. Medals are worn end to end or overlapped and not to exceed 3 ½ inches in length and centered on the Cadet's left side IAW above guidance. Tabs worn will be miniature metal tabs. First class Cadets may wear non-subdued branch insignia of their branch on the

outside of each sleeve centered 1 inch above the upper service stripe. Foreign awards are worn on the Cadet's right side mirroring and in line with the left side awards. If USMA awards are also worn, foreign awards are positioned above the center of the USMA awards.

d. **Dress Mess.** When specified, female Cadets are authorized to wear the dress mess in place of full dress to formal occasions such as hops, banquets, dining-ins, and other social occasions. No headgear is required for female Cadets when wearing the dress mess uniform. Pumps will be worn and a handbag may be carried.



Figure 1-3. Dress Mess

i. **Dress Mess Awards.** Awards and decorations are positioned approximately 4 inches from the front edge of the shoulder board and centered on the Cadet's left side (to right when looking at Cadet). Placement of the decorations may be adjusted for individual figure and uniform differences. Medals and badges worn on dress mess must be miniature. Medals are worn end to end or overlapped and not to exceed 3 ½ inches in length and centered on the Cadet's left side IAW above guidance. Tabs worn will be miniature metal tabs.

e. India Whites. This is the formal fall, spring, and summer uniform. It is worn to social functions or parades and ceremonies in place of full dress. A chapel belt or red sash, depending on the wearer's rank, and white gloves are always worn with the uniform. White service cap is also required for wear except to evening formal events.



Figure 1-4. India Whites

i. Rank. Cadet PFCs and above will wear their current rank on both epaulets. The rank will be centered from left to right and positioned 5/8 inch from the outside shoulder seam.

ii. Class Insignia. Cadets will wear non-subdued class insignia of their respective Cadet class on both epaulets. The insignia will be centered on the epaulets from left to right and between the top edge of the epaulets and the top edge of their rank.

iii. India Whites Award. Awards and decorations will be worn as prescribed in AR 670-1. A single USMA award will be worn centered 1/8 inch above the wearer's right pocket flap. For additional USMA awards, the awards are placed 1/8 inch above the wearer's right pocket flap, centered and displayed side by side with 1/2 inch separating each award. Foreign awards are worn on the Cadet's ride side mirroring and in line with the left side awards. If USMA awards are also worn, foreign awards are positioned above the center of the USMA awards.

f. **Dress Gray.** The standard winter dress uniform. The gray service cap is always worn with dress gray.



Figure 1-5. Dress Gray

i. **Dress Gray Awards.** The bottom row of decorations are positioned approximately 4 inches below the bottom of the collar and centered on the Cadet's left side (to right when looking at Cadet). Placement of the decorations may be adjusted for individual figure and uniform differences. All skill badges will be centered and placed above the decorations IAW AR 670-1. All USMA awards minus the Distinguished Cadet's Award are positioned in a single row centered on the Cadet's right side (to left when looking at Cadet), with the bottom of the awards positioned approximately 4 inches below the bottom of the collar. The Distinguished Cadet's Award will be sewn on the collar by the Cadet or through WB-4. Unit awards and foreign awards will be placed to the Cadet's right side, mirroring decorations' positions across the chest. First class Cadets may wear subdued branch insignia of their branch on the outside of each sleeve centered 1 inch above the upper service stripe. Foreign awards are worn on the Cadet's right side mirroring and in line with the left side awards. If USMA awards are also worn, foreign awards are positioned above the center of the USMA awards.

g. White over Gray. The standard spring, summer, and fall dress uniform. It consists of the short-sleeved white shirt, gray trousers, belt, low quarters, black socks, and white service cap (New Cadets will wear the gray service cap).



Figure 1-6. White over Gray

i. Rank. Cadets will wear their current rank on both epaulets. Cadet Corporals and above will position their epaulets so the stripe(s) are furthest from the wearer's neck.

ii. Class Insignia. Cadets will wear non-subdued class insignia of their respective Cadet class on both epaulets. The insignia will be centered on the epaulets from left to right and between the top edge of the epaulets and the top most stripes.

iii. Overblouse. Available for female Cadets to wear in lieu of the standard white shirt. May be worn as the standard Cadet weekend uniform when in season. Not authorized for wear at parades, march-ons, when wearing the red sash or chapel belt, or at any time when the uniform is white over gray under arms. Cadets

serving on duty may wear the overblouse when in white over gray unless it conflicts with the previous tenants of this paragraph.

iv. White over Gray Awards. The bottom row of ribbons are centered 1/8 inch above the left pocket. On overblouse, the bottom row of ribbons are positioned parallel to the bottom of the nameplate on the Cadet's left side. Skill badges are centered ¼ inch above the top row of ribbons. The second skill badge is located ½ inch above the first. A single USMA award will be worn centered 1/8 inch above the wearer's right pocket flap. For additional USMA awards, the awards are placed 1/8 inch above the wearer's right pocket flap, centered and displayed side by side with ½ inch separating each award. On overblouse, awards are centered ¼ inch above the nameplate. Foreign awards are worn on the Cadet's ride side mirroring and in line with the left side awards. If USMA awards are also worn, foreign awards are positioned above the center of the USMA awards.

h. Sponsorship Uniform. Dress gray or white over gray is the baseline uniform for Cadets to travel to and from a sponsor's quarters. Cadets of all ranks may, at the invitation of their host or hostess, change into the IPFU/APFU once inside the quarters. Cadet Corporals and above may wear Cadet casual to visit staff and faculty as directed by the host / hostess. First class and second class Cadets must reference Brigade Civilian Clothes policy memo for authorized privileges.

2. Service Uniforms

a. As for Class (AFC). The standard weekday uniform. It consists of the short- or long-sleeved class shirt, tie (**Required** to be worn with long-sleeved shirt only), gray trousers, belt, low quarters, black socks, and gray service cap.



