

Preface

West Point is committed to developing leaders capable of mastering the modern battlefield through the Academic Program. The challenges of future warfare are many: continuous armed conflict, the proliferation of technology, ethical and legal debates over combat obligations, and the speed of operations—to name a few. These challenges will require Army officers to think critically, innovate rapidly, and make informed decisions.

For this reason, West Point's academic program requires cadets to complete both a robust interdisciplinary core curriculum as well as an academic major of their choice. The core curriculum—the broad liberal arts aspect of the cadet's education—covers academic fields ranging from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to the Social Sciences and Humanities. The academic major allows a cadet to focus on an academic field of their choice and gain intellectual depth.

This Redbook provides specific descriptions of the Academic Program's components that are designed to develop cadets into capable and forward-thinking leaders. It identifies majors and minors available to each class as well as a listing of all courses offered during each academic year and term. The Redbook also includes descriptions of some of our Academic Individual Advanced Development offerings that enrich what is taught in the classroom. Through these components, the Redbook serves as a reference document to use while deciding on a major and/or minor, refining a course of study, mentoring a cadet, or addressing questions concerning academic requirements and opportunities.

There are many additional resources to help cadets achieve their potential and pursue their intellectual passions. Company Academic Counselors (CACs) and Department Academic Counselors (DACs) are available to work with cadets to develop a personally enriching course of study. Information sessions, open houses, and other opportunities to engage in conversations with faculty and fellow cadets also provide cadets with the opportunity to learn more about majors, minors, and enrichment opportunities.

Faculty can rely on [Educating Future Officers](#) to describe how we maintain and enhance our tradition of academic excellence and innovation so that we can achieve our overall mission: “to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.”

I wish you all the best of luck during the upcoming academic year. Thank you for committing to the critical and creative thinking that the Army needs. Live honorably, lead honorably, and demonstrate excellence.



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