# THE STANDARD



# Corps of Cadets Texas A&M University

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Four documents cover every facet of life in the Cadet Corps: <u>The Cadence</u>, <u>The Standard</u>, <u>The Plans and Programs Guide</u>, and <u>The Cadet Resident Handbook</u>.

<u>The Cadence</u> is a pocket-size summary of information specifically intended for freshman cadets.

**The Standard** describes the members of the Corps and what they endeavor to become. It is about the Corps' mission, vision, priorities, and values. The Standard is at the very heart of the Corps' disciplined way of life. It is about both ideals and the practical aspects of daily life in the Corps. Its carefully crafted policies, guidelines, standards, and rules are designed to support each cadet's academic success, physical and mental well-being, and development as a leader. It includes information relevant to every cadet, regardless of rank or class, regarding administration, operations, scholastics, discipline, Physical Fitness, and cadet life.

<u>The Plans and Programs Guide</u> is an in-depth manual for Cadet Leadership. In instances where <u>The Cadence</u> and/or <u>The Standard</u> lack details on a given subject, cadets should refer to <u>The Plans and Programs Guide</u>. Specifically, the PPG includes information on Corps membership and Corps organizations, Cadet Command and position descriptions, Uniform and Grooming Regulations, Close Order Dill, Intramurals, Awards, Safety, Risk Management, Assistance Programs, and Incident Reporting procedures.

<u>The Cadet Resident Handbook</u> includes specific housing and safety-related information relevant to every cadet living in the dorms.

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#### CHAPTER 1. WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE HOLD TO BE IMPORTANT

#### 1. VISION

The Corps of Cadets will be the premier student organization that provides a dynamic leadership experience, achieves academic excellence and produces leaders prepared for the challenges of the future.

#### 2. STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES

- A. Sustain a Culture of Academic Excellence.
- B. Foster Positive, Ethical Leadership Development and Professional Career Preparation.
- C. Build and Retain a Large, Diverse, Disciplined and Fit Corps the Exemplifies the Values and Traditions of Texas A&M University.

#### 3. MISSION

The Corps of Cadets develops well-educated leaders of character who embody the values of Honor, Courage, Integrity, Discipline and Selfless Service, are academically successful, highly sought-after, and prepared for the global leadership challenges of the future.

# 4. CADET VALUES

Our values reflect what we hold to be important and guide our daily lives, especially our relationships with others. Our Cadet Values shape the environment in which we live, study, and develop our leadership.

- A. **Honor**. An unwavering commitment to sound moral values and strong character by respecting others as you fulfill your duties as a member of the Corps of Cadets.
- B. Courage. The ability to face fear, danger or adversity, both physical and moral courage.
- C. **Integrity**. The honesty and moral courage to always defend and do what is right.
- D. **Discipline**. Striving for excellence by holding yourself and others accountable to a higher standard.
- E. **Selfless Service**. The desire and ability to put others before self, making personal sacrifices to better the Corps, University, State and Nation.
- F. Additionally, the Corps of Cadets strives to live by the following:
  - (1) Critical Thinking and Creativity. We assess situations and decisively implement timely solutions by adapting and using all available resources in an innovative manner.
  - (2) Leadership. We are effective role models who promote and lead relevant change to inspire and empower our people.
  - (3) Pursuit of Excellence. We are dedicated to life-long learning and maximum personal effort to achieve our goals in everything we do.
  - (4) Respect. We maintain an environment that ensures all persons are treated with fairness and dignity.
  - (5) Scholarship. We are committed to the pursuit of academic excellence, wisdom, lifelong learning, critical thinking and creativity.

(6) Teamwork and Collaboration. We work with internal and external stakeholders to achieve shared purposes and goals for the success of our cadets, the organization and the University.

#### 5. THE CADET OATH

"I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL OBEY ALL UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS, THE STANDARD, AND THE DIRECTIVES OF MY SUPERIOR OFFICERS; THAT I WILL BE DILIGENT IN MY STUDIES; THAT I WILL HOLD MYSELF AND MY FELLOW CADETS TO THE AGGIE CODE OF HONOR; THAT I WILL REMEMBER THAT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CORPS OF CADETS IS A PRIVILEGE WHICH MUST BE EARNED EVERY DAY BY MY HONORABLE ACTIONS; AND THAT I WILL CONDUCT MYSELF IN A MANNER THAT WILL REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CORPS OF CADETS, SO HELP ME GOD."

#### 6. CORPS MEMBERSHIP

To be a member of the Corps of Cadets, a cadet must first be enrolled as a full-time student at Texas A&M (Blinn TEAM and Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Blinn [TEAB] students are considered full-time Texas A&M students). Secondly, a cadet must be enrolled in one of three ROTC programs at Texas A&M for at least the freshmen year and first semester of the sophomore year. (Cadets wishing to forego the ROTC requirement must request a waiver from the Commandant.) ROTC program denial or dismissal equates to a Corps of Cadets denial or dismissal. Ultimately, the Commandant must approve all membership applicants.

Each year, all returning cadets are required to reapply for membership in the Corps of Cadets. However, until a cadet resigns, is removed, or completes the senior year, he/she is considered a member of the Corps and subject to rules and regulations of the Corps as long as registered (or intends to register) to attend school at Texas A&M University.

#### **CHAPTER 2. THE AGGIE CODE OF HONOR**

"AN AGGIE DOES NOT LIE, CHEAT, OR STEAL NOR TOLERATE THOSE WHO DO."

#### 1. ARTICLES OF THE AGGIE CODE OF HONOR

#### **ARTICLE I**

A cadet will not knowingly make any false statement, written or spoken.

#### **ARTICLE II**

A cadet will not impart or receive any assistance, either outside or inside a classroom or places of instruction, which would tend to give any student an unfair advantage.

#### ARTICLE III

A cadet will not take or receive any property of another person or persons, under any circumstances, without the specific authority of that person or persons.

#### ARTICLE IV

A cadet will not use evasive statements or technicalities in order to shield guilt or defeat the ends of justice.

#### **ARTICLE V**

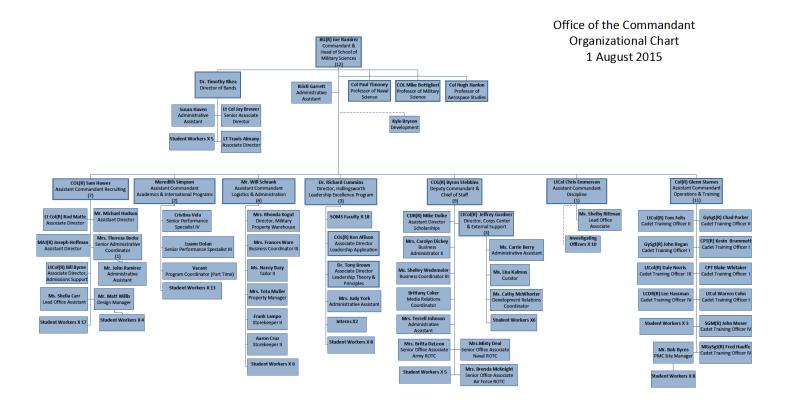
A cadet will report to his/her chain of command and Cadet Training Officer (CTO) all known or suspected honor violations by any cadet or cadets.

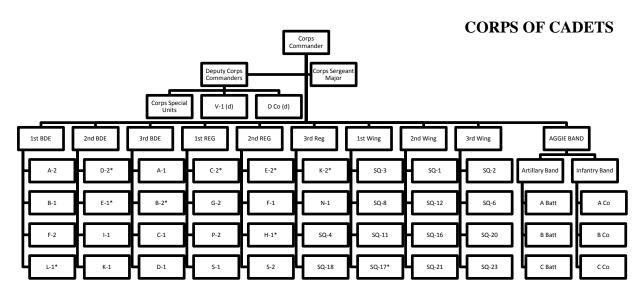
#### 2. CAMARADERIE AMONG AGGIES

While the camaraderie among Aggies is legendary and life-long, in no way is friendship ever a justification for violating the tenants of the Aggie Code of Honor. Similarly, the Aggie Code of Honor is never to be understood as a code only adhered to when among other Aggies. Rather, it is a code all Aggies strive to live by in all associations and activities for their entire life.

# **CHAPTER 3. CORPS ORGANIZATION**

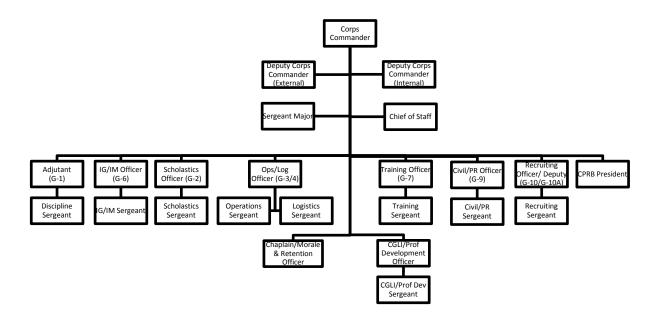
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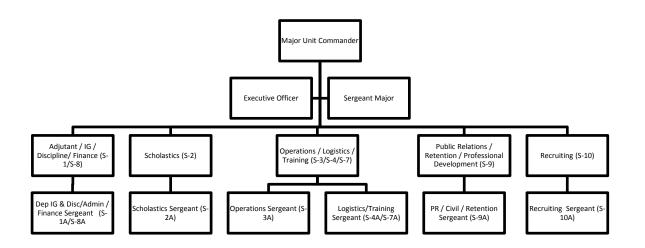


- \* Non-gender Integrated Unit
- (d) Day Student Unit

# **CORPS STAFF**



# **MAJOR UNIT STAFF**



#### **CHAPTER 4. DAILY SCHEDULE**

#### 2. DAILY SCHEDULE

This schedule is a representative, routine schedule for the Corps of Cadets. The weekly schedule may vary and will be published at <a href="https://cadets.tamu.edu">https://cadets.tamu.edu</a>.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
0600-0655	Formation & Physical Exercise	Military Instruction	Formation & Physical Exercise	Military Instruction	Formation & Physical Exercise			
0700-0720	Breakfast	Formation & Breakfast	Breakfast	Formation & Breakfast	Breakfast			
0730-1800	Academic Day	Academic Day Academic Day			Academic Day	Academic Day	Varies	Varies
	1630 Corps Activities or Study Time					1630 Corps Activities or Free Time		
1815-1830	Formation Prep	Formation Prep		Formation Prep				
1830-1900	Formation & Dinner	Formation & Dinner	Evening Study	Formation & Dinner			Outfit Meeting	
1900-1930	Transition	Transition	Time	Transition			(1830-1930)	
1930-2230	Evening Study Time	Evening Study Time		Evening Study Time	Varies		Evening Study Time	
2230	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out			Lights Out	
2230-0600	Evening Study Time	Evening Study Time	Evening Study Time	Evening Study Time			Evening Study Time	

# 2. QUIET HOURS

The purpose of Quiet Hours is to create an environment conducive for academic study within the dorms and on the quad. Quiet Hours exist 24 hours a day from Sunday at 1930 until Friday at 1630 with the exception of approved outfit training times. Quiet Hours is further broken into two periods: Academic Day and Evening Study Time. All upperclassmen are responsible for maintaining and enforcing Quiet Hours conditions including:

- A. Speaking will be kept at a low but audible tone, conversations in the hallway will be kept to a minimum. Whipping out will not occur inside the dorms.
- B. No calls will be blown.
- C. Cadets will not hump it or sound off in the dormitory.
- D. Halls will be kept neat, orderly, and quiet. Music and other sounds should not be heard outside the room.

E. Lights in the hallway will remain lit (do not reduce lighting) except during "lights out" (2230 until 0600 the next day).

#### 3. ACADEMIC DAY

The purpose of the Academic Day is to maintain an atmosphere within the Corps of Cadets conducive to the pursuit of academic endeavors and personal matters. Quiet Hours conditions in the dormitory hallways and rooms, as well as on the quad, will be in effect for all cadets.

- A. Times. 0730–1630 on Monday and Friday and 0730–1800 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- B. The Academic Day consists of:
  - (1) Attending Class.
  - (2) Individual/Group study at any appropriate place as desired.
  - (3) Rest. If a cadet is sleeping, he/she will not be awakened unless it pertains to academic matters (e.g., waking someone up for class, waking someone to ask why they are not in class if their door card indicates they have a class scheduled).
  - (4) Personal endeavors needed for daily living (personal hygiene and errands), individual Corps activities (e.g., shining shoes, uniform preparation, room cleaning), and individual exercise.

#### C. Activities Permitted.

- (1) On-the-spot corrections, as long as class arrival is not delayed.
- (2) Command-directed Health & Comfort Inspections (normally conducted with representatives from the Office of the Commandant).
- (3) Room Inspections conducted by the Cadet Command and IG Chains and/or the Commandant's staff from 0830 to 1530 daily, as long as these inspections do not interfere with the study environment.
- (4) Academic Support and/or Morale/Welfare visits. Freshmen doors must remain open while the upperclassman is inside the hole. Access to fish's room may be further restricted on an individual basis by the Unit CO.
- (5) ROTC Leadership Lab, Corps Special Unit activities, and athletic team scheduled events 1630 to 1800 Monday–Friday.

#### D. Activities Not Permitted.

- (1) Military/Corps training.
- (2) Disciplinary actions.
- (3) Corrective or directed physical training/exercise.
- (4) Upperclassmen "details."
- (5) Waking those that are asleep (except as described above).
- (6) Blowing "calls."

E. Violation of the Academic Day policy may result in suspension from the Corps.

# 4. EVENING STUDY TIME (EST)

The purpose of Evening Study Time is to maintain an appropriate scholastic environment for the Corps. Freshmen, sophomores, and all cadets on Academic Probation are required to comply with mandatory study requirements during EST. Quiet Hours conditions in halls and rooms will be in effect for all cadets.

- A. Times: Sunday-Thursday 1930 to 0600 (on Wednesday EST begins at 1800).
- B. EST provides cadets an opportunity to study when and where they desire on campus (within reason as approved by Unit CO/XO) to achieve the best results possible. Making cadets sit and study at their desk for a set amount of time during a set period of the evening is not always conducive for achieving success. With EST, cadets determine when they will study/rest and how much time they need to devote to their studies.

# C. Activities Permitted during EST:

- (1) Academic activities (individual study, tutoring, test reviews, group study, supplemental instruction, departmental reviews, academic research, and other activities that promote academic progress).
- (2) In room rest/relaxation, sleep.
- (3) Personal hygiene.
- (4) Individual Corps activities (e.g., shining shoes and uniform preparation).
- (5) University-related organization activities (when approved by the unit commander based on a cadet's academic status).
- (6) Approved locations for cadets during EST are:
  - a. Scheduled Class/Exam/Academic Support activity.
  - b. Campus library or a campus building corresponding with academic major.
  - c. Leadership Learning Centers on the Quad.
  - d. Personal dorm room.

#### D. Prohibited Activities during EST:

- (1) Playing, watching someone else play, or any other actions related to video games.
- (2) Watching television shows, movies, or videos on a computer or TV. Instructional videos are permitted as long as volume does not disturb others executing EST.
- (3) Attending or participating in intramural events. Sophomores (level II or III) are allowed to participate provided they sign out/in with the OD/SOD. See item 4.I.(3) for information regarding exceptions to intramural involvement.
- (4) Buddies signing each other out/in. Cadets must physically sign themselves out/in.
- (5) Conducting unit business with freshmen and sophomores (collection of dues, sign-up for events, etc.).

- E. Freshmen, sophomores, and cadets on Academic Probation desiring to leave the dorm during EST (for an approved activity or study location) will sign out in the Sergeant of Day (SOD) logbook and sign in upon their return.
- F. Freshmen and sophomores are not allowed to attend social events during EST unless they receive written approval of their Major Unit Commander and notify their CTO at least 48 hours before the event via Military Letter. This includes one-on-one social events (i.e., dinner with a friend, etc.). Approval for cadets with EST Level II or above will be at the CO's discretion, but the event will count as a Free Night Out (FNO).
- G. All cadets in their first semester in the Corps will comply with EST Level I privileges. Freshmen and sophomores will receive FNOs in accordance with their GPR status. Juniors and seniors on Academic Probation will have their FNO privileges revoked.
- H. During EST, prospective cadets participating in the Spend the Night with the Corps (SNWC) program may be hosted by EST Level II IV cadets. Cadets with EST Level I or on Academic Probation are not allowed to serve as SNWC hosts.
- I. Participation in approved extracurricular programs on campus is encouraged once cadets understand the rigors of college academics.
  - (1) In general, cadets will not be required to attend non-academic Corps-related events during EST. Attendance at Corps-sponsored TAMU athletic events may be required occasionally during the semester. Cadets with academic concerns should work through their chain of command within the Major Unit to resolve academic conflicts.
  - (2) Cadets on Academic Probation will not participate in intramurals during EST.
  - (3) Freshmen will not participate in intramurals during EST. Outfit commanders or outfit representatives should make all attempts to reschedule freshmen league games. In the event a game cannot be rescheduled or postponed, the Major Unit Commander can approve freshmen participation with proof of attempt to reschedule.
- J. Attending religious services during EST is permitted. Other religious activities (bible studies, gatherings, etc.) are considered extracurricular activities. Participation depends on the academic status of the cadet.
- K. Cadets will not be required to study in conditions that might hinder their academic pursuits (i.e., four points of contact, studying by flashlight, etc.). Rooms should be neat and conducive to study (inspection conditions not required).
- L. Dress should be appropriate and contribute to academic success. Dressed in undergarments (except when changing clothes) is not considered appropriate dress.
- M. During EST, Cadets will not greet upperclassmen in the dorm rooms or hallways. When passing upperclassmen outside the dorm, cadets will greet them in a quiet manner.
- N. Fire Doors will be closed during EST to reduce noise levels. In order to reduce noise levels on the first floor of dorms, the end doors of the old style dorms will not be used during EST!
- O. Dorm room doors will remain unlocked but closed when studying. Commanders may elect to have cadets prop open their dorm room doors with a boot when studying during EST. (**Doors WILL NOT be propped wide open!**) This option will be revoked if quiet study

- conditions cannot be maintained in the dorm. Cadets are encouraged to lock their doors when they conclude their studies and go to sleep.
- P. Checks by command chain, scholastic personnel, and duty personnel are authorized and expected during EST. These checks should be short in duration and should not interrupt studies. The purpose of the checks is to monitor a cadet's study habits and morale.
- Q. No more than four people in a room. The unit Officer of the Day or Sergeant of the Day (OD/SOD) may waive this limitation on a case-by-case basis.
- R. The OD/SOD are responsible for maintaining Quiet Hours conditions. These command representatives will maintain the logbook for cadet sign out and in upon return. (Upperclassmen on Academic Probation are not allowed to serve as OD/SOD.)
  - (1) Duty personnel are assigned on a 24-hour basis with the duty watch beginning at the start of the Academic Day (0730). The SOD or OD must be physically present and posted in the dorm hallway from 1930 to 2230 during EST.
  - (2) Duty personnel will acknowledge receipt of their duties by initialing the acknowledgement paragraph on the EST Daily Signout Sheet. A new signout sheet is used for each new EST period. Duty personnel will ensure entries by cadets are legible. Cadets must sign out with the reason, destination, estimated return time and contact phone number. A signature with actual return time is required upon the cadet's return to the dorm.
  - (3) The OD/SOD will ensure an atmosphere exists conducive for study and other academic pursuits.
  - (4) Duty personnel may secure from physically standing duty at 2230. Prior to securing, duty personnel will contact all black belt cadets who have not returned to ensure accountability. They will leave the OD/SOD Binder with the sign out/in log in the hallway so cadets can sign in upon returning to the dorm.
  - (5) Duty personnel will close all fire doors promptly at 1930 and open them at 2230. All primary hall lights should be turned off at 2230.

# 5. CORPS ACTIVITIES

- A. Quiet Hours is suspended daily for Morning and Evening Formations/Meals (0655 0730 and 1815-1900) and for Outfit/Corps activities (Drill, Uniform Inspections, Military Instruction, Physical Fitness Training, Athletics, Remedial PT, etc.) (0600 0650 Mon-Fri). Outfit Activities are also authorized on Monday and Friday afternoons (1630 1800). First Call for Physical Training and Outfit Corps Activities occurs no earlier than 15 minutes before the scheduled event. Cadets (including Fish) will not fall out before the scheduled start time. Fish may gather in a fallout location (i.e. Fallout Hole) no earlier than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- B. The Corps conducts Marathon EST on Wednesdays. Evening Formation/Meal is not executed. Cadets decide when to eat (Free Flow chow). EST begins at 1800 when the Academic Day concludes.
- C. Units will conduct physical training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, reserving Tuesday or Thursday mornings for other military instruction.

D. Corps and ROTC Special Unit training and ROTC Leadership Lab will be conducted no earlier than 0530 in the mornings and between 1630 – 1800 in the evenings. Exceptions to the rule must be approved by Military Letter or ROTC OpOrder.

