

United States Military Academy

West Point





USMA 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; professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the nation.

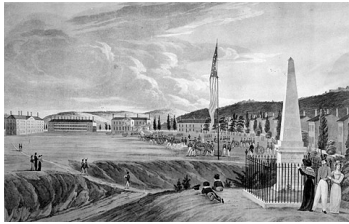
USMA Motto

"Duty - Honor - Country"

History of the Academy

- West Point is located on the west bank of the Hudson River
- In 1778 General George Washington had fortifications built at West Point to control river traffic
- West Point was never captured by the British, despite Benedict Arnold's treason
- West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America

History of the Academy



President Thomas Jefferson established the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1802

History of the Academy



The first Army - Navy football game
1890
Navy won 24-0

History of the Academy

Women at USMA
1976

631 applied for admissions
176 were found qualified
148 were offered admissions
116 entered in June 1976

Today 15% of the class are
women



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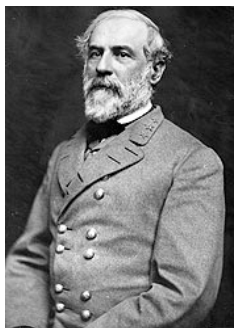
87 women graduated in 1980



Famous Graduates

Robert E. Lee
USMA 1829

- Superintendent at West Point - 1848-1852
- Civil War General



Famous Graduates

George A. Custer
USMA 1861

- Last in his class
- Remembered for his defeat and death at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.



Famous Graduates

Henry O. Flipper
USMA 1877

- First black graduate



Famous Graduates

Douglas MacArthur
USMA 1877

- Graduated first in his class
- Took part in three wars - WWI, WWII and the Korean War





The Recruiting Funnel

find	Prospects: Quality students everywhere	200,000+
inform	Leads: Students interested	50,000+
inspire	Candidates: Open files	10,000+
qualify	Nominated	4,000
select	Qualified	2,200
inform	Offers	1,180
inspire	Accepts	1,180
	NEW CADETS	

- Counseling Points**
- In considering colleges, take a good look at West Point
 - Start a file at the end of your Junior year and apply for nominations
 - Make an effort to learn all there is to know about West Point and the Army:
 - Read about West Point and the role of the officers in the Army
 - View videos at Congressional Academy Nights and by-invitation meeting
 - Discuss the opportunities and challenges with cadets and graduations
 - Visit West Point
 - Seriously consider an offer of admission to West Point based on factual information about the Military Academy, the Army, selfless service as an officer, and yourself

Counseling Points

- Accept an offer of admission if:
 - what West Point has to offer seems to be a good match for your abilities and aspirations **and**
 - you have the desire to give the Army your best effort as a career officer leading soldiers
- Do the same for the Army ROTC program at the civilian colleges to which you are applying

Basic Candidate Requirements

- Legal Requirements:
 - 17-22 years old
 - United States Citizen
 - Unmarried
 - Not pregnant; with no legal obligation to support a child
- Leadership/character:
 - Clearly demonstrated in school, community, church, scouts, etc.
- Academy Qualifications:
 - Above average High School or College academic record
 - Strong performance on ACT/SAT
- Medical Qualifications:
 - Good physical and mental health
 - Pass a qualifying medical exam
- Physical Qualifications:
 - Above average strength, endurance and agility
 - Good performance on Physical Aptitude Exam

“Start ‘em young!”