Figure 2-1. As For Class

i. Rank. Cadet PFCs and above will wear their current rank on the right collar. The rank is positioned 1 inch from and parallel to the bottom edge of the right collar.

ii. Class Insignia. Cadets will wear non-subdued class insignia of their respective Cadet class on the left collar. Class insignia is positioned so the bottom point of the insignia faces the Cadet's left and the bottom edge of the insignia is positioned 1 inch from and parallel to the bottom edge of the left collar.

iii. Overblouse. Available for female Cadets to wear in lieu of the standard AFC shirt. May be worn throughout the standard weekday, to include haircut inspections and drill. Any time a Cadet is in As For Class under arms, Cadets must tuck the shirt in at a minimum. Cadets serving on duty may wear the overblouse when in AFC.

iv. If a Cadet does not have a required uniform item for the class uniform, the Cadet will replace the uniform item as soon as possible. Until a replacement uniform item has been acquired, the Cadet will wear a more formal uniform. (Example: If a Cadet is missing a gray service cap for AFC, the Cadet will wear white over gray.)

v. In accordance with uniform change over date, Cadets will switch to wearing the long-sleeved shirt when required.

vi. As For Class Awards. The bottom row of ribbons are centered 1/8 inch above the left pocket. On overblouse, the bottom row of ribbons are positioned parallel to the bottom of the nameplate on the Cadet's left side. Skill badges are centered 1/4 inch above the top row of ribbons. The second skill badge is located 1/2 inch above the first. A single USMA award will be worn centered 1/8 inch above the wearer's right pocket flap. For additional USMA awards, the awards are placed 1/8 inch above the wearer's right pocket flap, centered and displayed side by side with 1/2 inch separating each award. On overblouse, awards are centered 1/4 inch above the nameplate. Foreign awards are worn on the Cadet's right side mirroring and in line with the left side awards. If USMA awards are also worn, foreign awards are positioned above the center of the USMA awards. Wear of awards on AFC is optional. First class Cadets may wear their respective non-subdued branch insignia similar to the class crest, centered 1 inch up from the bottom of the collar and 1 inch right from the edge, with the insignia's left edge parallel with the collar's bottom edge.

b. Army Combat Uniform (ACU). All rank and insignia on the ACU blouse, ACU Gore-Tex, and patrol cap will be subdued. Cadets will wear the tan color t-shirt under the ACU blouse. Reference AR 670-1 paragraph 4.

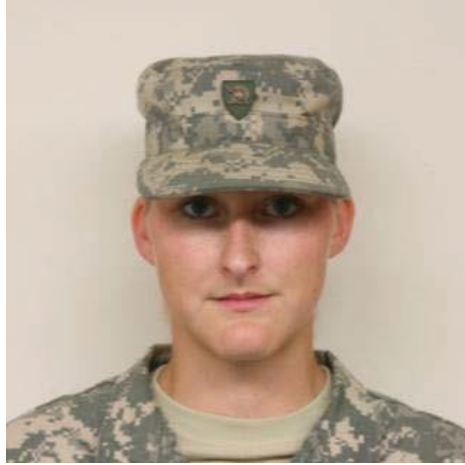


Figure 2-2. Army Combat Uniform

i. Sleeves will be worn down at all times (not rolled or cuffed). The sleeve cuffs on the combat uniform blouse are not authorized to be rolled inside the blouse sleeves.

ii. Cadets may sew on the US Army tape, name tape, rank, and all authorized badges as an option. Badges and tapes must all be sewn on or all pinned on; Cadets are not authorized to mix sew-on badges with pin-on badges. The American Flag, USCC unit patch, and any authorized “combat patches” will never be sewn on.

iii. **Army Combat Uniform Awards.** The first skill badge is centered 1/8 inch above the US Army tape, and the second skill badge is located 1/4 inch above the first. First class Cadets may wear their respective subdued branch insignia centered 1/8 inch above the Cadet’s nametape. USMA awards minus the branch insignia are not permitted for wear with this uniform.

c. Academic Year. During the academic year, the ACU is classified in the same category as the class uniform. The ACU will only be worn when authorized by applicable policy memorandum or exception. The ACU may be worn for specific class trips, training, or athletic events only when authorized on a case-by-case basis. The ACU is also worn during fatigue tours and work details.

d. Summer Training Period. Unless otherwise specified, the ACU is the standard uniform for summer training (not to include summer academic terms).

e. Fall / Winter Reorganization Period. The ACU is the standard uniform for both the fall and winter reorganization periods.

3. Athletic Training Uniforms.

a. **Physical Fitness Uniform.** The Cadet physical fitness uniform consists of the Gym A t-shirt that is worn with either the Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU) or

the Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU). Cadets will continue to wear the IPFU until the official transition date for the United States Corps of Cadets is announced.



Figure 3-1. Proper wear of the IPFU and APFU

i. Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU). Consists of the gray and black running jacket, black running pants, black running shorts with “Army” in reflective white, green fleece gap, black gloves, white socks, and athletic shoes. The wear-out date for this uniform is 30 September 2017.

ii. Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU). Consists of the black and gold running jacket with gold Army logo, black running pants with gold Army logo, black running shorts with “Army” in gold, black fleece cap, black gloves, white socks, and athletic shoes. The mandatory possession date for this uniform is 1 October 2017.

b. Gym A T-Shirts. Each Cadet will wear the gray Gym A t-shirt with last name printed above the USMA crest. The gray t-shirt will be tucked in at all times. The last name of the Cadet must be professionally printed above the USMA crest. The only Cadets who are authorized to wear Gym A t-shirts without a name or with a handwritten name are New Cadets who are waiting for their initial issue of uniforms during Cadet Summer Training. Cadets will not wear Gym A shirts that bear other Cadet’s names.



Figure 3-2. Correct and Incorrect Versions of the Gym A t-shirt.

c. **Serviceable Uniforms.** Once Cadets receive their initial issue, they are required to maintain a minimum of two sets of serviceable uniforms. Serviceable is defined as a fully functional and properly fitted without any color fading, bleach stains, rips, or tears. When Cadets purchase additional Gym A shirts they will immediately turn the shirts in to have their last name printed on each shirt.

d. **Spandex Shorts.** While exercising for personal conditioning, Cadets may wear solid gray or black Lycra or spandex shorts under the Gym A shorts. The shorts must be solid color without any patterns or logos. The length of the shorts must end above the knee.

e. **Competitive Club Team and Corps Squad Uniforms.** Competitive Club Team and Corps Squad Cadets may wear their DCA / ODIA prescribed team uniforms to, from, and during official practices only. Cadets may not travel off-post in team uniforms without an approved Exception to Policy. Competitive Club and Corps Squad Teams will, at all times, look like a team, and look professional.