# 6. OUTFIT MEETINGS

Communication down through the chain of command and to the cadets is vital to the success of each outfit. One of the most efficient ways to accomplish this is through an outfit meeting, to be attended by all cadets within the outfit. Outfit meetings should occur Sunday nights from 1830-1930 and serve as an orderly and professional means of communication.

#### CHAPTER 5. SCHOLASTICS

#### 1. COMMANDANT'S INTENT

The Scholastics program in the Corps is designed to reinforce the importance placed on academic pursuits within the Corps of Cadets. Academic success is the leading priority of the Corps of Cadets because, first and foremost, cadets attend Texas A&M University to attain a degree. The Corps promotes and enhances the scholastic performance of all Corps members by providing the most successful academic support program on campus. This scholastic policy utilizes an intentional, standards-based approach to establish the environment, provide professional academic consulting and a mentorship support program, and recognize academic achievement. This policy also promotes an academic program to ensure graduation in a timely manner.

#### 2. KEYS TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR CADETS

- A. Attend <u>every</u> class. Sit in the center of the first three rows of the classroom so you can see, hear, and are less distracted.
- B. Introduce yourself to each instructor and meet with the instructor during office hours within the first month of the semester. Have several substantive questions to ask.
- C. Read all assignments before class.
- D. During class, stay awake and take good notes. Ask questions in class.
- E. Find a quiet place on campus to study between classes.
- F. Review your readings and notes after each class and fill in any missing information.
- G. Find a study partner in each class and meet once a week to exchange information and review notes.
- H. Seek out tutoring, supplemental instruction, and departmental help when needed.
- I. Attend all supplemental instruction and review sessions for each class.
- J. Treat school like a full time job. Ideally, for every hour spent in class you should spend no less than three hours of study outside of class. First and foremost, your focus should be on academics.
- K. Utilize Evening Study Time (EST) efficiently. Use your free time on the weekends (or if necessary during the Academic Day) to conduct personal errands.
- L. Schedule an office call with the departmental advisor in your college each semester to review your courses, grades, and registration for the next semester. Do not wait until the end of the semester during registration for classes for the next semester.
- M. Find a faculty/staff mentor each semester and get to know them well. They are valuable sources of information and can provide a supportive contribution to your adjustment to life in the Corps and the university.
- N. Seek out and meet with the Corps Scholastics Performance Specialists to discuss current academic progress and future plans toward degree completion.

O. Seek out on-the-quad academic resources sponsored by the O.R. Simpson Honor Society (test bank, help desk, and one-on-one mentors [for certain classes]). Ask for assistance via your unit scholastic chain.

#### 3. STANDARDS FOR LEADERSHIP AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL UNITS

To apply for and serve in leadership positions or participate in special unit activities, a cadet:

- A. Must be in Good Standing with the University and the Corps of Cadets (Cannot be on University or Corps Conduct Probation).
- B. Must be in Good Standing Academically. All cadets must achieve the following minimum credit hours towards degree completion to remain in good standing academically.
  - (1) Beginning of sophomore year, completed a minimum of 30 hours.
  - (2) Beginning of senior year, completed a minimum of 75 hours.
- B. Must meet and maintain the Term and Cumulative GPR indicated below to serve in the leadership positions. Continuance in the position will be reviewed if the cadet fails to maintain these requirements.

<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Term</u>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Commanders and Executive Officers	2.5	2.8
Sergeants Major and First Sergeants	2.5	2.8
Scholastic Officer & Sergeant	2.5	2.8
Staff Officer (MU or Corps)	-	2.5
Platoon/Flight Leader or Sergeant	-	2.5
Unit Squad Leader	-	2.5
Asst Squad leader / Team Leader	-	2.3
FOW / SOW Cadre member	2.3	2.5
Guidon Bearer (not a leadership billet)	-	2.0

- C. Commanders must vet the cadets nominated for Executive Officer, all staff positions, and the unit scholastic positions with the Commandant's office prior to assignment.
- D. For a cadet to be involved or participate in 'Off-the-Quad' activities or groups/organizations he/she must maintain a 2.0 (2.3 for Junior/Senior) term and cumulative GPR.
- E. Cumulative GPR Standards for Corps Special Units, Corps Athletic Teams, and ROTC Special Units are identified below. Cadets placed on Academic Probation or found to be "Not In Good Standing" regarding their conduct cannot be a member or continue their membership in a Corps Special Unit, Athletic Team or ROTC Special Unit.

<b>Corps Special Units</b>	Membership	Key Leadership
Ross Volunteers	2.5	2.8 (all drill Seniors)
Parsons' Mounted Calvary	2.5	2.8
Fish Drill Team	2.3	2.8 (Jr & So = 2.5)
Corps Center Guard, Corps Color Guard,		
Summer Recruiting Company, AMC Guard,	2.4	2.8
Darling Recruiting Company, C.A.D.E.T.		
Corps Athletic Teams	2.4	2.8

ROTC Special Units	Membership	Key Leadership
Rudder's Rangers, Ranger Challenge,	2.3	2.8
RECON, SEAL Platoon,	2,75	2.8
Special Tactics Squadron	2.75	2.8

#### 4. SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS FOR CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS

A large majority of cadets will receive some type of Corps Scholarship. It is the responsibility of each cadet to meet certain academic standards to retain their scholarship. Cadets sign a Scholarship Contract acknowledging these requirements when accepting their scholarship.

- A. Remain a member of the Corps of Cadets in 'good standing' as it relates to student conduct.
- B. Maintain the following minimum overall GPAs:
  - (1) 2.3 for a Sul Ross/Corps Scholarship
  - (2) 2.5 for a Commandant's Leadership Award/General Rudder Scholarship
  - (3) 3.0 for a Corps 21 Scholarship
- C. Successfully complete the minimum number of hours for their class year prior to the beginning of the next academic year as listed herein.
- D. Enroll in a minimum of 12 hours per semester at Texas A&M (Blinn TEAM and TEAB excepted). This may be waived on a case-by-case basis by the Commandant.

#### 5. ACADEMIC PROBATION.

Cadets with substandard academic performance will enter into an Academic Probation Contract with the Corps Scholastic Performance Specialists.

- A. AP-1: Cadets who possess below a 2.00 cumulative GPR. \*See Note
- B. AP-2: Cadets who post two consecutive semesters below a 2.00, even with a cumulative GPR above a 2.00. \*See Note
- C. AP-3: Cadets who pass less than 10 hours their **first semester** in the Corps, having either failed or Q-dropped more than one course.
- \* **NOTE**: Beginning with Spring 2016 Semester:
  - Junior and Senior cadets failing to maintain a 2.30 cumulative GPR and/or posting below a 2.30 term GPA two semesters in a row will be placed on Corps Academic Probation.
  - All Junior and Senior cadets placed on Corps Academic Probation will be satellited
    from their unit dorm and housed in a Corps Academic Probation Dorm to properly
    execute the stipulations of the Academic Probation Contract in regards to EST
    requirements and room privileges. These cadets will continue to interact and train with
    their unit and the unit will account for their activities.
- D. Cadets on Academic Probation or Found to be Not in Good Standing with the Corps will have the following restraints placed on their privileges:
  - (1) For White Belt upperclassmen:

- a. Beginning Spring 2016, relocated to Corps Academic Probation Dorm.
- b. No Free Nights Out; Must sit EST like a freshman cadet.
- c. No television / video game system.
- d. No playing of video games during EST.
- e. No additional furniture.
- f. No large speakers or stereo system.
- g. Only one poster/flag per cadet resident.
- (2) For Sophomores Fish Hole privileges enforced.

# 6. REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL FROM ACADEMIC PROBATION

- A. Removal from AP-1: Raise cumulative GPR to a 2.00 by the end of the next semester and/or satisfy the conditions of the academic probationary contract (2.30 for Junior and Senior cadets).
- B. Removal from AP-2: Post a term GPR of at least a 2.00 for the next semester (2.30 for Junior and Senior cadets).
- C. Removal from AP-3: Pass at least 12 hours the next semester.
- D. Failure to satisfy the conditions of an academic probation contract may result in dismissal from the Corps of Cadets.

#### 7. CLASS ATTENDANCE

- A. Cadets will attend every class and will be on time. Failure to attend class will be a Category II Offense and will be disciplined IAW the <u>Standard</u>.
- B. Corps or outfit activities that prevent a cadet from getting to class on time are prohibited. Blinn TEAM cadets may have classes beginning at 0745 or earlier. These cadets will be excused from outfit activities to allow them to prepare for class, eat breakfast, and travel to the Blinn campus for the start of their class.
- C. Cadets with a 0800 class on the A&M campus will be out of the dorm by 0740 and off the quad in time to be in class by 0755. If required, these cadets will be released early from unit morning activities and excused from morning formation in order to shower/change for class and join their unit for breakfast prior to departing for class.
- D. Many cadets have classes that meet after the end of the Academic Day and/or during EST. These cadets will be allowed to attend their class, being excused from activities as required.

#### 8. SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The Corps of Cadets provides the following academic support programs, services, and personnel to assist cadets in adjusting to college academics and Corps life.

- A. Centralized Corps Academic Center and Leadership Learning Centers on the quad with classrooms, conference rooms, computer labs, study areas, and lounges.
- B. Full-time professional Scholastic Performance Specialists who serve as the primary point of contact and link to scholastic support programs available within the Corps and at the university level.

- C. Free Academic Support programs (test reviews, supplemental instruction, etc.) in common critical courses (Engineering and Business Math, Physics and Chemistry). Academic support sessions are mandatory for all freshmen, sophomores, and upperclassmen on academic probation registered in these courses.
- D. Cadet Virtual Learning Community Cadets will maintain profile on cadet intranet page to access course schedule recommendations and class study tips. The virtual learning community houses the portal where cadets request a cadet mentor for peer instruction.
- E. At-Risk Identification and Counseling Using a combination of SAT/ACT scores, high school class ranking, declared major, and an interview, the Corps Scholastic Performance Specialist will identify incoming cadets who could be 'At Risk' academically. These cadets will receive additional one-on-one counseling and mentoring.
- F. College Student Inventory a survey completed by freshman cadets during FOW/SOW to indicate potential academic challenges for first year students.
- G. SOMS 111 "Principles of Academic & Personal Development" a one-hour credit, elective course highly encouraged for all freshman cadets in the Corps. (Remains a mandatory requirement for all female fish by the direction of the Commandant.)
- H. SOMS 485 a one-hour course for upperclassmen placed on academic probation.
- I. Career counseling for upperclassmen in General Studies who have not been admitted to "upper-level" in their major.
- J. Degree Plan Advice. The Corps Scholastic Performance Specialists can assist cadets in developing/maintaining a degree plan. All students must have a degree plan submitted and approved by appropriate University personnel before the end of the first semester of their sophomore year.
- K. Blinn TEAM and Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Blinn (TEAB). The Corps Scholastic Performance Specialists will coordinate with Blinn TEAM advisors to assist TEAM and TEAB cadets where possible. The Blinn GPR and completed hours will be combined with the A&M GPR and completed hours for TEAM and TEAB students **only** to determine a GPR and completed hours for individual Corps Scholastic Awards, Academic Probation, EST privileges, and leadership consideration.

# 9. SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

At the end of each semester, cadets who meet specific standards will receive the following Scholastic Awards.

A. Commandant's Honor Roll 3.0 term GPR w/12 hrs, no D or F

B. Distinguished Student 3.25 term GPR w/12 hrs, no D or F

C. Outstanding Academic Performance (Silver Star) 3.5 term GPR w/12 hrs, no D or F

D. Superior Academic Performance (Gold Star) 4.0 term GPR w/12 or more hours

# 10. EVENING STUDY TIME (EST) GPR STATUS LEVEL AND PRIVILEGES

- A. EST GPR Status Level is based on overall GPR.
- B. All cadets will indicate their EST GPR Status Level on their class schedule door card.

- C. In the case of two cadets living together with different EST GPR Status Levels, the lower status takes precedence for determination of room privileges.
- D. All cadets in their first semester in the Corps are considered to be EST Level I.

EST Level	CGPR Req.	Freshman	Sophomore	Whitebelts
IV	3.75-4.00	<ul> <li>All Academic Day/EST rules apply.</li> <li>May workout at the REC during EST.</li> <li>One FNO/week.</li> </ul>	Not required to sit EST.	Not required to sit EST. (CGPR min
III	3.25-3.74	<ul> <li>All Academic Day/EST rules apply.</li> <li>May workout at the REC during EST.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All Academic Day/EST rules apply.</li> <li>May workout at the REC during EST.</li> <li>One FNO/week.</li> </ul>	for Academic Probation changes to 2.30 for
II	2.8-3.24	All Academic Day/EST rules apply.	<ul><li>All Academic Day/EST rules apply.</li><li>One FNO/week.</li></ul>	Spring 2016)
I	2.00-2.79	All Academic Day/EST rules apply.	All Academic Day/EST rules apply.	
0	Academic Probation	<ul> <li>EST Level 0 restrictions are applied equally across classes:</li> <li>All Academic Day/EST rules apply.</li> <li>More restrictive or monitored EST applies.</li> <li>Beginning Spring 2016 Juniors and Seniors minimum CGPA for Academic Probation rises to 2.3 and are assigned to Academic Probation Satellite Dorm</li> <li>Emphasis placed on completion of the Corps Academic Probation Contract.</li> <li>Any privileges regarding televisions, video/computer games, etc. in the room are revoked</li> <li>FNO privileges revoked.</li> </ul>		

#### 11. SCHOLASTIC INSPECTIONS

The Corps Scholastics Chain (Officer and Sergeant from Corps through Major Unit to Company/Squadron/Battery) is responsible for coordinating and executing inspections of the Academic Day and Evening Study Time conditions. Major Unit staff will ensure nightly inspections of EST occur within their units.

- A. All cadets will post their current degree plan in their rooms. The classes they have finished will be highlighted or have a check mark next to the course name to monitor progress.
- B. Grades must be properly posted on a Grade Summary Sheet or other grade tracking program within one day of receipt. Grade tracking records need not be posted if the cadet wishes to maintain the privacy of his grades but will be produced upon request by the OOC staff or for a Scholastic Inspection.
- C. All cadets must have their weekly class schedule and EST GPR Status Level posted on their door card. Scheduled tutoring and supplemental instruction sessions should be included on the cadet's weekly schedule.

# STANDARD DOOR CARD

Figure 5-1

Name _	fish Jones	Corps Unit	SQ-5	Major <u>GSTL</u>	<u>D</u>
Class _	<u>IV</u> Corps Rank ַ	fish EST GPR ST	ATUS LEVEL _	Phone Number <u>(1</u>	23) 456-7891
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0800					
1000	CAMPUS TOUR				AERS LLAB
1100 1200					
1300	POLS 331-504	ENGL 219-500	POLS 331-504	ENGL 219-500	
1400 1500		AERS 404-501		AERS 404-50	
1600	ARAB 221-500		ARAB 221-500		SUNDAY
1700 1800		POLS 328-500		POLS 328-500	
1900		ENGL 219	ADMOLD		OUTFIT MTG
2000		SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION	ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY MTG		EST
2100					

Corps Class: Seniors = I; Juniors = II; Sophomores = III; Freshman = IV

- 1) Fill in the appropriate boxes with your class abbreviation and section number. (Font size 9 best.) To add text to a box, right-click on the box and select 'Add Text,' or left-click in the box and type. Make sure the times of your class match the graphic schedule. If the times are different, drag a box to change the length.
- 2) When all the courses are added, delete unused boxes.
- 3) Change the dashed box outline to a solid line.
- 4) Print the graphic schedule along with a copy of student course schedule. Then cut out the door card and put it on the door.
- 5) Be sure to include all SIs, Tutoring sessions, religious events, and all other weekly recurring events.
- 6) All Sunday outfit meetings will end prior to the start of EST at 1930

Any picture or image used as part of the background cannot consist of any inappropriate material and must still allow the schedule to be clearly visible and easily read. <u>Use of abbreviations by all cadets is authorized!</u>

#### CHAPTER 6. CLASS SYSTEM/PRIVILEGES/RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. CLASS SYSTEM

- A. Seniors hold the rank of cadet officers. They are the executive leaders of the Corps and are expected to establish, focus on, and communicate their organization's vision; establish and maintain a positive environment; develop others; and make the decisions that affect operations.
- B. Juniors hold the rank of cadet sergeants. They are the indirect leaders of the Corps and are expected to communicate their organization's vision; maintain a positive environment; develop others; and implement/execute the directions, orders and guidance provided by the cadet leadership chain.
- C. Sophomores hold the rank of Cadet Private First Class or Cadet Corporal. They are the direct leaders and are expected to execute the directions, orders, and policies of the cadet leadership chain in accordance with <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhc.2007/jhc.
- D. Freshmen hold the rank of Cadet Private, with the opportunity to be promoted to Cadet PFC second semester. They are expected to follow and carry out the lawful orders and directions of the upperclassmen in accordance with The Standard and The PPG.

NOTE: The role of each class year, along with specific expectations of each, is discussed in the Leadership Excellence Program section of the PPG.

#### 2. CONDUCT

- A. In campus buildings.
  - (1) All cadets will maintain normal class distinction while conducting themselves in a manner that will reflect favorably upon the Corps of Cadets.
  - (2) No cadet will be required to stand at attention, nor will a cadet create a scene or disturbance that would be displeasing to others.
- B. On campus grounds. The A&M campus is one of the largest and most beautiful in the country. We desire to keep it that way. A&M cadets are "on parade" twenty-four hours a day as far as others are concerned. Cadets show their pride in the school by neat appearance, friendliness, helpfulness, and courtesy at all times.
  - (1) All cadets should take pride in the grass on campus and remember that walking on it is destructive to the campus grounds. At no time will any junior, sophomore, or freshman walk on any grass unless authorized by appropriate authority. Seniors are encouraged to not walk on the grass (even though it is their privilege) to set an example and demonstrate their concern for the beauty of the A&M campus. Throwing trash on the grounds is never done since it signifies contempt and disrespect.
  - (2) Cadets will not walk on the grass surrounding the Memorial Student Center.
  - (3) Eating, drinking or using a cell phone while walking in uniform, outside of a dormitory or dining facility is prohibited (reasonable exceptions for outdoor social events may be made by commanders or Commandant's staff). Using an IPOD-like device or wearing headphones / earbuds while in uniform is prohibited.

- (4) Drinking of alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, or using tobacco products (including smokeless) in uniform is prohibited. The Commandant may allow alcohol consumption in uniform at specifically designated events.
- (5) Cadets will stay out of all the fountains and water features (natural or manmade) on campus.
- (6) Greeting. It is a tradition on the A&M campus for students to be actively interested in each other, in visitors, and in the faculty and staff of the University. The traditional "HOWDY!" and a smile of friendship as people pass on the campus have become Aggie hallmarks known throughout the nation. A&M is a friendly school and likes to show it. The Aggie tradition of speaking and whipping out within the Corps serves as a military greeting and is the method by which cadets show respect to each other. As a direct result of this tradition, Aggies have always been known for their initiative in meeting people and remembering their names.
  - a. The Aggie "HOWDY!" is a nationally known and accepted greeting that should be practiced as follows:
  - b. Cadets greet all other students with a clear, distinct, and friendly "HOWDY!" Hopefully they will respond similarly and most do; however, a lack of a response must not discourage cadets from upholding this tradition.
  - c. Cadets greet members of the faculty and staff, and visitors to the campus with an appropriate greeting, such as "good morning, sir;" "good afternoon, Dr. Jones;" "good evening, Sergeant Brown;" etc. Cadets will salute commissioned officers of the US and foreign militaries in accordance with military courtesies.
  - d. "Whipping Out". It is customary and respectful for all underclass cadets to whip out to any upperclass cadet within the vicinity. Failing to whip out is inexcusable and shows a lack of respect for upperclassmen. See paragraph 3.C.(3) of <u>The Cadence</u> for Whipout procedures for fish.
- C. Off campus and when in public gathering. A Cadet's conduct off campus and when in public gatherings reflects upon the Corps of Cadets. In most cases, you will be among a group of cadets in uniform. Such groups invariably must be careful to ensure their actions reflect favorably on the University and the Corps. The Ross Volunteer Company, Aggie Band, Parsons Mounted Cavalry, and the Fish Drill Team, to name just a few groups, are nationally known. Remember, groups of cadets are always highly visible, both in and out of uniform, and are viewed as University representatives.

#### D. At Yell Practice.

- (1) Yell practice is one place where the Spirit of Aggieland becomes tangible. It should be entered into with just that spirit.
- (2) All cadets attend yell practice.
- (3) Cadets learn all the songs and yells. This is a tradition that upholds the "Spirit of Aggieland."
- (4) Drunkenness or disorderly conduct is not tolerated.
- (5) When forming to move to Kyle Field for Midnight Yell Practice, junior cadets and their dates fall in around and at the rear of the procession. All others move into the east side

- seating area of Kyle Field. Designated juniors and their dates will follow the band into the stadium and remain on the sideline to "guard the field" during yell practice.
- (6) For the Away Game Yell Practices (normally held on Thursday evening at 1930), Cadets should leave engagements early enough to be on time for yell practice. Cadets do not cut class to attend yell practice.
- (7) Cadets do not attempt to acquire another unit's guidon.
- (8) Cadets do not attempt to acquire articles from the band.
- (9) "Quiet Hours" on the Quad are observed immediately after yell practice on Thursday nights.

# E. At Football games.

- (1) Cadets attend all home games and remain in attendance until the end of the game. Uniform of the Day is required.
- (2) Cadets follow the directions of the Yell Leaders.
- (3) Cadets do not remove or unbutton any part of the uniform while in the stands except when authorized to do so by the Corps Commander. Cadets may remove their headgear as desired. Cadets may not leave the stands unless in a full, properly adjusted uniform (fish may remove brass, belt buckles, and the Class A Jacket when exercising their privilege to "capture" the Yell Leaders).
- (4) All cadets remain for yell practice after a football game regardless of whether the Aggies win, or are outscored.
- (5) Fish "capture" the yell leaders after a football victory at Kyle Field. They will form at the north end of Kyle Field under the direction of the Cadet Officers of the Day. They do not move onto the field until the game ends, the War Hymn concludes, and they are directed to do so by the Officers of the Day. Cadets will proceed no further than the 20-yard line when attempting to "capture" the yell leaders. Yell Practice is conducted in the stadium following the "capture."
- (6) Cadets do not "boo" officials or members of either team. Excessive hissing is not in good taste.
- (7) Objects are never thrown in the stands or onto the field during the game or at midnight yell practice.
- (8) As an exception to the prohibition of public display of affection while in uniform, cadets are permitted to kiss their dates whenever the Aggies score.
- F. At Basketball and Baseball games, and other university athletic events (Indoor and Outdoor).
  - (1) Cadets are authorized to wear appropriate civilian attire unless directed by the Corps Commander to wear a specific uniform as part of a Corps event.
  - (2) They will follow the directions of the Yell Leaders at all times.
  - (3) Cadets do not "boo" the officials or members of either team. Excessive hissing is not in good taste.
  - (4) Cadets never throw objects onto the court or field of play.

- (5) Cadets remember to be ladies and gentlemen on all occasions. They should refrain from any conduct that would reflect unfavorably on our University. Cadets are known as the most enthusiastic fans and for treating opponents with respect.
- G. On Corps Trips. The prescribed uniform is worn properly at out-of-town games and public performances during Corps Trips.
- H. In the Corps dorm area. All cadets respect the rights of others to privacy and maintain good neighborly relations with those who are housed in the Corps dormitory area. Academic demands require an atmosphere conducive to study at all times. Moderation and thoughtfulness on the part of each cadet reduces tension and friction to a minimum. Living together, as in a community, is part of our education. Speaking and whipping out will follow the prescribed manner per <a href="The Standard">The Standard</a>. Cadets are corrected according to <a href="The Standard">The Standard</a> and only at such times during which classes or study hours are not disturbed. Cadets will not report to any room, other than that of their chain of command (Platoon/Flight Commander, Platoon/Flight Sergeant, First Sergeant or unit Commander), first sergeant or the unit commander, during Evening Study Time.

#### 3. PRIVILEGES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. It is a cadet responsibility to:
  - (1) Be familiar with the contents of <u>The Cadence</u>, <u>The Standard</u>, <u>The Plans and Programs Guide</u>, and the <u>Cadet Resident Handbook</u>.
  - (2) Speak clearly and distinctly to all persons on campus with "Howdy" (except to commissioned/noncommissioned officers who are addressed according to military custom), calling those known to the cadet by name.
  - (3) Moderate one's voice so as to not cause a disturbance on or off campus.
  - (4) Be an example of good citizenship and Aggie spirit to all people at all times.
  - (5) Know the last name, academic major, and hometown of all cadets in their outfit.
- B. It is a cadet privilege to:
  - (1) Maintain an inspection ready room between the hours of 0830 and 1530 on weekdays.
  - (2) Lock his/her door when needed for privacy while dressing or undressing. All cadets are encouraged to lock their doors when away from their room and at night when going to bed. Fish and Sophomore doors remain unlocked during the day when occupied and when studying during EST.

# C. It is a fish privilege to:

- (1) Be familiar with the contents of <u>The Standard</u>, but are not required to repeat items verbatim. Fish are expected to have their <u>Cadence</u> with them at all times, know and understand its contents, and recite campusologies as instructed by their upperclassmen.
- (2) Give only four answers to an upperclassman: "Yes, Sir/Ma'am"; "No, Sir/Ma'am"; "No Excuse, Sir/Ma'am"; and if he/she does not know the answer to the question asked, "Sir/Ma'am, not being informed to the highest degree of accuracy I hesitate to articulate for fear that I may deviate from the true course of rectitude. In short, Sir/Ma'am, I am a very dumb fish and do not know, Sir/Ma'am." This speech should be made as rapidly but clearly as possible.

- (3) Greet all known ("Howdy Mr. Smith, Sir / Howdy Miss Smith, Ma'am") and whip out to all unknown upperclassmen in a normal fully understandable voice. Follow the procedures described in <u>The Cadence</u>.
- (4) Come to attention (parade rest for noncommissioned officer) when an upperclassmen or commissioned officer enters his/her hole and when being addressed by, or when addressing an upperclassmen or commissioned officer, remaining at the position of attention until given "rest." This requirement does not apply during Evening Study Time.
- (5) Be granted sophomore privileges when in the presence of guests.
- (6) Wear military creases (mandatory for all classes) in uniform shirts.
- (7) Use benches anywhere on campus.
- (8) Wildcat when falling out to formation with arms straight, fully extended above the head.
- (9) Perform authorized unit details such as, "Whistle Jock," mail call, or newspaper delivery.
- (10) Cut square corners when transiting the hallway (Except around obstructions such as trashcans, etc.) inside any Corps dormitory.
- (11) Move quickly without running when in the dorm.
- (12) Speak/whip out to all upperclassmen in their dorm.
- (13) Not use end doors of dormitories (exception for the newly renovated dorms).
- (14) Not wear any type of cover while inside any building or dormitory on campus.
- (15) "Capture" the Yell Leaders after a football victory in Kyle Field. No one will run beyond the 20 yard line when attempting to "capture" a Yell Leader!
- (16) Maintain an austere life style in their hole, including:
  - a. No curtains.
  - b. No posters/flags. Only outfit authorized items on the walls/bulletin boards, or the back of the door (academic status, weekly academic schedule, planning calendar, etc.,). One poster per hole authorized for Spring Semester.
  - c. No extra furniture (footlockers/storage bins authorized).
  - d. No television, large video screen, video game system or stereo (clock radio authorized).
  - e. No refrigerator (medical exemptions must be approved).
  - f. No microwave.
  - g. No carpet, rug, or floor covering (one 2x4 bath mat for the sink area of the hole authorized at Unit Commander discretion for Spring Semester).
  - h. No fitted sheets, mattress pad or non-issued bedding.
  - i. No more than three items on the desk.

- D. It is a sophomore privilege to:
  - (1) Wear hats inside Corps dorms.
  - (2) Walk on graveled areas.
  - (3) Maintain a slightly less austere hole, including:
    - a. One poster/flag per room.
    - b. A small bath mat in the sink area and a 4 x 6 foot carpet, no other rug, carpet or floor covering.
    - c. No extra furniture (footlockers/storage bins authorized).
    - d. One coffee maker per room.
    - e. No television, large video screen, video game system or stereo (clock radio authorized).
    - f. No more than five items on the desk.
    - g. No refrigerator. (During the spring semester, the CO / MUC may grant the sophomore class the privilege to have one fridge for their entire class. Exceptions may be made in the case a sophomore class is exceptionally large, but this must be approved by the MUC.)
    - h. No microwave. (During the spring semester, the CO / MUC may grant the sophomore class the privilege to have one fridge for their entire class. Exceptions may be made in the case a sophomore class is exceptionally large, but this must be approved by the MUC.)
    - i. No fitted sheets, mattress pad or non-issued bedding. (During the spring semester, the CO / MUC may grant the sophomore class the privilege to have fitted sheets.)
    - j. During the spring semester, the CO / MUC may grant the sophomore class the privilege to bunk their beds if unit is housed in the old dorm.

# E. It is a junior privilege to:

- (1) Place the garrison cap inside the shirt with buttons fastened.
- (2) Walk on dirt areas.
- (3) Juniors are allowed a number of items for their room, including:
  - a. Curtain and posters/flags or other wall items (no drilling holes or marring the walls of doors).
  - b. One refrigerator and microwave per room.
  - c. One couch, futon or collapsible chair per room if residing in a non-renovated dorm. No additional furniture allowed in the Commons or renovated dorms.
  - d. No restriction on the number of items on the desk but it must be neat.
  - e. Video game system, television or large video monitor no greater than 40 inches.
  - f. Wall to wall carpet or other floor covering but nothing that will damage or stick to the tile floor.

# F. It is a senior privilege to:

- (1) Tuck the garrison cap into the back of their trousers, with a portion visible above the trousers.
- (2) Walk on the grass on the campus, except around the Memorial Student Center.
- (3) Set a good example for underclassmen to follow in all areas of discipline, manners, honor, leadership, and use a senior's privileges in a discretionary manner.
- (4) Seniors must maintain their rooms similar to Juniors.

#### 4. GRANTING OF PRIVILEGES

- A. White Belts may temporarily grant their class privileges to Black Belts for extraordinary events or actions.
- B. The granting of privileges on a permanent basis at the end of the academic year to a rising class will not occur. The transition process does not include a need to practice increased privileges or responsibilities at formations or on a permanent basis.

# **CHAPTER 7. DUNCAN DINING HALL**

#### 1. DUNCAN DINING HALL OPERATIONS

- A. The purpose in going to the Duncan Dining Center at mealtime is to eat. The environment must be such that all cadets, regardless of class, **may consume the type and quantity of food desired.** Training activities in Duncan will focus on dining procedures. Arbitrary rules and procedures are prohibited.
- B. All cadets, except "Day Students" must be on an approved meal plan. Periodic ID card checks may be done to ensure all cadets dining have an appropriate meal plan.
- C. Duncan Dining Hall normal operating hours:

(1) Corps Early Morning Chow	0600 to 0700 (Mon – Fri)
(2) Corps Morning Chow	0700 to 0730 (Mon – Fri)
(3) Breakfast / Lunch (Meal Swipe required)	0730 to 1500 (Mon – Fri)
(4) Dinner (Meal Swipe required)	1700 to 2100 (Mon – Fri)
(5) Corps Evening Chow	1830 to 1915 (Mon, Tue &Thu only)
(6) Saturday (Meal Swipe required)	0900 to 1400 and 1700 to 2100
(7) Sunday (Meal Swipe required)	1000 to 1400 and 1700 to 2100

#### NOTES:

- Cadets wanting to eat early chow in the evening on Mon, Tue or Thu will need to be in uniform of the day to avoid having to swipe (thus paying for the meal a second time)
- If formation times change, the above schedule will be changed accordingly. Amendments to the above schedule can be made for special events.

#### D. Early Chow.

- (1) Cadets who have an early class (prior to 0800) and those Blinn TEAM cadets who must depart early are authorized to partake of early chow. All other cadets will eat chow with their unit immediately following morning activities. Cadets who exercise at morning activity and have a 0800 class should be released early from unit activity in order to clean up and get into uniform and join their unit at chow.
- (2) Early chow in the evening runs from 1700 to 1820 and is for those cadets who have class or a lab or other valid appointment/meeting preventing them from eating with their outfit at 1830. Cadets who have class until just before formation at 1830 can still eat with their unit when they get out of class. Early evening chow is not authorized for those who want to beat the rush or are just hungry and don't want to wait. Corps/Unit PT uniform is not authorized for early chow.
- (3) BRC/SRC and eating chow with your outfit after formation in both the morning and evening is an outfit function/activity in which every cadet should strive to participate. Finding an excuse to eat early or to skip out on eating with your unit is skipping out on an outfit activity and could incur disciplinary actions.

- E. Deviation from Normal Serving Routine.
  - (1) Silver Taps Complete silence (Silent Chow) will be observed in Duncan. No upperclassmen details of any kind will be allowed.
  - (2) Corps Bag-Ins. On mornings when there is a Corps bag-in, Duncan Dining Hall will serve free flow chow until 0730. Cadets will wear a clean Corps/Unit athletic uniform or the uniform of the day.
- F. Any deviation from this schedule must be submitted in writing to the Corps Training Officer at least 24 hours before the meal. Corps Training must coordinate the deviation with Dining Services at least 12 hours (24 hours desired) before the event. Include information as to date, meal in question, unit's estimated time of arrival, and number of cadets involved. Without an approved written request, Dining Services' employees may turn away anyone attempting to eat outside normal hours of operation.
- G. Corps bag-ins must be coordinated with the Assistant Commandant of Operations, appear on the Corps Training Schedule, and a Duncan Dining Services Supervisor should be advised seven days in advance, if possible. No cadet, other than the Corps Commander, has the authority to approve deviations from this policy. When the Aggie Band has a bag-in the Commander of the Combined Band Staff is responsible for notifying the Corps Staff Training Officer and a Duncan Dining Services supervisor in a timely manner. **Note: Bag-ins excuse cadets from morning formation and breakfast only. Bag-ins do not relieve cadets, including commanders, from responsibilities of the day, such as classes, reports, meetings, room inspections, etc.**
- H. Cadets will enter Duncan as part of formation and only once each meal. Late entry is only authorized for cadets with special circumstances which cause them to miss formation.
- I. Cadets have eight meals committed to Duncan Dining Hall each week. Morning meals (Monday through Friday) and evening meals (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday). These eight meals will automatically be deducted from each cadet's meal plan. Should a cadet not be able to eat any of the meals listed above in Duncan due to academic conflicts, they may seek an exception to policy from the Assistant Commandant for Operations during the first three weeks of classes.
- J. Cadets are encouraged to eat at Duncan Dining Hall for all midday meals. Since Duncan is "just another" Dining Services facility during the midday meal, cadets may sit where and with whom they choose. Cadets may bring guests IAW Dining Services rules.
- K. The uniform for chow corresponds to the uniform of the day and can be modified by the Corps Commander.
  - (1) Corps and ROTC special unit uniforms will be established by the respective unit commander as authorized by the Corps Deputy Commander for Internal Affairs. Leaders of these special groups are responsible for allowing time for uniform change prior to chow.
  - (2) The Corps/Unit athletic uniform is acceptable for lunch and will consist of sweats (as required), the issued Corps/Unit PT uniform (shirt tucked in), along with athletic shoes and socks.
  - (3) Cadets engaged in a scheduled intramural or outfit activity immediately before or after evening chow may wear the Corps or Unit athletic uniform.

- (4) Cadets in excessively wet or soiled uniforms will not enter Duncan and will be directed to leave if their uniform is not appropriate for Duncan Dining Hall. Dining Services employees will normally coordinate this direction through the appropriate cadet commander.
- (5) Cadets with medical conditions which prevent the wear of the uniform may wear the Corps athletic uniform.
- (6) Cadets with bag-ins will wear the uniform of the day to late breakfast.
- (7) Cadets who are out of uniform will not be allowed in Duncan Dining Hall without military letter authorization.
- (8) Appropriate civilian clothing is authorized for evening meal on Friday and all weekend meals at Duncan Dining Center as well as Sbisa Dining Hall.

#### 2. UNIT CADET SUPERVISION

Each unit will designate a Junior (usually the cadet charged with supervising fish movement from the dorm to formation) who will be responsible for the unit's Junior and black belt cadet compliance with the procedures listed in this section (special focus will be on unit compliance with consolidation procedures).

#### 3. DINING SERVICES AUTHORITY

Dining services employees (cadets or civilians) have authority over dining services operations. Cadet leadership will be responsible for coordinating cadet conduct in the dining halls so the cadet procedures do not violate Dining Services procedures. The Assistant Commandant of Operations will assist in this coordination to ensure necessary cadet activities are provided included in Dining Service procedures. A cadet, who is a Dining Services employee, may need to provide mandatory guidance to cadets of higher rank. All cadets will cooperate with Dining Service employees in the execution of their duties. Problems involving Dining Services employees should be immediately referred to the Corps Training Officer, Corps Training Sergeant or member of the Commandant's Staff.

#### 4. DUNCAN DINING HALL PROCEDURES

- A. Table Arrangement. All tables will be separated so cadets eat at a nine-person table (four cadets on each side and a junior or senior on the end). All staffs will sit at designated tables in order to facilitate contact with the CTO/CDO. Any table re-arrangement will be done by Duncan staff.
- B. Table Assignment. Each semester, tables will be assigned to units and each unit will designate assigned seating for all morning and evening meals. Unit commanders may allow temporary seating to replace a missing white belt at a table or make permanent changes to adjust for cadets who have left the unit. A white belt cadet will be assigned to each table with the responsibility to supervise the cadets at that table. The remaining seven/eight cadets will be a mix of cadets from all classes.
- C. Timing. Prayer will be said after all units enter Duncan but will not wait for everyone to be seated. Announcements may be made immediately after the prayer or delayed until everyone is seated. Completion of announcements will not mark the beginning of consolidation or required departure time for any cadets (e.g., sophomores will not perform a mass exodus). When "ATTENTION" is called for the announcements, cadets not seated

- will quietly listen to the announcements and may continue their purpose if it does not interfere with listening to the announcements. Seated cadets <u>will not</u> slam down their elbows on the tables when "ATTENTION" is called.
- D. Consolidation. Consolidation of trays and dinnerware will be accomplished at each table after all cadets have finished their meal. Fish will consolidate trays at their tables and other unit tables as appropriate. Fish will complete consolidation in a timely manner and will not delay their departure from Duncan to consolidate upperclass cadets' trays. If no fish are present, upperclassmen will consolidate their own trays. Consolidation will be a clean and orderly process, no more than four trays at a time, accomplished at a pace consistent with good order and discipline to minimize the possibility of spilling food or damaging dishes.
  - (1) Food from plates and trash will be consolidated onto one tray.
  - (2) Plates, glasses, and silverware will be consolidated on separate trays.
  - (3) Do not over-stack items on trays to the extent they may fall off on the way to or inside the accumulator.

#### E. Conduct.

- (1) All Cadets shall:
  - a. Walk while in the Dining Facility. Safety concerns dictate no running in Duncan.
  - b. Take no more than one tray, one set of silverware, and two glasses per cadet upon entering Duncan. Prior to formation, freshmen may place silverware for the number of cadets expected to eat at each table based on meal count.
  - c. Pick up dropped items (contact Dining Services employee for food cleanup).
  - d. Be allowed to eat or drink <u>any food</u> being served and not be forced to eat food they do not want to eat. There are no restrictions.
  - e. Dine in their unit's designated area and be seated in their assigned seat.
  - f. Seat no more than nine cadets per table.
  - g. Use restrooms as desired.
  - h. Not yell or raise voices above a normal conversational level.
  - i. Not eat, drink, or talk during prayer.
  - j. Not slam their glasses or elbows on the table.
  - k. Observe proper military etiquette (e.g., appropriate military courtesy when an officer or other military member joins the table).
  - 1. Not engage in food fights, aggressive behavior, behavior that incites misbehavior (e.g., singing the "Band Song"), or destruction of property in Duncan.
  - m. Not take any food or Duncan property outside of the Duncan without approval of the Dining Service supervisors. Removing Duncan property will be considered stealing and will be dealt with accordingly.

#### (2) Freshman Cadets shall:

- a. Sit on the front six-inches of their chair with their back straight. Hands will be at their sides unless being used to handle a glass, knife, fork, or spoon. Eyes sighted on upper edge of tray. Knife, fork or spoon placed on plate while not being used (while chewing). Exaggerated procedures to precisely align dinnerware will not be permitted. No exaggerated movements. No excessively small bites. No "chowing down."
- b. Not talk unless answering questions. Conversation with upperclassmen will occur at a normal, conversational level and they will not "sound off," (raise their voice) in Duncan.
- c. Eat square meals during the early part of fish year until Corps Brass is awarded. Cadets are not required to tuck a napkin in their shirt front under their chin unless they fear they will drop food on their shirt.
- d. Only "whip out" to cadets who visit someone at their table. They will not go to other tables to whip out.
- e. Bus their trays, as well as those of the juniors and seniors at their table, to the accumulator in accordance with the procedures described above.
- f. Ask permission to join/leave the table from the most senior cadet/officer present.
- g. Assume sophomore privileges when in the presence of guests.

# (3) Sophomore Cadets shall:

- a. Store unit flags and guidons in the holders located outside in front of Duncan.
- b. Immediately get their food and proceed to their table to wait on their freshmen.
- c. Put their elbows on the table and listen to announcements. Elbows will not be slammed on the table.
- d. Not talk amongst each other. They may address freshmen and upperclassmen as required, but will not ask freshmen Campusology questions.
- e. Bus their trays individually and take them to the accumulator.
- f. Ask permission to join/leave the table from the most senior cadet/officer present.
- (4) Junior and Senior Cadets. At least one Junior or Senior Cadet will be assigned to each table and shall be responsible for complying with directives and maintaining good order at that table. Junior and Senior Cadets may talk amongst each other at normal volume except during prayer and announcements.