Figure 3-3. Proper Wear of the Competitive Club and Corps Squad Uniforms

i. All Corps Squad and Competitive Club Teams will wear the same uniform as prescribed by their Team Captains. Each Team Captain will designate the uniform prior to the day's practice, and will ensure every team member is in the same uniform, including uniform accessories (such as socks or headbands). Team Captains will be held responsible for their team's appearance and conduct, and will enforce a military appearance and uniformity. Teams will then be required to wear that uniform only to, from, and during official practices or competitions. After the practice is complete and team members have returned to the barracks they must change out of their team athletic uniform. Any teams found in violation of this standard, including failing to maintain a professional team image, can be subject to having this privilege revoked and the standard uniform to and from practice will be the IPFU/APFU at the discretion of the Commandant.

ii. Cadets are not authorized to wear Competitive Club Team or Corps Squad uniforms to medical appointments and physical therapy in Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center and Keller Army Community Hospital. The only exception will be in the event of an emergency situation requiring immediate physical therapy or medical support.

iii. ODIA must approve all uniform designs and uniform styles before Corps Squad teams make uniform purchases. DPE Competitive Sports will review all uniform designs and styles for Competitive Club Team purchases and forward a recommendation to DCA for final approval.

f. **Company Athletic Uniforms.** All Company Athletic teams will wear the uniform issued by DPE Supply and Services for practice or competition only. Company Athletic teams will wear the same uniform while moving to and from practice or competition in formation. Cadets in charge, coaches, and referees will wear the shirt prescribed by DPE with the Gym-A uniform while performing intramural duties. If a Cadet's company team shirts are lost or stolen, the Cadet is required to purchase a replacement shirt at the C-Store.



Figure 3-4. Company Athletic Uniforms

g. Extreme weather conditions. When the ambient air temperature falls below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, Cadets are required to wear the IPFU/APFU running pants and jacket as well as the appropriate fleece cap and black gloves. When worn, the running jacket must be zipped at least two thirds of the way up. Cadets will keep the sleeves and pant legs down and with pant legs zipped. The jacket must have the Cadet's name printed on the right breast pocket, and the pants must have the name printed above the right back pocket. Cadets are authorized to wear commercial long underwear and polypropylene items appropriate to the weather conditions underneath the pants and jacket, but they must be completely concealed by the running pants and jacket.

h. Personal Workouts/Activities. Cadets must wear shirts while playing sports or exercising, to include leisurely sports (i.e. Frisbee) and scrimmages.

i. Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. While utilizing Arvin, Cadets must have a towel within arm's reach at all times in order to wipe off themselves and the equipment as necessary throughout the workout. Leaving towels in a cubby during a workout is not authorized. Gym users will not share towels for health and sanitary reasons. Towels must be the size of a hand-towel or larger. Gym-A shirts will remain tucked in at all times throughout a workout, to include basketball and other sports. All gym users will use gym equipment for its designated purpose, and store equipment in its appropriate location when complete. Gym users are not authorized to relocate gym equipment to other parts of the facility without prior approval of the Facility Director. Gym users will abide by all posted facility rules.

j. Swimming.

i. Lifeguard Requirements. With the exception of DPE classes and official team practices, Cadets may swim in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center during designated open swim / lap swim sessions ONLY. Cadets and gym patrons are not allowed in a pool unless a DPE or MWR lifeguard is on duty. Cadets or gym patrons who are lifeguard-certified are not allowed to lifeguard for one another unless an exception has been granted by the Arvin Facility Director. Cadets may swim at their own risk at other approved swimming ponds on the West Point Military Reservation, but there must be a minimum of three Cadets present at all times. The presence of a certified lifeguard is encouraged for safety purposes.

ii. Swim Attire. Cadets will wear required swimwear while swimming in all installation pool facilities to include open swim, lap swim, and participation in DPE aquatics classes. Swimwear consists of solid black swim trunks for men and solid black one-piece swim suits for women. IPFU/APFU shorts will not be worn as a substitute for issued swim wear. Women may choose to wear an additional solid black sports bra or swimming support top underneath the issued swimsuit. Men may wear solid gray or black spandex without logos underneath the issued swim trunk, but the spandex will not extend past the knee. Men are not authorized to wear bikini-style speedos or stand-alone spandex unless it is

part of a Corps Squad or Competitive Club Team uniform; these items may only be worn during authorized team practice sessions.

k. **Sunbathing Attire.** The uniform for sunbathing is any appropriate issued basic athletic uniform or issued swimwear. Sunbathing is authorized only at the river courts or lakes / swimming sites on the military reservation. If Cadets participate in any leisure or competitive activities, they must be in a complete uniform. All building roofs are off limits. Civilian swimwear is not authorized for wear anywhere on the military reservation, to include Camp Buckner, Round Pond, and Lake Frederick.

l. **Spirit Dinner.** Corps Squad athletes are authorized to wear team uniform / travel uniforms to mandatory dinners classified as spirit dinners only if all members of the team are in the same uniform. Uniforms must be clean and serviceable.

m. **Company T-Shirts.** Cadets may wear Company T-shirts in the Cadet area only.

4. Footwear for Cadet Uniforms

a. **Low Quarters.** Leather, poromeric, or patent leather low quarters will be worn with trousers by both genders. Poromeric or patent leather low quarters (“corfams”) will not be worn during inspections. Female Cadets may wear low quarters with the gray skirt. Cadet’s low quarters will present a highly polished shine and be clean and serviceable at all times.

b. **Pumps.** Female Cadets will wear pumps with the gray or white skirt unless wearing low quarters. Pumps will be worn with the dress mess uniform. Pumps will conform to the standards outlined in AR 670-1, paragraph 20-23f. They must be black, made of smooth leather, poromeric, or patent leather, and have an unadorned with a closed heel and toe. The heel will be at least one inch but no more than three inches in height. Wedge-type heels are not authorized. Poromeric or patent leather pumps will not be worn during inspections.

c. **Boots.** While in the ACU, Cadets are only authorized to wear the tan Army combat boots. Only boots made from cattle hide leather with a plain toe are authorized for wear. Reference AR 670-1 paragraph 20-3a.

i. Cadets will wear the trousers tucked into the top of the boots or bloused using the draw strings at the bottom of the trousers or commercial blousing devices. Cadets will not wrap the trouser leg around the leg tightly enough to present a pegged appearance or insert any items inside the trouser leg to create a round appearance at the bottom of the trouser leg.

ii. When bloused, the trousers should not extend below the third eyelet from the top of the boot. The knee pouch with hook-and-loop closure for internal knee pad inserts and bellowed calf storage pocket with the hook-and-loop closure on the left and right legs will be worn closed at all times.

d. Athletic Footwear. Cadets may wear commercial athletic shoes with any Cadet athletic uniform. All Cadets must maintain a serviceable pair of running shoes. Athletic shoes worn must present a neat and professional appearance at all times. Athletic shoes must accommodate all five toes in one compartment; shoes that feature individual compartments for each toe are unauthorized for wear with the IPFU/APFU.

5. Over Garments

a. Overcoats, black jackets, parkas, and raincoats when worn will be buttoned or zipped fully closed or as specified below. When wearing overcoats, black jackets, green fleece jacket, parkas or the Gore-Tex the wearer must be wearing black gloves. The officer-in-charge will generally follow the temperature guidelines shown below when prescribing over garments:

Over Garment	Ambient Temperature or Wind Chill Factor (°F)
Parka / long overcoat / ACU Gore-Tex with fleece cap / green fleece with fleece cap / IPFU/APFU jacket, pants, fleece cap, and gloves	Below 32 °F
Black jacket / Green fleece jacket	32 °F to 50 °F

Figure 4-1

b. Long Overcoat. The long overcoat with cape is the prescribed overcoat for wear on trips and all off post activities.



Figure 4-2. Proper wear of the long overcoat and cape.



Figure 4-3. Improper wear of the long overcoat

- i. Worn over dress gray. While wearing the long overcoat, Cadets will also wear issued black dress gloves. The gray service cap is always worn with the long overcoat. The black scarf may be worn.
- ii. When worn, Cadets will wear the cape back and buttoned. Cadets will use the top two buttons in front and the second button from the bottom (button not exposed when worn) to pin the cape to the rear.
- iii. When worn under arms, the cape will be worn back and buttoned IAW above guidance. Shoulder strap(s) will be positioned under the cape.

c. Black Jacket.



Figure 4-4. Proper wear of black jacket

i. The black jacket is authorized for wear with AFC. When the weather is unseasonably cold during the summer uniform period, it may be worn with the white over gray uniform. When worn, the black jacket will be zipped completely closed and jacket will be worn with black dress gloves.

ii. The black jacket may be worn under the parka.

iii. When the black jacket is unavailable, the parka will be worn.

iv. Cadets must have their current company patch sewn on or attached via Velcro on the right sleeve of the black jacket. Cadets who served at least one (1) semester in the USCC HHC may wear the HHC patch on the front of the black jacket in the same location as a club patch or sister service academy patch.

d. Parka.



Figure 4-5. Proper wear of parka

i. The Cadet parka is an authorized outer garment for wear with AFC, Cadet casual, and civilian clothes. The standard headgear for the parka is the knit cap. The knit cap will be worn as prescribed in Fig. 4-9 below. Black gloves are mandatory when wearing the parka. Wear of the black scarf is optional.

ii. The parka will be worn with the hood up when in formation. When not in formation, the hood may be up or down.

e. ACU Gore-Tex Parka. When the Gore-Tex parka is worn, Cadets may wear the olive green scarf. Wear of the black leather shell gloves is mandatory while wearing the Gore-Tex parka. Cadets may wear the hood of the Gore-Tex parka at their option.

However, when the hood is not worn, Cadets will tuck the hood into the coat and secure it. A subdued pin-on class shield will be positioned at the center of the tab located in the center of the chest.

f. Green Fleece. When the green fleece is worn, Cadets may wear the olive green scarf. Wear of the black leather shell gloves is required with the green fleece.

g. Raincoat. This item may be worn with all uniforms except the ACU, athletic uniforms, and Cadet casual. The service cap corresponding to the worn uniform is required when wearing the raincoat. The clear rain cap cover will be worn with the gray service cover but not with the white service cover.

h. ACU Wet Weather Jacket. The wet weather jacket will be worn only with the ACU. It will be zipped to the top, hood out, and the bottom will not be tucked up. The commander will prescribe wear of the hood (up or down) for formation. The BDU wet weather jacket is authorized for wear for the classes of 2015 and 2016.

i. Letter Sweater. Authorized Cadets may wear letter sweaters under the black jacket, parka, or long overcoat. When short sleeve AFC is worn, the collar will be worn outside the sweater. When the sweater is worn, it will be buttoned and the sleeves will not be rolled or pushed up above the wrist. The sweater is authorized for wear with civilian clothes and Cadet casual.

6. Ties and Neck Tabs. When wearing long sleeve AFC, male Cadets will wear the issued black tie with a four-in-hand, Windsor or Half-Windsor knot. Female Cadets will wear either the issued black tie with a four-in-hand or single Windsor knot or neck tabs. The tie will be tied so it is not shorter than 2 inches above the top of the belt buckle nor be so long as to extend past the bottom of the belt buckle or top of the skirt. A conservative tie tack or tie clasp is authorized.

7. Skirts. There are three skirts available for female Cadet wear. The gray skirt may be worn with full dress, dress gray, white over gray, and AFC. The white skirt is authorized for summer wear with full dress and India whites. The black skirt is authorized to wear only with the dress mess uniform. Female Cadets have the option to wear the gray skirt in lieu of pants unless otherwise prescribed. The skirt will be worn no shorter than 1 inch above, or longer than 2 inches below, the crease in the back of the knee.

8. Scarves

a. Scarves may be worn at individual discretion.

b. Black Scarf. Worn with the long overcoat and the parka. The scarf is worn with the lengths folded in half lengthwise and crossed left over right at the neck, with the ends of the scarf tucked neatly into the neckline of the outer garment. When worn properly, the folded portion of the scarf may be slightly visible above the collar of the outer garment.

c. Green Scarf. Worn with the ACU. The scarf is worn with the lengths folded in half lengthwise and crossed left over right at the neck, with the ends of the scarf tucked neatly into the neckline of the outer garment. When worn properly, the folded portion of the scarf may be slightly visible above the collar of the outer garment.

9. Gloves

a. Black Leather Shell Gloves. Worn with the Gore-Tex parka, ACU, and the IPFU/APFU. Black leather shell gloves are mandatory when wearing the Gore-Tex parka. Cadets may wear the black leather shell gloves with the ACU provided the sleeves are rolled down and are over the tops of the gloves. The inserts will not be worn without the leather shell.

b. Black Dress Gloves. The issued black dress gloves may be worn with all authorized outerwear except for the ACU. They are required to be worn with the parka and long overcoat. They are also worn to evening social events as prescribed.

10. Headgear

a. All uniforms except for the IPFU/APFU require wear of headgear. Cadets attending evening formal events in full dress, dress mess, and India whites are not required to wear headgear.

b. Parade Hat. Worn with full dress under arms and full dress over gray/white. The parade hat is worn so that the bottom of the hat is parallel to the ground. The plume will be bent forward to where the tip is directly vertical from the outermost part of the bill (roughly 15 degrees). The chin strap is untwisted and fits directly and tightly under the lower lip. The brim of the hat is positioned two fingers above the nose.

c. White Service Cover. Worn with full dress over white (for graduation only), India whites, and white over gray. The white service cover is never authorized to be worn with AFC. The hat is worn so that the bottom of the hat is parallel to the ground. No hair may show below the brim, and the brim of the hat is positioned so as to be even with the eyebrows or top of the eyeglasses.

d. Gray Service Cover. Worn with dress gray and AFC. The gray service cover may be worn with other uniforms under certain circumstances (commander's discretion). The rain cover will be worn with this hat when the gray raincoat is worn. The hat is worn so that the bottom of the hat is parallel to the ground. No hair may show below the brim, and the brim of the hat is positioned so as to be even with the eyebrows or top of the eyeglasses. Only New Cadets will wear the gray service cover with white over gray.