#### **CHAPTER 8. UNIFORMS**

#### 1. INTENT

The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Uniform Policy provides guidance for the proper wear of the cadet uniform. The wearing of the uniform by the members of the Corps of Cadets is a vital part of our proud history and tradition, as well as a visual reminder of who we are and what we represent on this campus. Cadets should refer to the <u>Plans & Programs Guide</u> (PPG) for detail guidance and discussion of regulations regarding uniform wear and grooming standards.

Wearing the uniform should be a matter of personal pride. Cadets will maintain their uniforms and equipment in a neat and serviceable condition. By their appearance, they will set an example of pride and the Aggie Spirit through strict conformity with this regulation. It is incumbent on all cadets to wear the uniform correctly and proudly, ensuring peers and subordinates alike do the same, representing the Corps with distinction as they go about their daily activities on campus. **Detailed uniform and grooming standards are in the PPG.** 

#### 2. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. These guidelines are not intended to be all encompassing. It is the responsibility of all cadets to familiarize themselves with all uniform regulations in the PPG, abide by them, and seek guidance or clarification from appropriate authority when necessary.
- B. Uniforms will be properly fitted, cleaned, and pressed at all times. Uniform shoes and Senior Boots will be highly shined. The term "properly fitted" indicates a sharp military appearance with shirt, blouse and trousers properly fitted to the body size (too small shirt, short/long trouser length, and/or too small a waist band are common problems). Shirt tucks are required when wearing the Class B uniform.
  - (1) The Corps Commander prescribes the Uniform of the Day (UOD). The Class B Summer uniform is the default UOD.
  - (2) Members of the Corps of Cadets are authorized to wear only those uniforms, insignia, and awards and decorations outlined herein. Unit symbols/shirts of non-active units will not be worn at University/Corps activities (e.g., deactivated outfit T-shirts at March to The Brazos, Yell Practice, etc.).
  - (3) Cadets are required to wear all ribbons/medals they earn as a cadet. Cadets are not allowed to decide which ribbon(s) they want to wear. Ribbons will be worn with the Class B uniform and the Midnight uniform. Medals are required when wearing the Class A uniform. Corps Commander can dictate/authorize medals be worn on Midnight uniform for a special event. The key is that all cadets at the event wearing the Midnight uniform must be the same (all medal or all ribbons).
  - (4) All freshmen and sophomores, along with junior/senior cadets enrolled in Military Science, Naval Science, or Aerospace Studies, wear the patch that identifies their ROTC program. Cadets enrolled in the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC) program are authorized to wear the PLC patch. All other cadets will wear the TAMU patch in lieu of the ROTC patch.
  - (5) Mixing the uniform with civilian clothing is not authorized, except for low quarter shoes, combat boots, and the raincoat because they are generic clothing items. Senior

- boots will not be worn with civilian clothing as they are a distinct Cadet uniform item. The Corps Commander will provide guidance regarding "class pullout pictures."
- (6) Use common sense regarding the wear of the uniform when outside your room. Cadets will either be in proper uniform or civilian attire. If the uniform shirt is off while studying, it is permissible for upperclassmen to go to the bathroom and return without putting the shirt on for the task. However, the intent is to prevent loitering in the hallways out of uniform or undressing in the hallways. Cadets should close and lock their door when undressed or in the process of dressing.
- (7) All cadets are authorized to maintain their uniform with brass and other accessories 'wired' for wear. No cadet will be made to 'de-wire' his/her uniform as a standard practice upon returning to the dorm, removing the uniform while in their hole during a break in classes, or in the evening after evening activities.
- (8) Females are required to wear trousers at football march-ins, Corps Reviews, and General Moore inspections. In all other cases, all females (regardless of class) may wear trousers or skirts.
- (9) Hair and grooming standards are in the <u>Plans & Programs Guide</u>. Cadet leaders will not require cadets to follow more restrictive rules. Guidance on tattoos and body piercings can be found in the PPG and in general follow the regulations of the military services. Specifically, except for the wearing of earrings by female cadets, the wearing of any body piercing jewelry while in uniform is forbidden. Female earring use must be incompliance with the regulations in the PPG.
- (10) The use of chewing gum, any tobacco product or tobacco substitute while in uniform, or the consumption of food or beverage while <u>walking</u> in uniform or standing in formation are prohibited. These activities detract from an appropriate military presence.
- (11) Cadets will not use a cell phone or other electronic device when <u>walking</u> in uniform (includes texting, talking or surfing the net). Ear buds to listen to an electronic device are not authorized when wearing a uniform. Cell phones and electronic devices will not hang on the uniform.
- (12) Cadets in uniform are authorized to carry black back packs or book/shoulder bags in their left hand, on their left shoulder, or across the right shoulder so as not to interfere with rendering a salute. Cadets in the Class C uniform may strap on the back pack over both shoulders, thus wearing the item like a back pack.
- (13) All cadets are authorized to wear conservative sunglasses in uniform when outside. Lenses or frames with conspicuous initials, designs, or colors, as well as reflective lenses, are prohibited. Sun glasses will not be worn inside or in formation. Cadets will not hang glasses or glass cases on their uniform, let the glasses hang on a restraint around the neck, or wear the glasses on the top of the head when in uniform. As a courtesy, cadets should remove their sun glasses when meeting/ talking with someone.
- (14) All headgear should fit naturally on the head and remain in place during normal activities. The PPG has detail guidance regarding all headgear worn in uniform. Of

note, the front visor of the Service Cap may be polished to take on a marbled appearance but not to the degree that the brim no longer is brown in color. The edges of the Service Cap WILL NOT bent over/crushed to take on an 'Old Army' appearance. Additionally, all Campaign Hats (even those worn by members of Parsons Mounted Cavalry) must have a crisp, flat brim and the crown will not be deformed.

- (15) Cadets will not place their hands in their pockets for an extended period of time. Pocket fasteners (buttons) must be fastened at all times. Seniors need to pay close attention to their boot pants pockets. Wallets and other items may be carried in uniform pockets but nothing is allowed to stick out of the pocket. Large rectangular leather wallets (common with many cadets) are not authorized for uniform wear.
- (16) Cold Weather. For temperatures below 55 degrees, the black jacket (with proper cadet rank) will be worn with the Class B uniform to formation. Gloves will be worn when the temperature is below 45 degrees. When worn, cadets must have the black jacket fastened to within three inches of the top except when seated indoors or within a dormitory. Cadets will not place their hands in their pockets for an extended period of time.
- (17) Raingear. The raincoat may be worn with any uniform. The Campaign hat or garrison cap will be worn with the raincoat. The ACU cap will be worn when wearing a poncho with the Class C uniform. Cadets may carry / use an umbrella during inclement weather when wearing the Class A or Class B uniform. The umbrella must be black, plain, and absent of logos or designs. Umbrellas are not authorized for formation or when wearing the Class C uniform. When the black sweater is worn, cadets will wear green/gray tabs if applicable. The name tag will be centered and grounded to the top area of the name tag patch. Black sweaters are NOT to be worn during formations.
- (18) Bathrobes. White in color, all cadets will wear a bathrobe when going to/from the shower/restroom. As a minimum, PT shorts (and bra for females) and shower shoes will be worn. No additional items may be required to be worn when going to/from the shower or restroom. Robes must be kept closed with the sash secured around the waist when in the hallway. Robes must extend at least past the mid-thigh.
- (19) Cadets are not authorized to operate a bicycle when in uniform.
- (20) Cadets are responsible for maintenance of their uniform.
- (21) No article of the Texas A&M cadet uniform will be worn by anyone other than a current cadet in the Corps. This includes dates and former cadets.
- (22) The PPG provides detailed guidance regarding the cadet uniform wear and religious constraints. In general, the Corps follows the military services' guidelines. Specifically, religious headgear can be worn as long as it does not detract or interfere with the wearing of the cadet uniform, to include the uniform cover.

# 3. ON-CAMPUS WEAR

A. All members of the Corps of Cadets will wear the cadet uniform on campus as indicated below. Cadets will wear the uniform they are authorized based on their cadet status. (For

- example, fish will not wear an upperclass uniform as a means of reward of upperclass privileges).
- B. Cadets in any Corps uniform are subject to inspection at any time and will comply with all provisions. Cadets in general, and especially cadet leaders, should inspect and correct other cadets who fail to shave or look presentable when going to class or wearing the uniform. This includes on-the-spot corrections as long as the cadet is not caused to be late to class.
- C. Appropriate headgear will be worn with the uniform at all times.
- D. Uniforms will be worn in accordance with the following:
  - (1) Campus Buildings. The uniform of the day will be worn in ALL campus buildings (excluding dormitories) to include the Military Science Building (Trigon), the Sam Houston Sanders Corps Center, the Leadership Learning Centers (when attending class), the Memorial Student Center (MSC), the Association of Former Students Alumni Center, and the Hagler Foundation Center.
  - (2) Cadets attending meetings of Student Organizations in campus buildings will attend in the uniform of the day.
  - (3) Cadets employed as student workers on the Texas A&M University campus will wear the uniform of the day while on duty.
  - (4) Cadets required to wear "Business Attire" for a class will wear an equivalent Corps uniform.
  - (5) Requests for exceptions based on work requirements (examples: Landscape Maintenance, EMT, mechanic duties) may be submitted through the Cadet Chain of Command to the Commandant.
  - (6) Wear of Physical Training Gear. PT gear is authorized to be worn in the following locations:
    - a. Beutel Student Health Center, when in need of medical services.
    - b. Any kinesiology class meeting outside. PT gear will not be worn to an academic class prior to or after a kinesiology class.
    - c. Kinesiology Building (PEAB) on west campus and Student Recreational Sports Center (REC) while engaged in health fitness, sporting, or recreational activities.
    - d. Military Science Building when directed by appropriate ROTC or Office of the Commandant representatives.

# NOTE: The UOD is worn for all other classes or events meeting in these buildings.

- (7) Duncan Dining Hall. The uniform for chow is the uniform of the day unless modified by the Corps Commander.
  - a. Corps and ROTC special unit uniforms will be established by the respective unit commander as authorized by the Deputy Corps Commander for Internal Affairs.
  - b. The Corps/Unit athletic uniform is acceptable for lunch and free flow chow. The Corps athletic uniform is defined as Corps/unit sweats (as required), the Corps PT uniform provided by the Corps of Cadets Association, or the unit PT uniform and athletic shoes and socks. No matter the PT uniform, the t-shirt will be tucked

- in. If sweat pants are worn (cold weather), a corresponding sweat shirt or unitissued hoodie must also be worn.
- c. Cadets engaged in a scheduled intramural activity or unit physical fitness training immediately before chow may wear their unit PT uniform for breakfast or evening meals.
- d. Cadets in excessively wet or soiled uniforms or PT gear will not be allowed in Duncan Dining Hall. Cadets not in an appropriate uniform for Duncan Dining Hall will be directed to leave. Dining Services employees will normally coordinate this direction through the appropriate cadet commander.
- (8) Wear of Non-Regs. Appropriate civilian attire is authorized to be worn in the following locations by all cadets regardless of class year:
  - a. Corps dorms, the Leadership Learning Centers (for study purposes and Academic Support offered during EST), and all civilian residence halls.
  - b. Sbisa and Duncan Dining Facilities on Friday nights and weekends.
  - c. Military Property Warehouse (MPW) and laundry station.
  - d. All Faiths Chapel on campus. Civilian clothing also authorized for Breakaway (a weekly religious gathering held on campus).
  - e. Campus Libraries, the Student Computing Center, designated Engineering/Architecture work spaces (see below), Trigon, and LLC's **during Evening Study Time.** (UOD must be worn to academic classes in these buildings no matter the time of day.)
    - Biomedical Engineering (ETB) and Civil Engineering Buildings
    - Chemical Engineering and Computer/Electrical Engineering Buildings
    - Mechanical Engineering (Engineering Physics Building)
    - Aerospace Engineering and Architecture Buildings
    - West Campus Computer Lab and Wehner Building
  - f. Cain Hall when engaged in personal counseling sessions. UOD is required for other business in Cain Hall including sessions with the Student Conduct Office.
- (9) Attendance at Varsity Athletic Events.
  - a. The Uniform of the Day is worn to all varsity athletic contests in Kyle Field.
  - b. Cadets may attend other varsity athletic contests (basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, track and field, women's softball, tennis, etc.) in appropriate civilian attire unless a uniform is specified by the Corps / Major Unit Commander.
- (10) Wear of Class C Uniform. Class Cs are approved for certain locations under approved conditions and purposes. The Class C is not a replacement for the UOD.
  - a. Class C uniform is authorized for specific academic wet labs (see below). A cadet must submit a Military Letter to wear the Class C uniform to the 'wet' lab. Cadets must have an APPROVED Military Letter, and a copy of their schedule on their

person (Electronic verification is acceptable) when wearing the Class C uniform to class.

- CHEM 111/112/237/318 (Fundamental/Organic/Quantitative Chemistry)
- BIOL 107/113/206/318/351 (Zoology & Essentials/Micro/Chordate Anatomy
- MMET 181/206/207 (Welding: Manufacturing/Metallic & Non-Metallic)
- ECEN 325/438/441/472 (Electronics/Power/Motor/Circuits)
- CVEN 342 & 303 (Materials of Construction) & (Survey-Practical App)
- IDIS 303/400/403 (Mechanical/Industrial/Fluid)
- ESSM 301 & FSTC 313 (Mechanical Tools & Food Chemistry)
- ANSC 320/447 & GEOL 203 (Animal Nutrition/Advanced Meat & Mineralogy)
- RENR 215 (Fundamentals of Ecology
- OGNE 252
- b. The Class C uniform is authorized for severe inclement weather. The Corps Commander will announce the uniform change based on weather conditions. Units/Individuals are not authorized to make their own uniform determination on the weather condition.
- c. Class Cs are authorized for individual ROTC lead labs. ROTC scholarship/contracted cadets may wear their ROTC utility uniform with ROTC rank/insignia to Leadership Labs as directed by the ROTC instructor. Cadets will not wear the ROTC uniform to an academic class prior to or after the lead lab.
- d. With the exception for ROTC lead lab as indicated above, the Class C uniform will be worn with cadet rank, nametag, and "Texas A&M" chest pocket tag. The Class C cover will be worn with the cadet rank ONLY (i.e., The Rudders Diamond, Chaplain cross, or ROTC rank is not authorized).

NOTE: Class Cs will not be worn in the Memorial Student Center/Rudder Tower complex, at any time, for any reason. Exceptions granted by CMDT only!

# 4. OFF-CAMPUS WEAR

- A. Cadets are authorized to wear the cadet uniform off campus. When worn off campus, cadets are expected to wear the uniform in such a manner as to be a credit to self, the Corps of Cadets, and Texas A&M University.
- B. The following guidelines apply to the wear of the uniform off campus:
  - (1) Corps Trips cadets may wear the cadet uniform while in transit to/from the designated assembly location for the Corps trip.
  - (2) Service Projects a uniform appropriate for outfit/Corps service projects may be designated by the outfit/Corps Commander.

- (3) Dining Off Campus if desired, cadets may wear the uniform of the day or higher if eating off campus. Alcohol may not be consumed while in uniform without prior approval of the Commandant.
- (4) Away Football Games cadets WILL wear the appropriate uniform of the day for football games not played at Texas A&M when the entire Corps is present (Corps Trip). Cadets simply attending an away game and remaining in the stands need not wear the cadet uniform. Cadets in the Band or 'On Duty' on the field will always wear the designated uniform.

#### **CHAPTER 9. ROOMS**

## 1. ROOM STANDARDS

Cadet rooms, to include junior and senior rooms, will be clean, neat, and orderly at all times. Arbitrary standards established by individual units are prohibited. Rooms will be inspection ready between 0830 and 1530. Clothing or other personal items will not be left outside the room, on windowsills, or in the hallways. Bicycles may only be stored inside the room or at an approved bicycle rack outside the dorm. Refer to the "Bicycles" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook for additional information regarding bicycle parking and storage. The standards below apply only to fish and sophomores except as noted.

A. <u>Door</u>. All cadets must have completed class schedule cards displayed in the card holder located on the door, using the format provided in Chapter 5 and on the Corps of Cadets website http://cadets.tamu.edu (see Figure 5-1). Name plates are authorized and must be displayed in a uniform manner throughout the unit. Male and Female rooms will be marked in accordance with Corps Housing policy. Anything applied to the door or was must be done so that no damage occurs when the item is removed.

# B. Closet/Wardrobe.

- (1) Military and civilian clothes will be organized in a neat orderly fashion. Military clothes will be kept on the top or front hanging bar and civilian clothes on the back or bottom hanging bar with the heavier articles towards the room entrance. If a wardrobe is used, military items will be hung to the left and civilian clothes to the right.
  - a. Freshmen are required to close all fasteners on military clothing and civilian clothing, and equally space all hangers grounded to the end of the hanging bar.
  - b. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will close the top fastener on all military clothing. Modifications to the following guidelines are allowed cadets living in Dunn and Aston Halls. Clothes will be hung in a unified manner with fasteners to the cadet's left when facing the closet/wardrobe.
- (2) Military clothes will be organized as follows, starting closest to the entry door:
  - a. Raincoat (unless hung in the rear of the closet/wardrobe).
  - b. Poncho (unless hung in the rear of the closet/wardrobe).
  - c. Class A Blouse.
  - d. Jacket, Black.
  - e. Letter/Band/Yell Leader/FDT Sweater.
  - f. Cold Weather Sweater.
  - g. ACUs (blouse and trouser on one hanger).
  - h. Midnight Gabardine Shirt (if applicable).
  - i. Long Sleeve Gabardine Shirt.
  - j. Poplin Shirt.
  - k. Winter Trousers.

- 1. Winter Skirt (if applicable).
- m. Summer Trousers.
- n. Summer Skirt (if applicable).
- (3) Headgear will be organized in the following manner and start closest to the room entrance. The brim of the cover will run flush to the forward edge of the shelf. Civilian hats will be located behind the military covers.
  - a. Campaign Hat.
  - b. Service Cap.
  - c. ACU Cap.
- (4) Shoes will be organized in the following manner and start closest to the room entrance. Shoes will be clean with laces tucked in and heels flush against the closet wall.
  - a. Combat Boots.
  - b. Low Quarters.
  - c. Shower Shoes.
  - d. Civilian Shoes (from heaviest to lightest shoe).
- (5) Additional items may be stored on the closet floor, but must be organized in a neat and orderly fashion.
- C. <u>Hygiene Area</u>. Sink, mirror, shelves, and towel rack will be clean, neat, and orderly. Freshmen will arrange items on vanity shelves (or the monster) flush with the front edge of the shelf and may not use carpet or towels to cover the shelf. Freshmen will also have a white towel and matching white wash cloth centered on the towel rack with the folded edge towards the center of the room.
- D. <u>Study Area</u>. Desk/hutch, trash can, and bulletin board will be neat and orderly. Trash cans will be placed underneath the lap drawer or grounded to the side of the desk (closest to the window in the new dorms). Bulletin boards will remain uniform throughout the unit and include such items as a unit roster and any other item dictated by the unit; items will be tacked on all corners.
- E. <u>Desk Shelving</u> (if equipped). In the new dorms, the shelves above the desk will be for academic materials only. The books need to be flushed to the front and in height order with the tallest books towards the window. Cadets will start with the lower shelf with any overflow academic material placed on the upper shelf. The area above the desk shelves will be used for military headgear. Headgear (if not stored in the closet) will be organized in the following manner and start closest to the room entrance. The brim of the cover will run flush to the forward edge of the shelf (Campaign Hat, Service Cap, and ACU Cap).
- F. <u>Windows</u>. All cadets (freshmen through seniors) will close and lock windows any time the room occupants are not in the immediate area. The blinds will be extended completely and parallel to the floor during inspection times unless occupants are attempting to sleep. No

- articles of clothing may be hung outside the window. The shelf under the window of new style dorms will not be used by freshmen or sophomore cadets.
- G. <u>Beds</u>. All beds will remain assembled according to Corps Housing regulations and made each day. Refer to the "Room Upkeep" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook for additional information regarding assembly and configuration. Beds will be maintained according to the following guidelines:
  - (1) Two white sheets, one white pillow case, and a Corps bedspread will be used (mattress pads, fitted sheets, and various colored bedspreads may be used by juniors and seniors).
  - (2) The top sheet paired with the bedspread on top will fold down 18 inches from the head of the bed using six-inch folds and be neatly tucked underneath the mattress.
  - (3) The pillow will be centered and grounded to the fold in the bedspread.
  - (4) Hospital corners will be used for all exposed corners (applies to freshmen and sophomores.
  - (5) Safety pins will not be used to secure the sheets to the mattress. Even the smallest holes in the mattress reduce the fire retardant properties of the mattress.
- H. <u>Floors</u>. Floors will remain clean, neat, and orderly (see Chap 12 Privileges regarding authorized floor coverings). Refer to the "Waxing Hallway Floors" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook.