e. Service Hat Cover. The clear service hat cover will be worn only with the gray service hat when the gray raincoat is worn.

f. ACU Patrol Cap. The patrol cap will be worn straight on the head so that the cap

band creates a straight line around the head parallel to the ground. The patrol cap will fit snugly around the largest part of the head without bulging or distortion from the intended shape of the headgear and without excessive gaps. The cap will not be blocked or rolled. The cap is worn so that no hair is visible on the forehead beneath the cap. Cadets will wear subdued class insignia of their respective Cadet classes on the patrol cap in both garrison and field environments. Insignia will be placed at the front of the cap and centered both horizontally and vertically (from the bill of the cap up to its top). The nametape will be worn on the back of the patrol cap in both garrison and field environments.

g. Black and Gold Fleece Cap. The fleece cap will be worn when the parka is worn. The fleece cap will have a single cuff of approximately 1.5 inches so that both the one yellow and one gray stripe are exposed. The bottom edge of the fleece cap will be worn between 1 to 1.5 inches above eyebrow level. The cap will be worn snugly on the head.

h. Fleece Cap. The foliage micro fleece cap may be worn with the only the IPFUs and the ACUs. The black micro fleece cap may only be worn with the IPFUs / APFUs and ACUs. Wear of the fleece cap with ACUs must be approved by the 1st Captain, and the Cadet must wear the Gore-Tex parka and/or the green fleece with gloves. IAW DA PAM 670-1 The wear-out date of the foliage green micro fleece cap is 30 September 2017. The mandatory possession date for the black fleece cap is 1 October 2017.

11. Uniform Accessories and Undergarments

a. Nameplates. Nameplates will be worn only on the white over gray and AFC uniforms. Nameplates will be positioned on the right pocket flap centered from left to right and above the button and the top of the pocket. Cadets may only wear black nametapes with white lettering. Different colored nameplates and nameplates with flags, unit insignia, or special skill badges are authorized for foreign Cadets and exchange Cadets only.

i. Overblouse. Nameplates will be centered on the right side of the Cadet's chest and be positioned between the second and third buttons. Placement of the nameplate may be adjusted to account for individual figure and uniform differences.

b. Undershirts. All male Cadets will wear a white crew neck T-shirt with all uniforms except athletic uniforms and the ACU. Female Cadets may wear a white V-neck or crew neck T-shirt with all uniforms except athletic uniforms and the ACU. Cadets will wear a tan t-shirt under the ACU blouse.

c. Extreme Cold Weather. Cadets may wear long underwear and other items appropriate to the weather conditions and type of activity but must be concealed from view by the authorized uniform.

d. Brassiere. Female Cadets will wear a brassiere whenever they are in uniform or

civilian attire.

e. Socks. Appropriate black socks are worn when wearing low quarter shoes with trousers. Black or green socks are authorized for combat boots. Plain white socks with no logos, markings, attachments or other colors must be worn with the IPFU/APFU. These socks must cover the Cadet's ankles at a minimum and will not extend above the middle of the Cadet's calves.

f. Hose. When wearing pumps or low quarter shoes with skirt, female Cadets will wear neutral (skin color of wearer) stockings or panty hose with all uniform skirts regardless of the season.

g. Polypropylene. Polypropylene undergarments may be worn under the ACU as an optional item as long it is concealed.

h. Bags/Book Bags/Backpacks. All bags (to include civilian gym bags, civilian backpacks, or other similar civilian bags) will be conservative and professional in appearance. If Cadets choose to wear a shoulder bag while in uniform, the bag must be black or match the camouflage pattern uniform being worn, and may not have any commercial logos. Camouflage pattern bags will only be worn with the matching uniform. The contents of the bag may not be visible; therefore, see-through plastic or mesh bags are not authorized. Cadets may carry authorized bags by hand, on one shoulder using a shoulder strap, or over both shoulders using both shoulder straps. Bags will NOT be cross-slung. Bags must be carried only in the hand if they do not meet the criteria above. DA Pam 670-1 provides additional descriptions and wear occasions for handbags.



Figure 11-1. Solid Black Bags without Logos

i. Drawstring gym backs are authorized for wear with athletic/physical training uniforms only. Drawstring bags must be black, and the only authorized logos are Army or West Point logos. Branch logos do not meet the criteria of an Army logo. Drawstring bags that are not black must be carried in the left hand.



Figure 11-2. Drawstring Bags in Athletic Uniforms

ii. Cadets may carry Corps Squad and Club Team bags on the shoulder if the Cadet is wearing the team uniform, or if the Cadet is traveling as part of a team Trip Section in the authorized Trip Section uniform. Cadets will hand carry team bags in all other uniforms, unless the bag is solid black without logos. If a Cadet chooses to use a Corps Squad or Club Team bag for class or other non-team related activities, the bag must be carried by hand.



Figure 11-3. Proper Wear of Team Bags on Trip Section

i. **Handbags and Purses.** Female Cadets may carry handbags or purses when not in formation or at drill. A plain black leather shoulder handbag may be carried while off

duty. A clutch type evening bag, either plain black leather or fabric, may be carried when the Cadet wears full dress with skirt or dress mess.

j. Personal Hydration Systems. Worn IAW AR 670-1, paragraphs 3-6. Must be black, OD green, or appropriate camouflage pattern. These are authorized for wear in the ACU when not in formation or as specified by the camp commander during Cadet Summer Training.

k. Reflective Belt. Cadets must wear a reflective belt at all times while wearing the IPFU/APFU. The reflective belt will be worn with all other variations of the APFU. While wearing Cadet IPFU/APFU shirt (long- or short-sleeved), the reflective belt will be worn around the Cadet's waist. While wearing the IPFU/APFU jacket, the reflective belt will be worn at reverse port arms from right shoulder to left hip. Reflective belts will at all times present a neat and professional appearance.

12. USMA Awards

a. The order of precedence for wear and placement of USMA awards from the wearer's right to left is branch insignia, Superintendent's Award for Excellence, Superintendent's Award for Achievement, Distinguished Cadet Award, then Recondo.

b. Branch Insignia. Following branch selection, first class Cadets may wear the authorized US Army branch insignia of their branch on the full dress, India whites, dress gray, white over gray, AFC, and the ACU. Cadets that transfer services may wear their corresponding insignia in the same manner.

c. Superintendent's Award for Excellence. The insignia for the Superintendent's Award for Excellence is a gold five point star encircled by a gold wreath. This award is presented to the top 5% of Cadets in their class based on CAS. This award is presented at the annual Fall Awards Review and may be worn by winners of the award until the next year's review.

d. Superintendent's Award for Achievement. The insignia for the Superintendent's Award for Achievement is a gold wreath. This award is presented to the top 15% of Cadets in their class based on CAS. This award is presented at the annual Fall Awards Review and may be worn by winners of the award until the next year's review.

e. Distinguished Cadet Award. The insignia for the Distinguished Cadet Award is a gold five point star. This award is presented to Cadets for academic excellence. This award is presented at the annual Fall Awards Review and may be worn by winners of the award until the next year's review.

f. Recondo Award. Cadets who earn the Recondo Award may wear it IAW the order of precedence for USMA awards.

g. Physical Fitness Awards. Cadets who earn the Army Physical Fitness Badge and/or the Indoor Obstacle Course Test tab and/or the Commandant's Award may wear the awards on the IPFU/APFU. The order of precedence from top to bottom is the Army Physical Fitness Badge, the Indoor Obstacle Course Test tab, then the Commandant's Award. Awards will be positioned on the front right thigh of the IPFU/APFU shorts.



Figure 12-1. Proper Wear of Cadet Physical Fitness Awards

13. Foreign Awards. Foreign awards are authorized for wear only when one or more US Army service ribbon/medal or USMA award is worn. Foreign awards are worn on the Cadet's right side of the uniform as prescribed in AR 670-1.

14. Glasses and Contact Lenses

a. Cadets may not wear lenses with extreme or trendy colors, which include, but are not limited to, red, yellow, blue, purple, bright green, or orange. Lens colors must be traditional gray, brown, or dark green. Cadets will not wear lenses or frames that are so large or so small that they detract from the appearance of the uniform. Eyeglass restraints are authorized; however, Cadets will not hang eyeglasses or eyeglass cases on the uniform and may not let glasses hang from eyeglass restraints down the front of the uniform. Glasses may not be worn on top of the head at any time.

b. Prescription. Conservative civilian prescription eyeglasses are authorized for wear with all uniforms.

c. Sunglasses. Cadets are authorized to wear conservative prescription and nonprescription sunglasses except while indoors.

d. Contact Lenses. Tinted or colored contact lenses are not authorized for wear with any uniform. The only exception is for opaque lenses that are prescribed medically for eye injuries. Clear lenses that have designs on them that change the contour of the iris are not authorized for wear with any uniform. Contact lenses may be restricted by

the commander for safety or mission requirements and are not authorized during field training.

15. Electronic Devices

a. Cadets may wear an electronic device on the belt, belt loops, or waistband of the uniform. Only one electronic device (for example, cell phone) may be worn. The body of the device may not exceed the size of a government-issued electronic device, and the device and carrying case must be black. Other types of electronic devices are not authorized for wear on the uniform unless medically prescribed. Cadets will not walk while engaged in activities on electronic devices that would interfere with the hand salute and greeting of the day or detract from a professional image. Cadets are not authorized to wear wireless or non-wireless devices/earpieces while wearing uniforms unless sitting at their desk working.

b. Physical Training. The only other exception to wearing earpieces, headphones, or ear buds while in uniform is when the Cadet is actively engaged in physical training within the confines of a gym on post. Cadets are not authorized to listen to music while running or conducting a foot march outside the confines of a gym. This includes the use of built-in, wired/wireless speakers on any device.

c. Driving. Hands-free devices while operating a commercial or military vehicle (to include a motorcycle or bicycle) are allowed if not otherwise prohibited by policy or law in accordance with AR 385–10. Cadets will not otherwise use electronic devices while operating a vehicle.

16. Cosmetics. Male Cadets are prohibited from wearing cosmetics, except when medically prescribed. Female Cadets are authorized to wear cosmetics with all uniforms, provided they are applied modestly and conservatively, and that they complement both the Cadet's complexion and the uniform. Eccentric, exaggerated, or faddish cosmetic styles and colors are inappropriate with the uniform and are prohibited. Eyelash extensions are not authorized unless medically prescribed. Female Cadets will not wear shades of lipstick that distinctly contrast with the natural color of their lips.

17. Jewelry

a. Cadets may wear a wristwatch, a wrist identification bracelet, and a total of two rings with uniforms unless prohibited by the commander for safety or health reasons. Female Cadets are only authorized to wear earrings in formal, Cadet Casual, and service uniforms with the exception of the combat uniform so long as they are IAW AR 670-1, paragraph 3-4d(1). Any jewelry worn by Cadets must be conservative. Identification bracelets are limited to medical alert bracelets, and missing in action, prisoner of war, or killed in action (black or silver in color only) bracelets. Cadets are only authorized to wear one item on each wrist while in uniform.

b. Religious items. No jewelry other than that described in the above paragraph

can appear exposed while in uniform. Except as noted in AR 600-20, wear of religious items that do not meet the standards of AR 670-1 are not authorized unless a religious accommodation is granted. Wear of religious items that are not visible or apparent when in duty uniform is authorized, provided they do not interfere with the performance of the Soldier's military duties or interfere with the proper wearing of any authorized article of the uniform. Examples of such items include (but are not limited to): religious jewelry worn under the duty uniform or copies of religious symbols or writing carried by the individual in wallets or pockets. Jewelry bearing religious symbols or worn for religious reasons will not be singled out; all wear and appearance standards will apply equally to religious and non-religious jewelry.

c. Other Adornments. Male Cadets may wear a conservative tie tack or tie clasp with the necktie. Pens and/or pencils worn in the pen/pencil slots on the ACU blouse may be exposed. There are no stipulations on the colors of pens and/or pencils worn in the slots on the ACU blouse while wearing the uniform.

18. Tattoos. Cadets are authorized to obtain tattoos in accordance with the current Army regulation as outlined in AR 670-1 with the following additional restrictions. The tattoo must not be visible when the Cadet is wearing the IPFU/APFU short-sleeved shirt and shorts to include wearing ankle socks. These guidelines also include semi-permanent (4-8 day) tattoos.

19. Body Piercing. Male Cadets are forbidden from piercing any part of their body or wearing any ornamentation through the skin at anytime on or off duty. Female Cadets may pierce their lower earlobes only in order to wear one matched set of earrings IAW AR 670-1, paragraph 3-4.

20. Hands in Pockets. While in uniform, Cadets will not place their hands in their pockets except momentarily to place or retrieve objects. This includes IPFU/APFU, Competitive Club Team and Corps Squad uniforms.