#### 2. UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS

Upon entering the Corps of Cadets, students voluntarily agree to a more regimented lifestyle than other University students. Part of this lifestyle involves conducting official Corps of Cadets business throughout the 24-hour day. It also involves inspections of cadet rooms and the cadet environment to ensure the maintenance of good order and discipline. To promote this environment in the dormitory, cadets will not possess any of the items listed below. Joining the Corps of Cadets and affirming the Cadet Oath authorizes inspection of cadet rooms and computer use logs to ensure compliance.

- A. Alcohol containers. Alcohol containers of any kind (full, partially-full, or empty) are not permitted in any Corps rooms or on the quad.
- B. Street signs and construction equipment. Unless a legal receipt of purchase is attached to the back/inside of the item, are prohibited.
- C. Racially offensive, hate group, gang-related symbols; any form of pornography or sexually related material (includes pictures, books, magazines, collections, files, and material stored/ accessed through electronic media) that will interfere with Corps business and maintenance of good order and discipline as determined by the Assistant Commandant of Operations; drug paraphernalia; or flags other than the U.S., any country, state, college, athletic, military, or POW/MIA are prohibited.
- D. Only juniors and seniors living in the non-renovated dorms (Dorms 9 12) are allowed to have additional furniture in the dorm room.

E. Cadets should refer to the Chapter 6, Privileges/Responsibilities and the "Appliances" section of the Residents Life Handbook for specific information on approved and restricted items.

## 3. DORM INSPECTIONS

The intent for dorm and room inspections is to ensure the highest health and welfare standards, room orderliness, uniform compliance, and adherence to directives.

- A. <u>Corps Formal Inspections</u>. This includes announced and unannounced inspections of uniforms and/or dormitory rooms by units and cadet staff personnel. The purpose is to ensure good order, discipline, and a means to grade units for major unit awards.
- B. <u>Commandant's Room Inspections</u>. This is an unannounced inspection of all dorm rooms and common areas belonging to a unit during the weekday inspection times. All units are subject to inspection as directed by the Commandant. The purpose is to ensure health and welfare standards are maintained within the dormitory. Failure of this inspection will result in the assessment of a restricted weekend to both cadet occupants of the room. Quantitative results of these inspections will be included in determining Corps Awards.
- C. <u>Commandant's Staff Inspections</u>. This includes any inspection authorized by the Commandant not previously mentioned and may be announced or unannounced.

## 4. DORM MAINTENANCE

A. Cadets are responsible to maintain the cleanliness of their room. Cadets are also responsible for immediately reporting any and all maintenance & custodial issues in their room to AggieWorks by using the work request system. http://aggieworks.tamu.edu

# **Immediate Response**

If your request requires an immediate response including electrical failure, gas leaks, glass replacement affecting safety or security, excessive hot/cold conditions, plumbing leaks or floods, roof leaks, or door/lock malfunctions affecting safety or security,

Call 979-845-4311 (24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week)

http://reslife.tamu.edu/ http://reslife.tamu.edu/aggieworks/

- B. Commanders are responsible for ensuring all common areas (meeting rooms, hallways, stairwells, bathrooms, laundry rooms, and vending areas) are free of personal items and for immediately reporting any and all maintenance issues to Facilities Services via the AggieWorks website.
- C. To obtain maintenance service, contact the following:
  - (1) Internet or Cable. Help Desk Central 845-8300
  - (2) Requests for a new light bulb or filter should be submitted via the Aggie Works website. Do not remove your bulb or filter.

- (3) Loss of Power. Report to your Commander, Corps Housing Officer, or Aggie Works website or contact the Commandant's Duty Officer through the Guard Room 845-6789 after 1700 and on weekends.
- (4) Emergency Problems which compromise safety or security or which will result in severe damage to facilities report immediately to your Commander, Aggie Works website, or contact the Commandant's Duty Officer through the Guard Room 845-6789. Examples include, but are not limited to, leaking pipes, smoking outlets, or unauthorized visitors.
- (5) All maintenance requests should be submitted via Aggie Works website. Keep the reference number provided as you may need to refer to it at a later time.
- (6) Repairs may be made without the resident's presence. If problems arise, Corps Housing will be notified and they will coordinate with the resident as required. The access panel for the AC/heating unit cannot be blocked and must be accessible by Repair Techs. In the case of repair requests for AC or heat, service will be delayed until the cadet residents of the affected room have removed any and all items blocking access to the unit. Per the SSC Maintenance policy their representatives will not move furniture and/or personal items unless they are responding to an emergency call. Cadet residents will be fined for blocking the AC/heating unit access panel.
- D. **Do not remove furniture from rooms!** Refer to the "Room Upkeep" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook for information regarding standard room configuration, loft assembly, and furniture installation/placement/arrangement.
- E. Advance approval must be obtained from Corps Housing before any substantial changes are made to or within residence hall rooms or the common areas including but not limited to painting walls, painting murals, mounting outfit signs/other signage/other structures. The decision of Corps Housing is final. Refer to the "Room Upkeep" and "Unit Areas" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook.
- F. Drilling holes into walls or doors is strictly prohibited.
- G. Monster hooks will not be installed (e.g., use of screws or nails) into the doors, door frames, closet frames, furniture or the ceiling. The only acceptable place for monster hooks is on either side of the mirror and two in each closet. The maximum number of monster hooks for any room is six (6).
- H. Drilling holes into the doors or walls for the purposes of mounting an object, such as but not limited to speakers or bicycles, is strictly prohibited. Drilling into the furniture is strictly prohibited.
- I. Walls may be decorated with posters as permitted by privilege. However, posters are to be hung only with poster putty. Wallpapering of any type is strictly prohibited. Nails and tacks may be used in moderation provided they are removed. Hooks with adhesive backing are not to be attached to walls as they damage the Duroplex wall covering. Current occupants will not use any existing improper hangers.

## 5. DORM ADMINISTRATION

- A. All cadets are required to cooperate fully with Housing Representatives regardless of Outfit or Corps affiliation. Housing functions are very important and are vital to ongoing smooth, efficient Corps operations. Do not change rooms or keys without going through your commander and a Corps Housing Representative. Refer to the "Room Assignments" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook for information regarding room changes.
- B. You may not live by yourself unless your Commander designates you an "odd number cadet" by gender, class, or unless you pay additional charges for a private room. Refer to the "Room Assignments" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook for information regarding "odd number cadets" or "paid single status." Due to ongoing Quad Dorm Renovation, Paid Single Availability will be decided on each year by the Assistant Commandant for Operations.
- C. Do not give your room key to anyone else. If you lose your key, report it to Corps Housing for a temporary replacement. You will be billed for permanent loss if not found within 3 days. If your key breaks, report to Corps Housing for replacement. You will not be billed for it. Refer to the "Facility Access (Key Control)" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook (http://reslife.tamu.edu/corpsHousing).
- D. If you experience problems with your ID card access to exterior doors, report to Corps Housing.
- E. During the spring semester, you are expected to go online and renew your housing contract for the next year. This mandatory process is called "HOUSING DECISION." Failure to comply may result in monetary penalty, and disciplinary actions.
- F. Quad Access, Barbeque Grills/Pits, Motorcycle Parking. Refer all "Vehicle Access to the Quad" requests to the Office of the Assistant Commandant of Operations. Personal vehicles are not permitted on the quad for any reason. BBQ Pits are no longer allowed on the interior of the quad. Loading and unloading of vehicles is not permitted on the interior of the quad. Motorcycle parking is not permitted on any part of the Quad including but not limited to the sidewalks, grass area, covered walkways and the perimeter immediately around a dorm or LLC. Transportation Services will ticket a motorcycle parked on the Quad and the motorcycle may be subject to towing.
- G. In accordance with their housing contract, cadets are responsible for damages beyond fair wear and tear for the dorm in which they reside. In their individual rooms, they are presumed responsible. Refer to the "Financial Accountability" section of the Cadet Resident Handbook for information regarding cadet billings for damage to property including but not limited to rooms and common area. Billings will be posted for information throughout the semester and will be posted to individual accounts at the end of the semester.
- H. Corps Housing's policy on pets in the dormitories is based on Section 36 of the University Student Rules. Only fish in an aquarium (maximum aquarium size is 20 gallons) and Reveille are allowed. Cadets will not bring pets into the dorm or to Corps activities / events. In rare circumstances, cadets may be allowed to maintain a service dog or comfort animal as long as the animal meets specific guidelines and the cadet has been evaluated by Disabilities Services on campus as needing the animal. While ResLife housing rules also allow students to live on campus and raise/train a working guide dog, the Commandant has

determined the daily Corps requirements / duties of raising and training a dog are not compatible with membership in the Corps. Academic is the first priority for every cadet. The multitude of Corps requirements is the second priority. Cadets attempting to raise and train a working/guide dog would either fail to accomplish the first two priorities or fail to properly train the animal.

- I. Cadets are required to maintain cleanliness of their rooms and hallway floors. The use of linoleum flooring, tiles, and other type of flooring coverage in which an adhesive is used to secure the coverage is strictly prohibited. Caution and care should be taken when using "heel and sole" in the room or hallway. Refer to the "Room Upkeep", "Waxing Hallway Floors", and "Unit Areas" sections of the Cadet Resident Handbook for additional information regarding floor cleanliness, "heel and sole" clean up, and carpet.
- J. Room deposits, room changes, empty/unassigned rooms, hallways, staff areas, and lounges are described in the Cadet Resident Handbook and PPG.

#### CHAPTER 10. DISCIPLINE POLICY

**GENERAL.** The Mission of Corps Discipline is to support the Corps vision of developing ethical and disciplined leaders by achieving and sustaining a culture of exemplary individual and collective conduct that consistently and deliberately demonstrates Self-Discipline, Duty, and Honorable Character.

#### 1. DESCRIPTION

- A. Standards of conduct for members of the Corps of Cadets are set forth in writing in order to give cadets general notice of prohibited conduct. These rules should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms.
- B. Violations of <u>The Standard</u> may result in disciplinary sanctions as defined in the Sanctions section (7.D.) of this chapter. Any disciplinary sanction imposed by the Corps of Cadets may precede and shall be in addition to any penalty that might be imposed by the university Student Conduct Office and any off-campus authority.
- C. Cadets are responsible for being aware of and following the most current Texas A&M University Student Rules.
- D. The Commandant has the final review authority in all discipline and administrative cases.
- E. The Department of Defense employs a strict discipline code on students in ROTC programs. Essentially any student/cadet found responsible for violating University/Corps rules and regulations related to charges of Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment (SASH), Illegal Drug Use, or Hazing cannot enroll/remain in an ROTC program. Enrollment in an ROTC program is a requirement for membership in the Corps of Cadets for freshman and first semester sophomore cadets. Accordingly, freshman and sophomore cadets found responsible for one of the above violations will be denied the ability to apply/reapply for Corps membership for the freshman year and first semester of the sophomore year.

## 2. CATEGORIES OF OFFENSES

- A. Category I Offense. These violations are considered to be of the most serious nature. Only the Commandant and Assistant Commandant for Discipline (ACD) have the authority to assess sanctions for all Category I Offenses. The Assistant Commandant of Operations, and Cadet Training Officers (CTO) may recommend sanctions to the ACD for Category I Offenses.
- B. Category II Offense. Consists of violations of directives/ long-standing, well and properly established University or Corps traditions, or customs, standards of courtesy and class privileges. In most cases these will be handled within the Corps of Cadets through the use of demerits or Restricted Weekends (RW). See paragraph on Discipline Process.

# 3. REPORTING DISCIPLINE VIOLATIONS

It shall be the **DUTY** and responsibility of each cadet regardless of class or rank to report possible or suspected violations of any Category I or II offenses through the cadet channels to the ACD. If the cadet chain of command discourages a student to report the violation, the cadet may report directly to their CTO, the ACD, or someone else on the Commandant's staff.

# 4. SEXUAL HARASSMENT, SEXUAL ASSAULT, DATING/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING, OR RAPE

Texas A&M University and the Corps of Cadets strives to maintain a work and educational environment free from discrimination, sexual harassment, stalking, dating and domestic violence, and related retaliation in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. Individuals are encouraged to report all unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, stalking, or domestic or dating violence, and should not wait to report conduct of concern until it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent harassment. University officials can take proactive steps to address conduct, perhaps prevent conduct from continuing or escalating, and/or to protect or otherwise assist the recipient of the conduct. For more information on the Texas A&M University Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure go to:

http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule47.

- A. Reporting to Law Enforcement. Students have the option of notifying or not notifying law enforcement authorities including university and local police. University Police Department 979.845.2345.
- B. Reporting to the University.
  - (1) Students may contact the Offices of the Dean of Student Life (studentlife.tamu.edu/979.845.3111) for assistance with reporting a complaint to the University.
  - (2) Students may also make inquiries or file a complaint by contacting the University's Title IX Coordinator (TitleIX.Coordinator@tamu.edu/979.845.0977).
- C. Confidential Reporting Option. In most cases, counselors in the Student Counseling Service (scs.tamu.edu/979.845.4427) are not required to, nor may, report an incident that in any way identifies the student concerned without the student's consent. However, if an imminent harm situation is present, the counselor must take action to protect whomever is at risk.
- D. Support Services:
  - (1) Student Assistance Services –979.845.3113
  - (2) University Police Department Victim's Advocate 979.845.2345
  - (3) Student Counseling Service (SCS) 979.845.4427, SCS Helpline 979.845.2700
  - (4) Student Health Services 979.458.8316
  - (5) Women's Resource Center 979.845.8784
  - (6) GLBT Resource Center 979.862.8920
  - (7) Sexual Assault Resource Center (Community Resource) 979.731.1000

# 5. PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- A. Violation of Federal or State Law. Violation of any law of the United States, law of the State of Texas, or municipal ordinances.
- B. Violation of <u>University Student Rules</u>. Violation of any rules and/or regulations specified in the <u>University Student Rules</u>. The following are examples of prohibited conduct extracted from University Student Rules. The University numbering system has been

- retained for ease of reference. This list is not designed to be inclusive or exhaustive. **Student Conduct Code (Revised: 2013)** Conduct standards at the university are set forth in writing in order to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. These rules should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms.
- 24.1. Definitions. Only for purposes of this Student Conduct Code, the following terms and definitions will apply. The Vice President for Student Affairs or designee reserves the right to interpret and enforce this Code of Conduct.
  - 24.1.1 The term "accused student" means any student charged with a violation of a student rule.
  - 24.1.2. The term "**chairperson**" means and *Student Conduct Administrator* who is authorized by the *Vice President for Student Affairs* or his/her designee to take the lead role in conducting *conferences* when there is more than one person serving as a *Student Conduct Panel* and/or more than one *Student Conduct Administrator* present.
  - 24.1.3. The term "**charge**" means an allegation of a potential violation of the Student Rules. Charges are issued after a Student Conduct Administrator has determined sufficient information exists to hold a *conference* to determine whether a student (or students) has violated a *rule* (or *rules*).
  - 24.1.4. The term "**complainant**" means any person who submits information indicating a *student* may have violated the Student Conduct Code. Information brought forth by the complainant may result in an *investigation*.
  - 24.1.5. The term "**faculty member**" means any person hired by the *University* to conduct classroom, teaching, or research activities or who is otherwise considered by the *University* to be a member of its faculty.
  - 24.1.6. The term "conference" means a process which provides an opportunity for an accused *student* to respond to specific *charge* or charges. The purpose of a *conference* is to determine whether there is a preponderance of evidence to support the charges and if so, to determine the appropriate *sanction* or sanctions. Only information presented during the *conference* can be used to determine if there is a finding of responsibility.
  - 24.1.7. The term "**investigation**" means the follow through on a complaint to ascertain details and circumstances associated with the complaint. Investigations may result in *charges*, a form of alternative dispute resolution, or dismissal of complaint. This determination is made at the sole discretion of the Dean of Student Life and/or designee.
  - 24.1.8. The term "may" is used in the permissive sense.
  - 24.1.9. The term "**member of the University community**" includes any person who is a *student, faculty member, staff, University official* or any other person employed by the *University*.
  - 24.1.10. The term "**organization**" means any number of people who meet any single or combination of the following criteria:
    - belong to a group whose members are primarily Texas A&M University *students* including but not limited to academic, athletic, recreational, religious, performance, political, and social or similar groups, and/or
    - have complied with the formal requirements for *University* recognition, and/or

- are advised by a *University official* whose position description designates them as an advisor, and/or
- are advised by a *University official* who has volunteered as an advisor, and/or
- live in close proximity to, for example, residence hall floors or wings, Corps outfit, Corps unit or Corps Special Activity, and/or
- are otherwise considered by the *University* to be an organization.
- 24.1.11. The term "**sanction**" includes responses or requirements given by the *University* to a *student* during a *conference* in response to a violation of a *rule*. *University* sanctions include all items listed in Section 27 of the Student Conduct Code.
- 24.1.12. The term "shall" is used in the imperative sense.
- 24.1.13. The term "**staff**" means any person who is employed by the *University* that is not defined as *faculty*.
- 24.1.14. the term "**student**" includes all persons who have accepted his/her offer of admission, and/or who are taking courses at the *University*, either full-time or part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies and who is either currently enrolled or was enrolled the previous semester and registered for a future semester. Persons who withdraw after allegedly violating the Student Conduct Code, or who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a continuing relationship with the *University* are considered students. In addition, persons who are living in University residence halls and apartments, although not enrolled in this institution, are also considered "students", for the purpose of enforcing this code.
- 24.1.15. The term "**Student Conduct Administrator**" means a *University* official authorized on a by the *Vice President for Student Affairs* or his/her designee to collect information, to initiate *charge* letters, articulate charges in conferences, present information to support *charges*, to conduct *conferences*, and to impose *sanctions* upon any student(s) found to have violated the Student Conduct Code. The Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee may authorize a Student Conduct Administrator to serve simultaneously as a Student Conduct Administrator as the sole member, or one of the members of a Student Conduct Panel.
- 24.1.16. The term "**Student Conduct Panel**" means any person or persons authorized by the *Vice President for Student Affairs* or his/her designee to determine whether a *student* has violated the Student Conduct Code and to determine *sanctions* that may be imposed when a *rule* violation has been committed (or found responsible).
- 24.1.17. The term "**rule**" encompasses those behavior expectations contained in, but not limited to, the Student Rules, Residence Hall handbook, <u>The Standard</u> of the Corps of Cadets, and the University Computer Use and Resource Rules. These rules should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms.
- 24.1.18. The term "university" or "institution" means Texas A&M University.
- 24.1.19. The term "university official" means any person employed by the *University* to perform assigned administrative or professional responsibilities or who is otherwise considered by the *University* to be a University official.

- 24.1.20. The term "University premises" includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, leased, operated, supervised, used or controlled by the *University* (including adjacent streets and sidewalks)
- 24.1.21. The **Vice President for Student Affairs** is that person designated by the *University* President to be responsible for the administration of the Student Conduct Code. The Vice President for Student Affairs may assign his/her designee to meet these responsibilities.

# 24.2. Student Conduct Authority.

- 24.2.1. The Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee shall develop procedures for the administration of the student conduct system and for the implementation of Student Conduct Conferences that are consistent with provisions of the Student Conduct Code.
- 24.2.2. The Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee shall determine the composition of Student Conduct Panel(s) and determine which Student Conduct Panel, Student Conduct Administrator and Appeal Panel shall be authorized to hear each matter.
- 24.2.3. Decisions made by a Student Conduct Panel and/or Student Conduct Administrator shall not be final until the appeal processes have been exhausted, waived, or time has expired.

#### 24.3. Jurisdiction of the Student Conduct Code.

The Student Conduct Code shall apply to conduct that occurs on University premises and/or at University sponsored activities or any other activity which adversely affects the University community and/or the pursuit of its objectives (mission). This action may be taken for either affiliated or non-affiliated activities.

The University may take action in situations occurring off university premises involving: student misconduct demonstrating flagrant disregard for any person or persons; or when a student's or student organization's behavior is judged to threaten the health, safety, and/or property of any individual or group. Using his/her sole discretion, the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee shall decide whether the Student Conduct Code shall be applied to conduct occurring off campus, on a case by case basis.

This Student Conduct Code applies at all locations of the University, except those campuses who write their own student conduct code.

## 24.4. Rules and Regulations.

Conduct standards at the University are set forth in writing in order to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. These rules should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms.

Any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit the following misconduct is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in Section 27. It shall not be a defense that a University official, student leader or other person authorized the behavior in question:

24.4.1. **Dishonesty.** Acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to the following:

- § Withholding material information from the University, misrepresenting the truth during a University investigation or student conduct conference, and/or making false statements to any University official
- § Furnishing false information to and/or withholding information from any University official, faculty member, or office.
- § Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any University document, record, or instrument of identification.
- § The submission of false information at the time of admission or readmission is grounds for rejection of the application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment, dismissal or other appropriate disciplinary action.
- 24.4.2. **Harassment.** Behavior that is severe, pervasive or persistent to a degree that a reasonable person similarly situated would be prevented from accessing an educational opportunity or benefit. This behavior includes, but is not limited to, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, and coercion. In addition, harassment may be conducted by a variety of mediums, including but not limited to, physical, verbal, graphic, written, or electronic.
  - 24.4.2.1. **Sexual Harassment.** (See Texas A&M University Policy on Sexual Harassment, Sec. 47)
  - 24.4.2.2. **Racial and Ethnic Harassment.** (See Racial and Ethnic Harassment, Sec. 31)
  - 24.4.2.3. **Stalking.** Any repeated conduct directed specifically at another person that causes that person [or a member of that person's family or household] to fear his/her safety. Such conduct includes following another person and acts that threaten or intimidate another person through fear of bodily injury or death of self or members of that person's family or household or an offense being committed against that person's property.
- 24.4.3. **Physical abuse.** Any attempt to cause injury or inflict pain; or causing injury or inflicting pain. Also causing physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or provocative. It is not a defense that the person, group, or organization against whom the physical abuse was directed consented to, or acquiesced to, the physical abuse.

The physical abuse rule is not intended to prohibit the following conduct:

- Customary public athletic events, contests, or competitions that are sponsored by the University or the organized and supervised practices associated with such events; or
- Any activity or conduct that furthers the goals of a legitimate educational curriculum, a legitimate extracurricular program or a legitimate military training program as defined and approved by the University.
- 24.4.4. **Theft/Vandalism.** Unauthorized removal or stealing and/or attempted removal or stealing of property of a member of the University community or other personal or public property, on or off campus. This includes knowingly possessing such stolen property.

In addition, behavior that destroys, damages, or litters any property of the University, of a University community member, of another institution, or of another person, on or off campus (as permitted in section 24.3.) is prohibited under this rule.

24.4.5. **Hazing.** Any act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or that destroys or removes public or private property; and/or assisting, directing, or in any way causing others to participate in degrading behavior and/or behavior that causes ridicule, humiliation, or embarrassment; and/or engaging in conduct which tends to bring the reputation of the organization, group, or University into disrepute for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization; or as part of any activity of a recognized student organization, student group, Corps of Cadets, Corps outfit, Corps unit, or Corps Special Activities. Previously relied upon "traditions," (including Corps, fraternity/sorority, or any other group or organization activity, practice or tradition) intent of such acts, or coercion by current or former student leaders of such groups, or former students will not suffice as a justifiable reason for participation in such acts. It is not a defense that the person (or group) against whom the hazing was directed consented to, or acquiesced to, the behavior in question.

Examples of such behavior include but are not limited to:

- Misuse of authority by virtue of one's class rank or leadership position
- Striking another student by hand or with any instrument
- Any form of physical bondage of a student
- Taking of a student to an outlying area and dropping him/her off
- Forcing a student into a violation of the law or a University rule such as indecent exposure, trespassing, violation of visitation, etc.
- Any form of "quadding"
- Having firsthand knowledge of the planning of such activities or firsthand knowledge that an incident of this type has occurred and failing to report it to appropriate University officials (The Dean of Student Life and/or the University Police Department) is also a violation under this section.

Students who are recipients and/or victims of hazing (and who have not perpetrated hazing behavior on others involved in the fact pattern for which they are reporting) and who report the activities to the Dean of Student Life and/or the University Police Department, will not be charged with a violation of the hazing rule.

The hazing rule is not intended to prohibit the following conduct:

- Customary public athletic events, contests, or competitions that are sponsored by the University or the organized and supervised practices associated with such events; or
- Any activity or conduct that furthers the goals of a legitimate educational curriculum, a legitimate extracurricular program or a legitimate military training program as defined and approved by the University.

Hazing is also a violation of Texas state law. See the Texas Education Code, sections 37.151 and 51.936 and/or Appendix VI of the Student Rules.

24.4.6. **Failure to comply.** Failure to comply with proper and lawful direction of any University official or law enforcement officer.

24.4.7. **Failure to present identification.** Failure to provide identification upon the request of a University official.

- 24.4.8. **Breaching campus safety or security**. This includes but is not limited to: Unauthorized access to University facilities; unauthorized entry to or use of University premises; intentionally damaging door locks; unauthorized possession of University keys or access cards; duplicating University keys or access cards; or propping open of exterior residence hall or other campus building doors; tampering with fire safety equipment such as fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, alarm pull stations, gas detectors, or emergency exits;
- 24.4.9. **Violation of published University rules.** Violation of any University policy, rule, or regulation published in hard copy or available electronically on the University website. Such rules include, but are not limited to, Department of Residence Life contracts and rules, Corps of Cadets rules, University motor vehicle rules, rules relating to the use of student identification cards, entry and use of University facilities and dining hall conduct.
- 24.4.10. **Violation of NCAA Regulations.** Violations of any NCAA regulations.
- 24.4.11. **Violation of law.** Violation(s) of any federal, state or local law.
- 24.4.12. **Drugs.** The act of using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or illegally obtained/possessed controlled substances is prohibited. Except as expressly permitted by law, use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution or being a party thereto of marijuana, heroin, narcotics, or other controlled and/or prescribed substances and/or drug paraphernalia and/or dangerous drug is also prohibited. Individuals may not operate a motor vehicle or another form of transportation while under the influence of drugs or while intoxicated.. (See Appendix VII, Texas A&M University Drug Rules)
- 24.4.13. **Alcohol.** Alcohol use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly authorized by University regulations), is prohibited on Texas A&M University premises and University sponsored events. In addition, use, possession, or distribution of alcohol beverages while driving or riding in or on a vehicle on University premises is prohibited. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstance, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Individuals may not be in a state of public intoxication or drunkenness. Individuals may not operate a motor vehicle or another form of transportation while intoxicated or while under the influence of alcohol. (See Appendix VIII, Texas A&M University Alcohol Rules)
- 24.4.14. **Weapons and explosives.** Illegal or unauthorized use, possession of fireworks or explosive, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals on University premises or at any University-sponsored activity or use of any such item, even if legally possessed, in a manner that harms, threatens or causes fear to others is prohibited. Illegal or unauthorized use or storage of any weapon. The term weapon may be defined as any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause injury or pain, or to incapacitate. Weapons may include, but are not limited to, all firearms, pellet guns, tasers, stunguns, slingshots, martial arts devices, switchblade knives and clubs.
- 24.4.15. **Disruptive activity.** Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, or other University activities (including public-service functions on or off campus) or of other authorized non-University activities when conduct occurs on University premises. Such activities may include, but are not limited to:
  - Leading or inciting others to disrupt scheduled and/or normal activities on University premises.

- Classroom behavior that seriously interferes with either (a) the faculty member's ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program. (See Texas A&M University Rule on Classroom Behavior, section 21.)
- Any behavior in class or out of class, which for any reason interferes with the class work of others, involves disorder, or otherwise disrupts the regular and essential operation of the University.
- Activity or conduct that violates the Texas A&M University Rules on Freedom of Expression (See Appendix XI).
- 24.4.16. **Traffic obstruction.** Obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on University premises or at University-sponsored or supervised activities.
- 24.4.17. **Disorderly conduct.** Public behavior that is disruptive, lewd, or indecent; breach of peace; or aiding, or procuring another person to breach the peace at functions sponsored by the University or participated in by members of the University community.
- 24.4.18. **Unauthorized recording**. Any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video record of any person without his/her prior knowledge, or without his/her effective consent when the person or persons being recorded have a reasonable expectation of privacy and/or such recording is likely to cause injury or distress. This includes, but is not limited to, surreptitiously taking pictures of another person in a gym, locker room, or restroom or recording administrative meetings with University officials. If a recording is made that captures a violation of the Student Rules or law, the Student Conduct Administrator may elect not to enforce this section of the Student Rules against the student making the recording.
- 24.4.19. **Misuse of Computing Resources.** Failure to comply with University regulations and policies, license agreements, and contracts governing network, software and hardware use; abuse of communal resources; use of computing resources for unauthorized commercial purposes or personal gain; failure to protect your password or use of your account; breach of computer security, harmful access or invasion of privacy. Misuse and/or other abuse of computer facilities and resources including, but not limited to:
  - Use of another individual's identification and/or password.
  - Use of computing facilities and resources to send obscene or threatening messages.
  - Use of computing facilities and resources in violation of copyright laws.

(see Appendix V, Individual Responsibility for Use of Computing Resources)

#### 24.4.20. Sexual Misconduct.

**Sexual Harassment.** Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes actionable sexual harassment when this conduct is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work or educational performance, or creates an intimidating or hostile work or educational environment. The University will use a reasonable person standard to determine these elements.

Sexual harassment also includes sexual misconduct (non-consensual sexual intercourse and non-consensual sexual contact) and sexual exploitation

- 24.4.20.1. **Sexual abuse.** Sexual abuse is the oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by a sexual organ of another or anal/vaginal penetration by any means against the victim's will or without his/her consent. An individual who is mentally incapacitated, unconscious, or unaware that the sexual abuse is occurring is considered unable to give consent. The type of force employed may involve physical force, coercion, intentional impairment of an individual's ability to appraise the situation through the administering of any substance, or threat of harm to the victim. (see <u>Sexual Violence Response Protocol</u>. Offices of the Dean of Student Life).
- 24.4.20.2. **Sexual contact.** Attempting or making sexual contact, including but not limited to inappropriate touching or fondling, against the person's will, or in circumstances where the person is physically, mentally or legally unable to give consent.
- 24.4.21. **Animal Cruelty.** Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly torturing or in a cruel manner killing or causing serious bodily injury to an animal, failing to provide necessary food, water or care for an animal in the person's custody, abandoning unreasonably an animal in the person's custody, transporting or confining an animal in a cruel manner, causing bodily injury to any animal without the owner's consent, causing one animal to fight with another animal, or seriously overworking an animal. Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly attacking, injuring or killing an assistance animal or inciting another to attack, injure or kill an assistance animal.

This policy is not intended to prohibit:

- Killing or injuring an animal within the scope of a person's employment or furthering the goals of legitimate educational curriculum as designed and approved by the University.
- Killing or injuring an animal when the actor had a reasonable fear of bodily injury to self or other person by that animal.
- 24.4.22. **Abuse of student conduct process**. Abuse of the student conduct processes including investigations, conferences, and appeals. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:
  - Failure to obey the notice from a Student Conduct Panel, Student Conduct Administrator, and/or University official to appear for a meeting or conference as part of an official University disciplinary process.
  - Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information.
  - Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of an investigation, conference, or an appeal process.
  - Intentionally initiating or causing to be initiated any false report.
  - Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, a student conduct process.
  - Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a Student Conduct Panel prior to, and/or during the course of, the Student Conduct Panel proceeding.
  - Verbal or physical intimidation, and/or retaliation of any party to the Student Conduct proceeding prior to, during, and/or afterwards.
  - Committing a violation of University rules while serving a conduct probation or review status or failing to meet deadlines imposed in accordance with University rules.

- Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the Student Conduct Code system.
- 24.4.23. **Complicity.** Attempting, aiding, abetting, conspiring, hiring or being an accessory to any act prohibited by this code shall be considered to the same extent as completed violations.
- 24.5. **Bias-Related Violations**—Violations of 24.4 of this Student Conduct Code that are motivated by prejudice toward a person or group because of factors such as race, religion, ethnicity, disability, national origin, age, gender or sexual orientation may be assessed an enhanced sanction as prescribed in section 27 of this publication.

# 24.6. Violations of Law and University Discipline

The focus of inquiry in student conduct proceedings shall be the determination of whether a violation of University rules occurred. Student conduct proceedings shall be informal in nature and need not comply with the formal processes associated with the criminal and civil courts, nor shall deviations from prescribed process necessarily invalidate a decision or proceeding unless significant prejudice to the student or University may result.

Standards outlined by the University for students may be higher than those standards set for the general population. As each person is subject to multiple layers of expectations through the Federal, State, County and local governments, students are further expected to maintain a higher standard of behavior as members of the University community. Students failing to adhere to those standards may be subject to a University conduct process in addition to civil or criminal litigation should the behavior also be a potential violation of the law. The attempted analogy of student discipline to criminal proceedings against adults and juveniles is not sound.

Students may be charged with conduct that potentially violates both the criminal law and the Student Conduct Code (that is, if both possible violations result from the same factual situation) without regard to the pendency of civil or criminal litigation in court or criminal arrest and prosecution. Proceedings under this Student Conduct Code may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off campus at the discretion of Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee.

Determinations made or sanctions imposed under the Student Conduct Code shall not be subject to change because criminal charges were dismissed, reduced, or resolved in favor of or against the criminal law defendant.

When a student is charged by federal, state, or local authorities with a violation of law, the University will not request or agree to special consideration for that individual because of his or her status as a student. If the alleged offense is also being processed under the Student Conduct Code, the University may advise off-campus authorities of the existence of the Student Conduct Code and of how matters are typically handled within the University community. The University will attempt to cooperate with law enforcement and other agencies in the enforcement of criminal law on campus.

# 6. ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED ACTIONS

A. <u>Conduct Unbecoming a Cadet</u>. A cadet is guilty of "conduct unbecoming a cadet" when his or her actions or conduct could be interpreted to be detrimental to the best interests of the individual cadet, other persons, the cadet's unit, the Corps of Cadets, or Texas A&M University.

- B. <u>Disrespect or Insubordination</u>. Any cadet who is disrespectful or insubordinate in demeanor, word or action toward any university official or cadet in the chain of command, whether or not this occurs in their presence is subject to sanction under this action.
- C. <u>Failure to Follow Orders</u>. Failure to follow the verbal or written orders/directions of the Commandant, any university official or cadet in the chain of command.
- D. <u>Negligence of Leadership</u>. Anyone in the cadet chain of command is responsible for ensuring the cadets under their authority follow and obey the corps requirements. Additionally, a cadet in the chain of command must be wise with his/her use of authority. His/her actions and directives must be reasonable and prudent.

# E. Permission to Touch.

- (1) It is improper for a cadet to touch another cadet without his or her permission unless there is a legitimate safety reason (e.g., a cadet about to fall, in danger of being hit by a vehicle, etc.).
- (2) It is proper to touch, with permission, another cadet when making minor corrections such as adjusting a hand salute.
- (3) It is never proper for a cadet to touch or grab a fellow cadet for the purpose of harassment or disciplinary action.
- (4) When upperclassmen are addressing or instructing underclassmen, a safe rule of thumb is to remain at least one arm's length away from the underclassmen.

# F. Abuse of Class Relationships.

- (1) Upper-class cadets will not require lower class cadets to perform "personal service" tasks (e.g., moving the upper class cadet's car to avoid a parking violation, picking up cleaning, etc.). Performing personal service or unauthorized details directed by upperclassmen with or without remuneration is also a violation.
- (2) Upper-class cadets will not require lower class cadets to "earn privileges" or perform unauthorized physical training to receive a "special position or duty."
- (3) Do not borrow items (e.g., money, services, vehicles, uniform items, clothes, etc.) across class lines. This practice disrupts good order and discipline and may pose a question of coercion.

# G. Improper Cadet Relationships.

- (1) Improper relationships are those inter-gender (male-female) or intra-gender (male-male, female-female) relationships that could result in actual or perceived favoritism, unfairness, or partiality, that are detrimental to good order and discipline within the unit or the chain of command.
- (2) Dating among cadets is permissible; however dating will be conducted with the same standards of discretion and good judgment expected of all cadets. Should a personal relationship evolve within a unit or chain of command, cadets will seek resolution with their Cadet Training Officer.
  - a. Upper-class cadets will not date freshman cadets.

- b. There will be no intra-outfit dating (within same outfit). The Texas\_Aggie Band is considered to be six separate outfits.
- c. Cadets will not date others in their direct chain of command.
- d. Dating between fish will be allowed provided the relationship is not intra-outfit.

# H. Public Displays of Affection.

- (1) Cadets in uniform will refrain from personal/romantic contact in public view. A male cadet may offer his left arm to a woman when walking. A female cadet may take the arm of a man while walking. Walking arm-in-arm does not preclude the requirement to render proper military courtesy. Holding hands or walking or sitting with arm around waist or shoulder is not permitted.
- (2) The Aggie Tradition of kissing after the football team scores is permitted and not considered a violation of this policy.

# I. Conduct in the Dormitories and Lounges.

- (1) All cadets must respect the rights of others to privacy and must maintain good neighborly relations with those who are housed in the Corps area dormitories.
- (2) No cadet will disturb study conditions in the dorm, or dorm area, and all cadets should be especially careful to comply with all quiet hour restrictions.
- (3) Cadets will not do anything that might cause personal injury or destruction of private property or dormitory facilities. "Flood outs," "drown outs," "Babo bombs," "Skoal bombs," "quadding," etc. are strictly prohibited.
- (4) Cadets will be dressed appropriately at all times. Cadets will wear shorts and a T-shirt when in the hallway. When going to/from the shower, at a minimum, cadets will wear shorts and a T-shirt or a bathrobe. At no time will nudity or a towel alone in place of shorts and a T-shirt be acceptable in hallways or other common areas.
- (5) Cadets will not remove, disable or render inoperative any fire protection equipment or other alarm systems in the dormitories.

# (6) Cadets will not engage in inappropriate sexual behavior.

- J. <u>Use of Profanity</u>. Members of the Corps of Cadets will not use profanity when performing Corps functions, in the "Corps environment", or while wearing Corps uniforms (i.e., all cadets are expected to use good judgment and restraint in expressing themselves).
- K. <u>Interference with Free Time</u>. As a general guide for cadet conduct, all students are entitled to use free time to study, sleep or attend to personal matters, except when otherwise directed by competent authority. No person subject to these policies shall curtail or interfere with the use of available free time by any other person subject to these policies. The following are expressly prohibited:
  - (1) Ordering any person subject to these policies to run errands or placing any person on an unauthorized detail; conversely, submitting to the running of errands or the performing of any unauthorized detail or service with or without remuneration. For additional information refer to abuse of class relationship.

- (2) Requiring freshmen to participate in "uniformity" activities (e.g., requiring a "fish Buddy" to enter/exit the quad/dorm or get another plate of food, etc.).
- (3) Requiring cadets to return to the dorm between classes unnecessarily.
- (4) Requiring any unauthorized activity during the Academic Day
- L. <u>Motor Vehicles</u>. No motor vehicle will enter, be operated on, or parked in the quadrangle or dormitory area.
- M. Pets. Per Texas A&M University Student Rule 36 students are prohibited from keeping pets or other animals on the campus or taking such animals into dormitories, dining halls, or other University buildings. Pets include all forms of wild or domesticated animal life. The exception to this rule is the Aggie Mascot, Reveille, and fish in an aquarium. Maximum approved aquarium size for use in a Corps dorm room is 20 gallons. Cadets must consult with Corps Housing before bringing an aquarium measuring 10-20 gallons. Requests for exceptions will be submitted to Corps Housing through the appropriate CTO. Refer to the Chapter 9 paragraph 5.H. for a further discussion on animals in the Corps dorms.

## 7. DISCIPLINE PROCESS

- A. Initial Action. Upon receipt of a report of an alleged violation, the Commandant or ACD may ask for recommendations from the cadet's CTO, from a Board of Officers/Cadets appointed by the Commandant, from an administrative hearing officer, or from any other appropriate source. The decision to require joint action with Student Conduct Office or handle the alleged violation within the Cadet system will be made in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Student Life and the Corps of Cadets.
- B. Rights. These include the right to an Advisor, the right to know the specific charge being brought against them, the right to be informed in writing at least three (3) class days before the hearing, the right to waive the three-day notice of charges, the right to remain silent, the right to present witnesses, the right to review their cadet record, the right to receive a written statement of the outcome of the hearing, and the right to an appeal.
- C. Charges. The issuance of a charge letter is the first step in the administrative hearing process. This letter states the alleged rules violation and/or incident of concern and requires the cadet(s) to schedule a hearing with the appropriate office. The charge letter does not indicate a presumption of guilt of a rule violation, but rather a complaint has been made against the cadet and there is a need to hear both sides of the situation. Once a charge letter has been sent, the student may have access to view a part of the conduct file and information that brought charges against them.
- D. Sanctions. Sanctions involving expulsion, dismissal, suspension, and deferred suspension from the University will be assessed by the ACD and a representative from the Student Conduct Office through a joint hearing process in accordance with the joint Memorandum of Understanding. Sanctions of Category I offenses not involving removal from the University will normally be assessed by the ACD. Sanctions for Category I offenses may include:
  - (1) Expulsion. Separation action without option for readmission.
  - (2) Corps Dismissal. Separation action for an indefinite period; return may be possible in the future.