21. Hair Standards

a. The requirement for hair grooming standards is necessary to maintain uniformity within a military population. Many hairstyles are acceptable as long as they are neat and conservative. All Cadets will comply with hair standards in any military uniform or in civilian clothes.

b. Cadets and their leadership will judge the appropriateness of a particular hairstyle by the guidance in this chapter and by the ability to wear all types of headgear (such as patrol cap or service cap) and any protective equipment (such as protective mask or combat helmet) properly. Hairstyles (including bulk and length of hair) that do not allow Cadets to wear any headgear or inhibit proper wear of any protective equipment are prohibited. Headgear will fit snugly without bulging or distortion from the intended shape of the headgear.

c. Extreme, eccentric, or faddish haircuts or hairstyles are not authorized. If a Cadet uses dyes, tints, or bleaches, they must choose a natural hair color. Colors that detract from a professional military appearance are prohibited. Applied hair colors that are prohibited include but are not limited to purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright red, and fluorescent or neon colors. Cadets will not shape or cut designs into their hair or scalp.

d. **Male Haircuts.** The hair on top of the head must be neatly groomed and present a neat and conservative appearance. The hair must present a tapered appearance. A tapered appearance is one where the outline of the Cadet's hair conforms to the shape of the head (see scalp line in Figure 20–1), curving inward to the natural termination point at the base of the neck. When the hair is combed, it will not fall over the ears or eyebrows or touch the collar except for the closely cut hair at the back of the neck. Male Cadets are not authorized to wear braids, cornrows, twists, dreadlocks, or locks while in uniform or in civilian clothes.

i. **Sideburns.** Sideburns are hair grown in front of the ear and below the point where the top portion of the ear attaches to the head. Sideburns will not extend below the bottom of the opening of the ear (see line A of Fig 20–1). Sideburns will not be styled to taper, flair, or come to a point.

ii. **Facial Hair.** Cadets will be clean-shaven on and off duty. Cadets are not authorized to wear beards or mustaches.

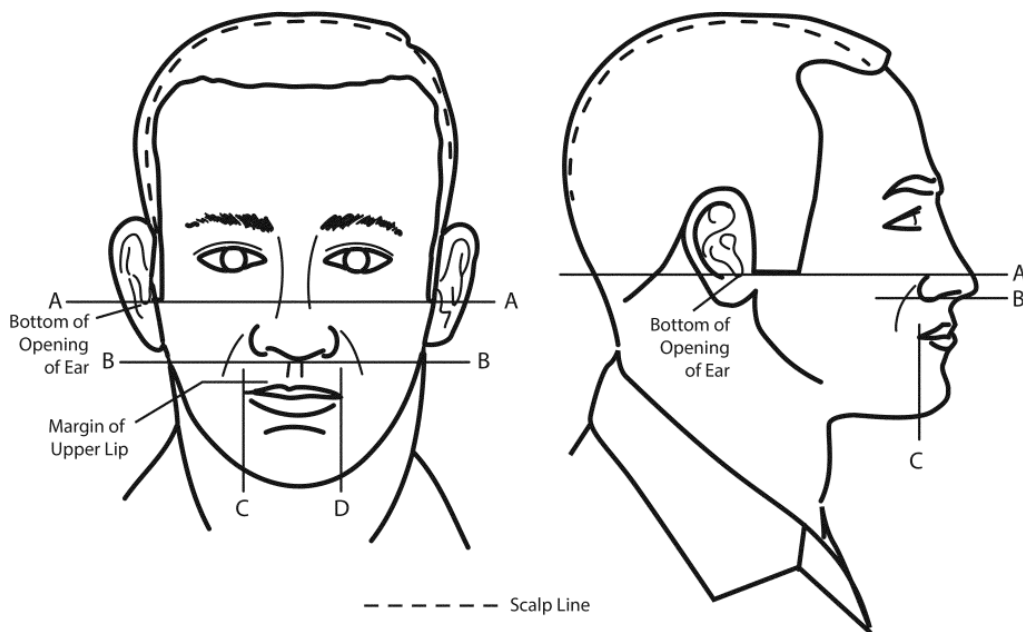


Figure 20-1. Male Grooming Standards

e. Female Haircuts and Hairstyles. The illustrations provided in Figure 20–2 are intended only to clarify language regarding authorized hair lengths and bulks. The requirements for hair regulations are to maintain uniformity within a military population for female Cadets while in uniform. For hair regulations for female Cadets while in civilian clothes, refer to published civilian clothing memorandum. For the purpose of these regulations, female hairstyles are organized into three basic categories: short length, medium length, and long length hair.