- (3) Suspension. Separation for a defined period; readmission is not guaranteed but will be considered upon request.
- (4) Corps Deferred Suspension. The sanction of suspension may be placed in deferred status. In this case, a violation of <u>The Standard</u> during this period will cause the suspension to take effect immediately without further review. Additional action may also be taken regarding the most recent offense. Deferred suspension also carries the restriction a student is "**Not in Good Standing**" with the Corps of Cadets
- (5) Conduct Probation. An official warning a cadet's conduct has been in violation of <u>The Standard</u>, but is not serious enough to warrant expulsion, dismissal, or suspension. Conduct Probation means a cadet is "Not in Good Standing" with the Corps. Violation of any part of the probation may result in one of the sanctions above from the Corps of Cadets. This sanction includes the same restrictions as Deferred Suspension and therefore:
  - (a) May not hold a leadership position (defined as CO, XO, SGM and 1SG for both Corps Units and Special Units e.g., Ross Volunteers).
  - (b) May not represent the Corps of Cadets to anyone off campus (e.g., Corps, Band, and PMC trips).
  - (c) Cadets with a Corps-administered scholarship will have their scholarship reviewed. The ACD will be responsible for notifying the scholarship administrator a cadet is not in good standing.
  - (d) Further Corps provisions may be imposed by the Commandant on the sanctions outlined in the Sanction letter.
- (6) Conduct Review. An official warning the cadet's conduct is in violation of <u>The Standard</u>, but is not sufficiently serious to warrant conduct probation. A cadet on conduct review shall remain "**In Good Standing**" with the Corps. This sanction may require regular meetings with an appropriate official.
- (7) Relief from Command or Position.
- (8) Reduction of Cadet Rank.
- (9) Payment of Damages.
- (10) Restricted Weekends/Marching Tours.
- (11) Letter of Reprimand.
- (12) Demerits.
- (13) Other similar and appropriate sanctions as approved by the Commandant.
- E. Corps Appeals of Cat I Sanctions. Cadets receiving sanctions as a result of a Corps hearing have the right to appeal as outlined in their Sanction Letter. (In a case involving sexual misconduct (SASH), the appeal of any sanctions will be conducted at the University Appeal level as outlined in the sanction letter.) The appeal process will be done through the chain of command using the following guidelines:
  - (1) The appeal letter format can be found at https://cadets.tamu.edu/discipline/default.aspx.
  - (2) The appeals letter will be forwarded by the ACD's office to the Commandant. The Commandant may act on the appeal immediately or refer the appeal to an Appeals Panel.

The Appeals Panel will subsequently provide the Commandant a recommendation. The Commandant will then take final action on the appeal.

- F. University Appeals of Cat I University level sanctions will be conducted as outlined in the University sanction letter.
- G. Suspension from the Corps of Cadets. Any cadet who receives a sanction of suspension or higher, must follow the written instructions presented to them in their sanction letter. The instructions for administrative separation are the same as suspension from the Corps of Cadets. They include:
  - (1) A definite time in which they must leave the Corps.
  - (1) Paperwork for leaving begins at Lounge B from the Assistant Commandant of Operations.
  - (2) Failure to check out properly may result in additional administrative uniform and housing fees.
  - (3) Admission back into the Corps is dependent upon completion of the sanction and approval by the Commandant.
- H. Administrative Separations. The following are examples of actions that may result in administrative separation from the Corps.
  - (1) Failure to take or pass the For the Record Corps Physical Fitness Training (PFT) test and/or failure to meet the Corps Weight Management standards each semester.
  - (2) Any cadet who fails or Q drops any of the SOMS classes.
  - (3) Any cadet who delays more than two weekends to begin serving their restricted weekends (RWs) or fails to complete their RWs prior to the end of the semester. This information is found on the cadet CMS.
  - (4) Any cadet failing to meet the requirements of their Corps Academic Probation Contract.
  - (5) A loss of trust and confidence.

# 8. AGGIE HONOR SYSTEM OFFICE

- A. The Aggie Honor System Office serves as a university system established to respond fairly to university academic violations of the Aggie Code of Honor.
- B. All academic violations of the Aggie Code of Honor will be handled by the Aggie Honor Systems Office.
- C. Any cadet who is found responsible for academic dishonesty by the Aggie Honor System Office will also meet a Corps Administrative Board. The purpose of this board is to determine whether the cadet should remain a member of the Corps of Cadets.

#### 9. CADET BOARDS

- A. There are two separate cadet boards, each with its own membership and jurisdiction. Only those boards mentioned in this policy are authorized within the Corps of Cadets.
- B. Cadet Performance Review Board (CPRB). The procedures and operation of the CPRB are specified in the Cadet Performance Review Board Manual, located on the cadets.tamu.edu homepage, under CPRB.

- (1) The CPRB will be composed of 10 White Belt cadets. These cadets shall be selected by the Cadet Performance Review Board President and will be approved by the Commandant
- (2) Members shall be appointed to serve for one year. Appointments may be terminated at any time for cause.
- (3) The CPRB will review cadets that have been charged by a Commanding Officer, the major Unit Commander, or the CPRB President. The Cadet Performance Review Board will determine whether the cadet is responsible for the charges presented. If found responsible, the CPRB have the full range of sanctions to apply to the subject cadet, including Suspension, dismissal or expulsion.
- (4) The recommendation of the Board will be forwarded to the Corps Commander, who has the final decision on sanctions

#### C. Administrative Boards.

- (1) The purpose of an administrative board is to provide a recommendation to the Commandant regarding a cadet's continued membership in the Corps.
- (2) Specifically, any cadet found responsible for academic dishonesty by the Aggie Honor System Office will be required to appear before an administrative board.
- (3) The administrative board is organized by the Asst Commandant for Operations, at the direction of the Commandant, and composed of officers and senior-ranking cadets (normally 2-3 each).

## 10. CORPS APPEAL PANELS

- A. Cadets sanctioned within the disciplinary process may submit an appeal. The appeal may be based on one of the following: 1) the belief new evidence is available, 2) the belief a violation of the right to due process has occurred, 3) or the belief the sanction is inappropriate for the behavior. The appeal authority after the hearing the appeal evidence, may recommend to send the case back (remand) for a new hearing based upon their judgment there was new evidence or a violation of due process. The appeal authority may recommend the original sanction be upheld or be reduced to a lesser sanction. The Commandant has the final authority concerning Corps Appeal Panel recommendations.
- B. The Discipline Appeal Panel will hear appeals, as directed by the Commandant, involving expulsion, dismissal, suspension, & deferred suspension from the Corps of Cadets.
- C. The Conduct Appeal Panel will hear appeals, as directed by the Commandant, involving Corps Conduct Probation or lower from the Corps of Cadets.
- D. The chair of the appeal panel is selected from the Commandant's Staff. Other panel members include staff members from the Commandant's Office and senior-level cadets.
  - (1) The Discipline Appeal Panel will normally consist of five members: three from the Commandant's Office, and two cadets.
  - (2) The Conduct Appeal Panel will normally consist of three members: two from the Commandant's Office and one cadet.
  - (3) The Chair may sit as a hearing officer, participate in the deliberations and vote as a panel member. The Chair is authorized to cast the tie breaking vote on all panels.

- (4) The Appeal Panel's recommendation will be forwarded to the Commandant for the final decision.
- D. Cadets found "responsible" by the CPRB may appeal their sanctions to the Corps Commander.

## 11. DEMERIT SYSTEM.

- A. Demerits serve both as a disciplinary tool and a performance indicator. Unit Commanders are responsible for ensuring the system works properly. Procedures for operating the Demerit system are in <u>The PPG</u>.
- B. Demerits automatically convert to Restricted Weekends (RWs). Any cadet who receives 15 or more demerits will automatically receive a restricted weekend in place of 15 demerits. Cadets will have 2 weeks to complete their restricted weekend from the date entered into CMS. Failure to complete a Restricted Weekend may result in Administrative Dismissal from the Corps. If a cadet receives 45 demerits or more in one semester, their status in the Corps of Cadets will be reviewed and a recommendation made concerning their membership.
- C. Cadets have the right to appeal the demerits assigned by following the instructions online in "Assembly". All appeals should be filed within five (5) working days from when the demerits are issued and they will be sent to the issuing Commander, and to the major unit staff for adjudication.
- D. The Cadet Corps Commander will determine who is authorized to give demerits in the Cadet Chain. The ACD, Assistant Commandant of Operations and his staff are authorized to issue demerits.
- E. Demerits are normally assessed in accordance with the Para. 11, Schedule of Demerits, and may be removed by marching tours in accordance with Para. 12, Demerit Removal.
- F. Failure to complete any sanction by the suspense date or all RWs by the end of the semester will normally result in an administrative separation from the Corps. Cases will be sent to Student Conduct Office for a formal university hearing for graduating seniors.

# 12. SCHEDULE OF DEMERITS

Code	Max	Description	
300	1	Bed improperly made	
301	1	Dirty mirror or medicine cabinet	
302	1	Excessive dust	
303	1	Failing to display articles	
304	1	Closet improperly arranged	
305	2	Failing to be at attention	
306	2	Talking, moving, looking around, etc. In formation	
307	2	Failure to know required knowledge	
308	2	Missing button	
309	3	Tarnished brass	
310	3	Unshined shoes	
311	3	Policies improperly displayed	
312	3	Bed not made in accordance with policy	
313	3	No CDISH card	
314	3	Posters improperly displayed	
315	3	Unauthorized articles	
316	3	Dirty sink or sink cabinet	
317	3	Unserviceable shoes	
318	3	Missing name tag	
319	3	Improper shave	
320	4	Failure to wear appropriate cover	
321		DELETED	
322	4	Failure to sign out	
323	5	Improper haircut	
324	6	Violation of class privileges	
325	6	Room improperly arranged	
326		DELETED	
327	6	Failure to comply or appear Minor Offense	
328	8	Gross personal appearance	
329	8	Failure to attend required formation/ activity	
330	8	Failure to submit required reports	
331	8	Inappropriate public display of affection	
332	10	Failure to wear or wearing improper uniform	
333	10	Wearing an unauthorized item may be an honor violation	
334	10	Display of offensive material	
335	10	Room in gross disorder	

#### 13. MARCHING TOURS.

- A. In general, cadets earn marching tours for actions the cadets knew were wrong based on the expectations of character. These violations are more severe than demerits 9even if first offense0 and warrant a one hour marching tour at least.
- B. The deadline for a marching tour will be three weeks from the issuing date. Failure to complete a marching tour results in the assignment of a Class 2 Restricted Weekend.
- C. It is the sanctioned cadet's responsibility to schedule an assigned marching tour with the Corps Discipline Sergeant.

## 14. RESTRICTED WEEKENDS

- A. Class I Restricted Weekends are classified as those issued by the Assistant Commandant for Discipline or Assistant Commandant for Operations & Training or their designee.
- B. Class 2 Restricted Weekends are classified as those issued by cadet Training Officers, Corps Staff, Major Unit Commanders, and/or Unit Commanders.
- C. Cadets in sub-leadership positions may issue Class 2 Restricted Weekends for the following reasons:

Code	Description
200	Requiring underclass cadets to perform unauthorized duties
201	Repeated violation of Category II offenses
202	Disrespect or insubordination
203	Failure to appear
204	Violation of a directive
205	Repeated evasion of responsibility i.e. Failure to perform assigned task
206	Failure to comply
207	Repeated violation of study conditions, quiet hours, or scholastic policy
208	Breach of restriction
209	Repeated academic neglect, includes non-attendance of scheduled classes
210	Improper conduct in Dining Hall, includes violations of Dining Hall Policy
211	Improper care of assigned property
212	Violation of visitation policy
213	Use of obscene, profane, or improper language or gestures

- D. Class 3 Restricted Weekends (RWs) are classified as those resulting from accumulating 15 or more demerits, or receiving a failure during a Commandant's Room Inspection.
- E. All Restricted Weekends must be completed by the assigned deadline. Failure to complete a Restricted Weekend by the deadline may result in the cadet being dismissed from the Corps of Cadets.
- F. In lieu of traditional check-ins and marching tours, those with Class 2 Restricted Weekends may choose to participate in a Restricted Week. Those with Class 3 Restricted Weekends may choose to participate in a Restricted Week or an approved community service project or Cadet Work Duty under the authority of the Corps Adjutant.

- G. Class 1 Restricted Weekends must be completed by serving a normal Restricted Weekend with marching tours.
- H. During a restricted weekend, a cadet will be required to report to the guardroom in Class Bravos Winter uniform for inspection and be required to sign the restriction roster every two hours between 1800 and 2200 on Friday; between 0600 and 2200 on Saturday; and 0600 and 1600 on Sunday. Cadets desiring to attend Sunday religious services must sign in before and after their service. Marching tours will be administered by the Corps Adjutant or designee. Marching tours will be cancelled during inclement weather to include black flag conditions. Sign-in periods and location restrictions on weekends that include special events (e.g., march-ins for home football games) will be specified in a memo on the sign in roster. If the cadet does not pass his uniform inspection, he or she will be sent back to their room to get into appropriate uniform.
- I. Cadets must begin serving their Restricted Weekends in a timely manner after the cadet's name appears on CMS. A date will appear at the top of the roster to serve as a starting point for the two week period.
- J. Failure to complete a Restricted Weekend, by the end of the semester will result in administrative separation from the Corps.
- K. Only members of the Commandant's Staff/ Corps Staff, Major Unit Commanders, and Outfit Commanders can assign RWs.
- L. Delaying a Restricted Weekend. Anyone requiring the delay of a RW for any reason must submit an email to the Corps Adjutant for approval, who will send it to the Discipline Office to record. This email must be received in the Discipline Office prior to 1200 on the last class day for the semester. It is the responsibility of the cadet with the RW to confirm the delay was approved.
- L. If a cadet accumulates 3 Restricted Weekends in one semester, the cadet's name may be submitted to the Cadet Performance Review Board.

#### 15. RESTRICTED WEEKS

When a cadet is unable to sit a Restricted Weekend (RW) due to work schedule, illness or other reasons approved by the Corps Adjutant; the following requirements must be accomplished to substitute for RW credit.

- A. Turn in a class schedule to Corps Staff by 1800 hrs the Friday before. Must coordinate to do four sign-ins per day, for five days, Monday through Friday, with their Major Unit Discipline Chain.
- B. Must wear the appropriate RW uniform throughout the week, not just for sign-ins.
- C. Will march to morning and evening chow with their Major Unit staff.

## 16. CORRECTIVE PHYSICAL TRAINING

The purpose of the Corrective Physical Training (CPT) Policy is to further define permissible activity as it relates to administering physical training as a form of corrective action for minor behavior and cadet performance infractions. CPT provides cadet leaders a tool to motivate and instill discipline in underclassmen while drawing attention to and counseling/correcting minor infractions. **Individual Corrective Physical Training** (ICPT) provides leaders a tool for correcting the behavior or actions of an individual. **Group Corrective Physical Training** (GCPT)

provides a cadet leader the vehicle to administer CPT to a group of cadets (within a unit, i.e., squad or platoon) for minor infractions. Serious disciplinary infractions will be referred to the chain of command. "Punitive PT" (used solely to punish) is not authorized – cadet leaders using punitive measures or conducting CPT outside the following guidelines will incur disciplinary actions in accordance with <u>The Standard</u> and University Student Rules.

A. <u>Counseling</u>. Reverting to a CPT session for a cadet(s) who needs to be motivated or whose actions need correction should not be the default answer. Counseling of the cadet(s) by the leader needs to have occurred first. Possibly more than one counseling session needs to have occurred before the leader determines CPT is required. If the leader determines to conduct a CPT session, counseling of the cadet(s) during the CPT session must occur to ensure the cadet(s) understand their poor performance and how to correct their actions.

# B. Individual Corrective Physical Training

- (1) Cadet leaders may begin to administer ICPT the week following FOW/SOW, provided cadet trainees have passed a medical screening and are not currently on medical restrictions.
- (2) Only cadet leaders possessing a numbered "Corrective Physical Training Instruction Card" for the current year may conduct ICPT.
- (3) A cadet leader may administer ICPT for an individual or fire team not to exceed three cadets. This requirement will not be circumvented by administering ICPT to a large group "3 at a time", nor by several cadets simultaneously conducting ICPT for several cadets or fire teams.
- (4) Each ICPT session will include a combination of at least three different exercises from the list below (as outlined on the CPT Instruction Card) and will include a 30-second break midway through the session where the leader should be counseling the cadet(s). When possible, try to select exercises that will use different muscle groups.
- (5) Time limits for an ICPT session:
  - a. Fall semester: 3-min exercise / 30-second rest / 3-min exercise.
  - b. Spring semester: 4-min exercise / 30-second rest / 4-min exercise.
- (6) Cadets conducting an ICPT session will emphasize proper techniques. Do not reinforce poor techniques. If a trainee cadet is struggling with technique, move to the next exercise or stop, rest, and resume with proper technique.
- (7) Cadets will empty the contents of their pockets prior to performing any CPT Card exercise.
- (8) The following exercises are authorized:

Aerobic Exercises	Upper-Body Exercises	Lower-Body Exercises	Abdominal Exercises
Mountain Climbers*	Pull-Ups*	Squats	Crunches
Side Straddle Hops*	Dips	Squat Thrusts*	Sit-ups

Stationary Double Time	Push-Ups (Hands Shoulder Width)*	Planks
Steam Engines*	Arm Rotations	Flutter Kicks
Burpees*		

<sup>\*</sup> Exercises are done with a single-count cadence.

# C. Group Corrective Physical Training

- (1) The rules and procedures for ICPT apply equally to Group Corrective Physical Training. GCPT provides a cadet leader the opportunity to discipline an entire squad or platoon (or entire unit) for those rare occasions where the group leader determines the minor infraction committed by the group warrants corrective physical training.
- (2) A cadet group leader may only administer GCPT to his group. A Squad Leader can administer GCPT to his/her entire squad; a Platoon Leader / Sergeant can administer GCPT to the entire platoon. When GCPT is conducted, all members of the group will participate (not just the fish in the squad or platoon).
- (3) Types of exercises, duration, locations to exercise, and frequency are exactly the same for GCPT as they were for ICPT. The group leader must possess a CPT card and follow the proper procedures for administering CPT.

# D. Earning a Corrective Physical Training Instruction Card

- (1) Each CPT Instruction Card is numbered and has the cadet's name and the issuing authority on the front of the card.
- (2) Cadet Training Officers (CTOs) are the issuing authority for their units upon the recommendation of the Major Unit Commander.
- (3) A cadet must be in a leadership position (Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon/Flight Leader or Sergeant, First Sergeant, Executive Officer or Commanding Officer) to earn a CPT Instruction Card.
- (4) To earn a CPT Instruction Card, a cadet must first demonstrate the ability to properly execute each exercise and then professionally conduct one CPT session as described above (other upperclass cadets will serve as the trainees for the session).
- (5) CPT Instruction Cards are only valid for the current academic year.
- (6) Cadets who abuse the CPT program (improperly execute a CPT session, allow their CPT Instruction Card to be used by another cadet, or otherwise violate the CPT program) will lose their leadership position and have their CPT Instruction Card revoked. Cadets could also face disciplinary action.

# E. Restrictions

- (1) Group CPT will never be conducted as a result of a single cadet's actions.
- (2) A cadet trainee will complete no more than one CPT session in a one-hour period.
- (3) A second upperclass cadet is required to be present for a CPT session. The second cadet observes the session and uses a watch to keep track of session time.

- (4) CPT will not be administered during the Academic Day or Evening Study Time. Weekend CPT must be authorized in writing by the Major Unit Commander.
- (5) CPT may only be administered on the Quadrangle (to include the areas used by the Corps around Dunn and Aston Halls and the formation areas in the South Commons areas), Duncan Field, Centennial Park, and Spence Park. (Fightin Texas Aggie Band leaders may use the Band Field to administer CPT.)
- (6) Running is not an authorized exercise for CPT. A leader conducting CPT will not vigorously run cadet(s) to one of the approved locations to conduct CPT. Jogging to the location is appropriate.
- (7) In the past, ICPT was authorized in dormitory hallways when inclement weather precluded ICPT from being conducted outside. For the next two years during quad renovations, ICPT will not be allowed in any Corps dormitory. At no time is GCPT conducted in the dormitory.
- (8) CPT is limited to the exercises, techniques, and duration as described herein and on the CPT Instruction Card.
- (9) CPT will NOT be performed:
  - a. While in "Class B" Uniform (PT Gear or C's & T's are the only authorized uniforms for CPT.)
  - b. While in a medically restricted status.
  - c. At any location other than the areas identified previously.
  - d. In soggy or watered down areas or ground that is hazardous for training (i.e. gravel, brush, etc.).
  - e. In confined spaces (i.e., stairwells, restrooms, showers, or dorm rooms) or any location or environment considered unsafe where a cadet could possibly be injured.
  - f. By cadets not authorized to conduct CPT (cadets not issued a CPT Instruction Card; cadets not in possession of their CPT instruction Card; cadets conducting CPT with a CPT Card issued to a different cadet).

# NOTE: Violations of these guidelines will be investigated as potential hazing incidents.

- F. Additional Considerations For Conducting CPT
  - (1) During Hot Weather:
    - a. Increase water consumption and supervise regular intake by cadets.
    - b. Regulate training according to the heat conditions as posted on cadets.tamu and as defined in the Heat Condition Table in the <u>Plans & Programs Guide (PPG)</u>.
    - c. Be alert to heat illness symptoms and other physical illnesses and take appropriate actions (outlined under "Safety Program" in the PPG and on the "Corrective Physical Training Instruction Card").
    - d. Modify uniform clothing, as authorized, for proper radiation protection, ventilation and dissipation of body heat.
    - e. CPT will not be conducted during "Black Flag" conditions.