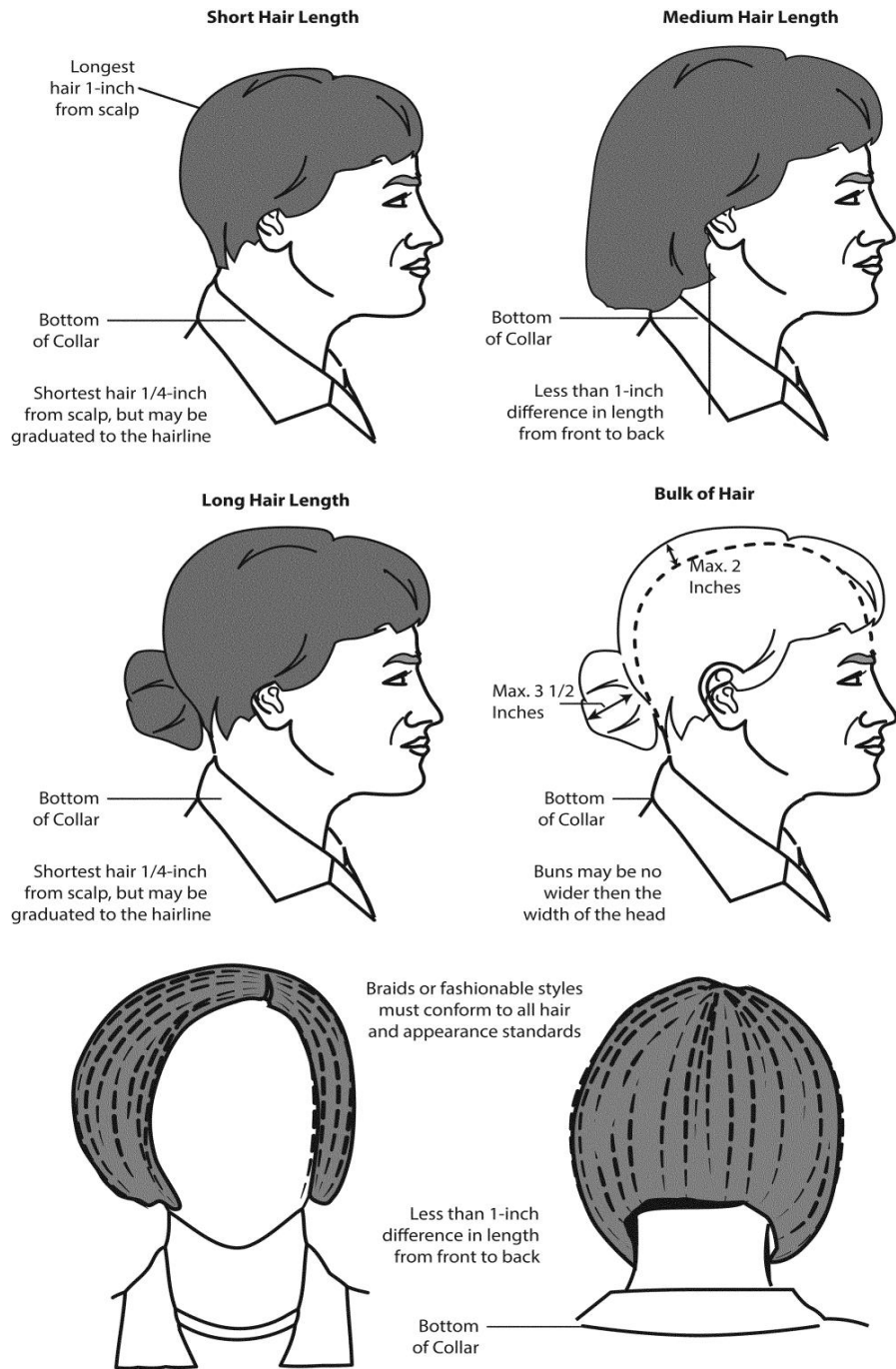


Figure 20-2. Female Hairstyle Standards

i. Short Length. Short hair is defined as hair length that extends no more than 1 inch from the scalp (excluding bangs). Hair may be no shorter than 1/4 inch from the scalp (unless due to medical condition or injury) but may be evenly tapered to the scalp within 2 inches of the hairline edges. Bangs, if worn, may not fall below the eyebrows, may not interfere with the wear of headgear, must lie neatly against the head, and not be visible underneath the front of the headgear. The width of the bangs may extend to the hairline at the temple.

ii. Medium Length. Medium hair is defined as hair length that does not extend beyond the lower edge of the collar in all uniforms and extends more than 1 inch from the scalp. Medium hair may fall naturally in uniform and is not required to be secured. When worn loose, graduated hairstyles are acceptable, but the length as measured from the end of the total hair length to the base of the collar may not exceed 1 inch difference in length from the front to the back. Layered hairstyles are authorized so long as each hair's length as measured from the scalp to the hair's end is generally the same length giving a tapered appearance. No portion of the bulk of the hair, measured from the scalp will exceed 2 inches.

iii. Long Length. Long hair is defined as hair length that extends beyond the lower edge of the collar. Long hair will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned above the lower edge of the collar. No portion of the bulk of the hair as measured from the scalp will exceed 2 inches (except a bun, which is worn on the back of the head and may extend a maximum of 3 1/2 inches from the scalp and be no wider than the width of the head).

iv. Additional Hairstyle Guidelines. Faddish and exaggerated styles to include shaved portions of the scalp other than the neckline, designs cut in the hair, unsecured ponytails (except during physical training), and unbalanced or lopsided hairstyles are prohibited. Hair will be styled so as not to interfere with the proper wear of all uniform headgear. Hairstyles that do not allow the headgear to be worn in this manner are prohibited. Examples of hairstyles considered to be faddish or exaggerated include but are not limited to hair sculpting (eccentric texture or directional flow of any hairstyle to include spiking), buns with loose hair extending at the end, hairstyles with severe angles or designs, and loose, unsecured hair (not to include bangs) when medium and long hair are worn up.

v. Devices. Hair holding devices are authorized only for the purpose of securing the hair. Cadets will not place hair holding devices in the hair for decorative purposes. All hair holding devices must be plain and of a color as close to the Cadet's hair as is possible or clear. Authorized devices include but are not limited to small plain scrunchies (elastic hair bands covered with material), barrettes, combs, pins, clips, rubber bands, and hair/head bands. Such devices should conform to the natural shape of the head. Devices that are conspicuous, excessive, or decorative are prohibited. Some examples of prohibited devices include but are not limited to large, lacy scrunchies; beads, bows, or claw or

alligator clips; clips, pins, or barrettes with butterflies, flowers, sparkles, gems, or scalloped edges; and bows made from hairpieces. Foreign material (for example, beads and decorative items) will not be used in the hair.

vi. Braids, Cornrows, and Twists. Medium and long hair may be styled with braids, cornrows, or twists. Each braid, cornrow, or twist will be of uniform dimension, have a diameter no greater than 1/2 inch, and present a neat, professional, and well-groomed appearance. Each must have the same approximate size of spacing between the braids, cornrows, or twists. Each hairstyle may be worn against the scalp or loose (free-hanging). When worn loose, such hairstyles must be worn per medium hair length guidelines or secured to the head in the same manner as described for medium or long length hairstyles. Ends must be secured inconspicuously. When multiple loose braids or twists are worn, they must encompass the whole head. When braids, twists, or cornrows are worn close to the scalp, they may stop at one consistent location of the head. When worn back, the braids, twists, or cornrows must follow the natural direction of the hair and be worn in general straight lines following the shape of the head and there must be one primary part in the hair. Hairstyles may not be styled with designs, sharply curved lines, or zigzag lines. Only one distinctive style (braided, rolled, or twisted) may be worn at one time. Braids, cornrows, or twists that distinctly protrude up or out from the head are not authorized.

vii. Hair Extensions. Hair extensions are authorized. Extensions must have the same general appearance as the individual's natural hair and conform to this regulation.

viii. Ponytail. Long length hair as defined above may be worn in a ponytail during physical training in the IPFU/APFU, Competitive Club Team / Corps Squad uniforms, or utility uniforms except when considered a safety hazard. Hairstyles otherwise authorized in this chapter (such as braids and twists) may also be worn in a ponytail during physical training. However, if the helmet is worn during physical training, hair must be secured using the above guidelines. The ponytail is also allowed with Cadet casual.

22. Nails. All Cadets will keep fingernails clean and neatly trimmed. Male Cadets will keep nails trimmed so as not to extend beyond the fingertip unless medically required and are not authorized to wear nail polish. Female Cadets will not exceed a nail length of 1/4 inch as measured from the tip of the finger. Female Cadets will trim nails shorter if the commander determines that the longer length detracts from a professional appearance, presents a safety concern, or interferes with the performance of duties. Female Cadets may only wear clear polish on both finger and toe nails when in uniform. Female Cadets may wear clear acrylic nails, provided they have a natural appearance and conform to Army standards.

23. Hygiene. Cadets will maintain good personal hygiene and grooming on a daily basis and wear the uniform so as not to detract from their overall military appearance.

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