#### (2) During Cold Weather:

- a. Ensure water consumption by cadets.
- b. Guard against hyperthermia by ensuring proper clothing and use of gloves and head covering.
- c. Do not require cadets who have worked up a sweat to stand or remain outside in the cold weather conditions. Build in time to have cadets change into dry, warm clothes prior to further training or formation.

# G. On-The-Spot Corrections during Military Training Times

- (1) Cadet leaders may conduct On-The-Spot discipline for a cadet not paying attention during military training time.
- (2) The discipline to capture the attention of the inattentive cadet will consist of no less than 10 push-ups and no more than 30 push-ups. The push-ups can be performed in the Class B uniform. (The Garrison Cover should be placed [balanced] in the small of the back while doing push-ups.)
- (3) On-The-Spot corrective activity is authorized during training times and at formation. This activity will NOT be administered during EST or the Academic Day, at chow, or during any Game Day activities (to include preparatory activities). On-The-Spot corrections will be conducted outside or in the dorm hallway. Corrective action will not occur in a dorm room.
- (4) This is not a group effort. This is for the On-The-Spot discipline of an individual. Excessive incidences of On-The-Spot discipline of a cadet during a single training event/session is considered hazing.

#### CHAPTER 11. ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

#### 1. ALCOHOL USE

- A. In support of good order and discipline, **Alcoholic Beverages are Not Permitted** "On the Quad" (the area enclosed by Lewis Street, Coke Street, and Lubbock Street with the east side of the Quad bounded by the east edge of the Band Drill Field and Dunn and Aston Halls in the Commons). The transport, storage, or use of alcohol in the dorms and public areas such as hallways, lounges, bathrooms, quad courtyards, and parking lots is not permitted. Alcohol containers (vessels in which alcohol is sold) are not permitted on the quad, or in a Corps dorm.
- B. Cadets who are in possession or drinking alcohol "On the Quad" will be charged with violating Corps and University Alcohol Policy rules and with Conduct Unbecoming of a Cadet.
- C. Cadets will not consume alcohol while in uniform on or off campus unless specifically approved by the Commandant or his designated representative. Cadets who perform a duty representing Texas A&M or the Corps of Cadets (e.g., Fighting Texas Aggie Band, Officers of the Day, Color Guard, PMC, RV, FDT, etc.) will not consume alcohol during the period starting 12 hours prior to the duty and ending after the completion of the duty. For off campus events, the duty begins at the planned/actual departure from the campus for the event and the completion of duty is upon return to the campus. Exceptions to this policy can only be granted by the Commandant.
- D. Cadets who are 21 years old or older and publicly intoxicated, on or off the university campus, will be charged with violating University Student Rules. This rule also applies to cadets, who allow, provide, or do not attempt to stop a cadet under the age of 21 from drinking, on and off campus. Sanctions for most alcohol-related infractions include University/Corps Conduct Probation and alcohol abuse education. Cadets who provide alcohol to minors may be suspended for at least one semester.
- E. Cadets who are under the age of 21, and in possession of, or drinking alcohol, or publicly intoxicated, on or off the university campus, will be charged with violating University Student Rules. Sanctions for most under 21 alcohol-related infractions include University/Corps Conduct Probation, alcohol education, and a letter to the cadet's parents.
- F. Outfit Social Events off/on campus. Any social event sponsored by an outfit cannot use outfit funds when alcohol is being served at the event. Additionally, at an outfit social event where any cadet is under the age of 21, alcohol may only be served/available IAW Student Activity Rules (i.e., positive control of no alcohol to minors). All outfit sponsored social events off campus require a Risk Assessment form (approved by Student Activities and the outfit CTO) and a military letter approved by the Corps Commander.
- G. If you know of a cadet who appears to have a serious drinking problem (e.g., constantly drinking, getting drunk several nights a week, etc.) express your concern to an appropriate Corps or Office of the Commandant official (CTO). If he/she is having drinking problems, he/she also may be having other problems (e.g., social, academic, mental, physical, etc.). Referral of the cadet to the Student Life Alcohol and Drugs Education Programs or Student Counseling Services may also help.

# 2. ILLEGAL DRUG USE / ABUSE OF LEGAL SUBSTANCES

- A. As a deterrent against the illegal/inappropriate use of drugs, all cadets are subject to selection for a random drug test.
- B. Inappropriate drugs are defined as non-prescription substances that produce effects that impair the judgment of the cadet and interfere with "good order and discipline" (e.g., salvia, "herbal tobacco", etc.). Use of prescription drugs without a valid prescription is illegal. Cadets found to be using drugs without a prescription will dealt with as though they were using illegal drugs.
- C. Use of illegal/inappropriate drugs in the Corps of Cadets will not be tolerated. Cadets should submit any information regarding illegal/inappropriate drug use on or off campus to the appropriate authority (i.e., outfit commander, CTO, ACOT, ACD, etc.), who will notify University Police and take appropriate disciplinary action.
- D. Cadets found responsible for use or possession of illegal/inappropriate drugs are normally suspended for at least one semester. If a cadet is allowed to remain in the Corps (due to extraordinary circumstances), or is readmitted, he/she may be required to submit to drug testing (at their own expense) and test negative on all the required drug tests as outlined in the Corps Sanction Letter. The Commandant may require additional provisions on drug related sanctions.
- E. In the event of an overdose or other drug related problems needing medical attention:
  - (1) Call the emergency number 9-911.
  - (2) Transport to Beutel Health Center if situation dictates (845-1511).
  - (3) Bring possible clues for drug identification (empty pill bottles or vomit samples).
  - (4) Immediately call the Commandant's Office (845-2811) or Operations and Training (862-4311). If emergency occurs on a weekday after 1700 and before 0800, or on a weekend, notify the Commandant's Duty Officer through the Guardroom at 979-845-6789 or directly at 979-229-5826.
- F. Commanders (or others) should contact any or all of the following in handling a drug-related problem.
  - (1) CTO or any other member of the Commandant's or ROTC staff.
  - (2) Student Life Alcohol and Drug Education Programs, 979-845-0280.
  - (3) Student Counseling Service, 979-845-4427.

# 3. RANDOM DRUG TESTING POLICY

A. <u>Intent</u>. The use of illegal/inappropriate drugs in the Corps of Cadets runs counter to the values we hold, and our vision for character and leadership development. <u>Illegal drug use</u> will not be tolerated. Being under the influence and/or misuse of a controlled substance, or abuse of prescription drugs will also not be tolerated. This also includes substances similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g., "designer drugs"). As a deterrent against the use of these drugs, all cadets are subject to random drug testing via urinalysis. This policy outlines cadet expectations for compliance, execution of random drug testing, and actions

taken upon the results of a positive test or when a cadet is found to be using or possessing illegal drugs.

# B. Compliance

- (1) Incoming freshmen cadets must complete a Random Drug Test Notification Waiver Form during Freshmen Orientation Week (FOW) or Spring Orientation Week (SOW). 100% compliance is required in order to remain a member of the Corps of Cadets.
- (2) Returning cadets (upperclassmen) must re-apply to the Corps of Cadets each year and agree via the Random Drug Test Notification Waiver Form to random drug testing to be granted re-admission and remain members of the Corps of Cadets.
- C. <u>Execution of Testing</u>. At random times during the school year at the discretion of the Assistant Commandant of Operations, cadets will be informed they have been selected for a drug test. Cadets must comply with all procedures of the published program within the time specified or face Corps Disciplinary actions for non-compliance. Notification and testing will be accomplished as follows:
  - (1) For standard testing, the Assistant Commandant of Operations will notify the CDO the night prior to a scheduled testing period of which outfits (or cadets) will be tested the following morning and alert CTOs of the need to conduct testing the following morning.
  - (2) At 0545 the morning of random testing, the CDO will notify the affected outfit (cadets') commanders and provide the following instructions:
    - a. The Commandant's staff will conduct random drug testing to commence at 0600.
    - b. All outfit members (or identified cadets) must line up in the hallway at 0600 in outfit PT gear carrying only their student ID card.
    - c. Cadets are not permitted to leave the dorm for any reason or to use the latrines until after random testing has completed.
    - d. Cadets may drink water, coffee, soft drink, etc., to hydrate if needed.
  - (3) Commandant's staff members will post in the hallway of the affected outfits as follows:
    - a. Two staff members at a table to collect student ID cards and complete testing paperwork.
    - b. One or more staff members to monitor sample collection in both the male and female restrooms.

NOTE: If no female staff members are available, a male staff member will inspect the female restroom prior to testing and post outside the door while females (individually) provide a testing sample. (Alternatively, a female cadet from corps Staff or the major Unit Staff will monitor sample collection in the female restroom.)

- (4) Cadets will provide their student ID card to a member of the commandant's staff and will be handed a collection vessel.
- (5) Cadets will proceed to the restroom to provide the requisite amount of sample material as instructed by members of the Commandant's staff. The staff member will verify the

- sample is within the required temperature range and ensure a proper amount was collected.
- (6) Cadets will turn their sample into the Commandant's staff member who will verify the collection vessel is properly closed for packaging.
- (7) Cadets will initial their sample vessel and packaging labels and verify student ID numbers have been transcribed correctly and match on all documents. Cadets on prescription drugs must notify the Commandant's staff member handling the collection paperwork.
- (8) Commandant's staff members will affix a tamper resistant seal to the sample vessel, package according to manufacturer instructions, and affix the second seal to the outside of the package.
- (9) Students will sign paperwork acknowledging proper handling and packaging and will be given a copy for their records.
- (10) Following the testing period, samples will be boxed and shipped via express mail for laboratory testing. Between the end of sample collection/packaging and shipping, representatives from Commandant's office will maintain 100% control and accountability of the collected samples.

#### D. Notification of Test Results

- (1) The Assistant Commandant of Operations will receive the testing results via secured email and will review for positive findings.
- (2) Cadets identified with a positive finding on the test results will be referred to the Assistant Commandant for Discipline for investigation and disciplinary actions as necessary.

#### CHAPTER 12. CORPS WEAPONS POLICY

#### 1. PURPOSE

This policy governs weapons use on campus by Corps of Cadets and ROTC students.

#### 2. WEAPON TYPES

- A. Operational Weapons. Weapons capable of firing projectiles (bullets, blanks, pellets)
- B. Training Weapons. Rubber and/or de-militarized weapons not capable of firing projectiles
- C. Personal Weapons. Cadets are not authorized to store or maintain personal weapons in their dorm or on campus. A personal weapon, in regards to dormitories and on campus, includes fire arms, knives (including military fighting knives [K-Bar or bayonet], machetes, sharpened swords, etc., over 4 inches, as well as axe handles, clubs, tasers and other items that logically could be used as a weapon.

#### 3. DESIGNATED TRAINING AREAS

- A. Designated training areas for the Corps of Cadets and ROTC students include: the Quad, Centennial and Spence Park, Duncan Field, Military Science Building (the Trigon), Brayton Firemen's Training Center, Riverside Campus, Simpson Drill Field, Obstacle/Stamina Course, and Fiddler's Green,.
- B. In other than designated training areas, any cadet or ROTC student possessing any weapon will be in a recognizable cadet or ROTC uniform. Physical training uniform is not acceptable.
- C. The University Police Department will be notified at least 24 hours in advance of any training involving weapons by emailing the date, time, and location of the training to the following: Mike mragan@tamu.edu; Patrol Supervisors, Ragan, patrol\_supervisors@police.tamu.edu; and Communications Office. the communications@police.tamu.edu. A call to the University Police Department (UPD) (979-845-2345) should be made in the event you need assistance or the training is cancelled. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
  - (1) Best Ranger Competition.
  - (2) Road Marches.
  - (3) Training at the Student Recreation Center.
- D. No ROTC-issued training weapons are authorized in any building on campus, (other than the Trigon) during normal training times with the following exceptions:
  - (1) Part of a military ceremony.
  - (2) During ROTC sponsored Leadership Laboratory meetings.

#### 4. SECURITY AND STORAGE

A. Operational Weapons will be issued and returned according to prescribed regulations and will be secured in designated storage areas located in the basement of the Military Science Building.

- B. ROTC Issued Training Weapons will be issued and returned according to prescribed regulations and secured in their designated storage areas. No ROTC training weapons will be kept in an individual's dorm room/domicile overnight.
- C. ROTC Affiliated Special Units such as Rudder's Rangers, RECON Company, SEAL Platoon, and the Special Tactics Squadron will comply with all ROTC procedures for weapons issue and storage.
- D. Corps of Cadets Issued Training Weapons: This includes training weapons issued to the Ross Volunteers, Fish Drill Team, Color Guards, and Parson's Mounted Cavalry.
  - (1) Training weapons for the Ross Volunteers, Fish Drill Team, and Color Guards may be kept in an individual cadet room.
  - (2) Any individual or group training outside of normal, scheduled practices, will be conducted within the boundaries of the Corps dormitory area (the Quad).
  - (3) All Corps of Cadets issued training weapons will be returned, inventoried, and secured upon completion of the academic year.

#### 5. TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS

- A. Operational Weapons will be transported in authorized vehicles designated by the ROTC program or the Office of the Commandant. These vehicles will be accompanied by either a member of the respective ROTC staff or designated advisor from the Office of the Commandant.
- B. Training Weapons will be transported in authorized vehicles and/or containers. When transported in quantity, weapons will be accompanied by either a member of the respective ROTC staff or designated representative from the Office of the Commandant.
- C. Individual Transport of Training Weapon. Members of the Ross Volunteers, Fish Drill Team and Color Guards are authorized to transport their assigned ceremonial weapon in a privately owned vehicle during recognized student holiday periods. Vehicle must be brought to Lot 26 (next to Dorm 12) or parked along Coke Street. Weapon will be moved directly from the dorm to the vehicle and secured.

#### **CHAPTER 13. VISITATION POLICY**

#### 1. INTENT

This policy is in effect from the first day of FOW Cadre Training to the last day of final exams for Spring Semester. All cadets residing in or visiting a cadet dormitory are responsible for knowing the visitation rules and regulations and hours of visitation. A guest is a visitor of either gender. The cadet is responsible for his/her guest's conduct. Current students and cadets not normally granted access to a specific dorm may enter a Corps dorm during the Academic Day if they are escorted the entire time and the purpose of their visit is of short duration and for academic reasons. Parents, family members and friends must comply with the visitation hours.

# 2. POLICY

- A. Guests of cadets are not permitted in the Corps dorms, including doorways and hallways, other than during visitation hours.
- B. During visitation hours, all cadets and their guests must be dressed as if they are in public areas. Guests and their actions are the responsibility of the sponsoring cadet.
- C. Corps dorm visitation hours are below. Visitation hours on Football GameDays and other corps special events will be announce and published if different than below.

Weekdays

Fridays

1700 - 0200 (SAT)

Saturdays

1000 - 0200 (SUN)

Sundays

1200 - 1800

Reading/Redefined/Final Exam Days

1000-0200 (FOLLOWING DAY)

for study purposes only

- **D.** The civilian co-ed residence halls have visitation hours determined by vote of the residents. The single sex halls are only open for visitors from 0900 0200. Cadets will not violate the visitation hours of any residence hall.
- **E.** Commanders will report any visitation violations of non-corps individuals to the Commandant's Duty Officer through the Guard Room (845-6789) or the appropriate CTO.

#### CHAPTER 13. CORPS PHYSICAL FITNESS POLICY

#### 1. INTENT

In developing leaders for the future, we believe physical fitness is important. Fitness is about a healthy lifestyle, life balance, and longevity. We seek to develop habits that will benefit a cadet long after graduation when he/she is a global leader for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The purpose of the Corps Physical Fitness Policy is to improve and maintain the overall level of physical fitness, strength, and endurance of every cadet and ensure all cadets are able to pass the required Corps Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and meet the weight/body fat percentage standards. A consistent mixture of aerobic, anaerobic, and team activities, coupled with sufficient rest and balanced nutrition, will ensure a successful training program. Safety is a paramount concern and will be emphasized at all times. Research shows excess body fat and inadequate physical fitness reduces performance ability, mobility, and physical endurance. The Corps Physical Training and Weight Management Programs help promote a healthy lifestyle of nutrition, fitness, and mental/physical well-being while ensuring all cadets project a professional appearance in uniform.

#### 2. PHYSICAL TRAINING

- A. All unit leaders will create and execute safe and effective physical training programs comprised of a mixture of aerobic, anaerobic and team activities. Cadet leaders will ensure the development of training plans 14 days in advance of execution. Training plans will include the purpose of the activity, details of each planned event, locations, run routes and transport plan (if appropriate), assessment of risk with a mitigation plan, and an expected outcome of the training conducted.
- B. Unit physical fitness activities will:
  - (1) Be conducted with appropriate safety equipment (see discussion below).
  - (2) Only be conducted during unit training times identified as such unless otherwise approved by a CTO via Military Letter.
  - (3) Not be conducted near university monuments; in fountains, ponds or other water features; in university parking garages and office buildings; or locations where terrain features, vehicle or pedestrian traffic, or poor lighting pose a hazard. These restrictions apply to West Campus. At no time will units or individuals conduct PT in / on the university golf course.
  - (4) Not consist of dangerous activities such as boxing. Specialized activities such as pugil sticks, grappling, etc., will require CTO approval via Military Letter.
  - (5) Not be conducted on Sundays. No Unit or group physical training is allowed on Sunday. Individual PT is authorized as well as intramural activities.
- C. Non-Scheduled / Change to the Training Plan activities. When required, unit commanders can direct a change / modification to the unit training plan to accommodate the requirement of a non-scheduled training session.
  - (1) The Commander and First Sergeant use their chain of command to create a training plan, submitting it to the MUC and CTO for approval via a military letter with the

- training plan attached as well as a direct email with the attachment. This gives the MUC and CTO the fastest lane of approval and enhances communication.
- (2) Formal, written approval is required to execute the modified training session. The unit commander, platoon commander, first sergeant or platoon sergeant must be present for the modified training session. The change to the training plan submission must detail all activities that will take place and include pertinent information such as timings, location, repetitions, etc.
- (3) Any deviation of the approved change to the training plan to add more activities, change a location, or increase the duration after approval or during execution is a violation of policy and will result in disciplinary action.
- D. Unit and Individual Running. Cadets and all Corps/Special Units (including ROTC Special Units) will adhere to the following additional guidance when conducting running activities.
  - (1) When planning and conducting a unit run, cadet leaders need to remind themselves of the purpose of a unit run. Unit runs are specifically conducted to build cohesion and morale within the unit while also conducting physical exercise. Units conducting a unit run should include all cadets assigned to unit who physically can exercise. The unit should start together and end together. Leaving cadets littered across campus because the pace was too fast or the distance too long is detrimental to unit cohesion and morale. If a unit leader wishes to work on speed or endurance, he should conduct ability group runs, not a unit run at a pace that only 50% of the unit can maintain.
  - (2) Unit runs are authorized on university grounds within the area bounded by George Bush Drive, Texas Avenue, University Drive and Harvey Mitchell Parkway (FM 2818). All running within this area will be conducted on sidewalks or grassy areas. Units, running as a group, will only cross roads using the crosswalk. Road guards are required.
  - (3) Unit runs conducted on the Nuclear Science Road must be approved by the Major Unit Commander and Cadet Training Officer. Requests to conduct a "Nuke Run" must be accompanied by the appropriate risk assessment (refer to the <u>Plans and Programs Guidance</u>). Requests must be submitted via military letter to the Major Unit Commander/Cadet Training Officer NLT 14 days prior to the event. Risk assessment worksheets must accompany the military letter. Requests are considered disapproved unless the unit commander receives formal approval.
  - (4) Running by units and individuals is not authorized in residential areas adjacent to campus. Units will not run on streets (e.g., Barbara Bush Drive) where there are no accompanying sidewalks.
  - (5) Conducting unit runs anywhere other than the campus as defined above must be requested via Military Letter to the Major Unit Commander and CTO, and must follow the same procedures as when requesting to conduct a "Nuke Run."
  - (6) Units may "sing" "jodies" while running or marching; however, these will not be sung (nor will loud noises be made that might wake sleeping students) in the vicinity (within 150 meters) of non-cadet dormitories prior to 0800. Jodies will be in good taste. They will not include profanity, racial, ethnic or gender slurs or terms, themes or connotations. Nor will they include explicit or implicit sexual terms, themes or connotations.

#### E. Safety Considerations.

# (1) Safety Equipment.

- a. Unless otherwise specified and/or required for the planned activity, the uniform for physical training is the Corps or unit PT uniform consisting of sweats (weather dependent), Corps or outfit T-shirt and PT shorts, white or black socks, and athletic shoes. Gloves and beanie covers are weather dependent.
- b. Reflective belts or vests are required to be worn by every member participating in physical training (whether unit or individually) if the activity takes place off the quad from dusk until dawn and during periods of reduced visibility. This includes the wearing of belts for movement to and from the REC. For unit activities, at least two flashlights will also be carried to both illuminate the PT area and the cadets participating. In a situation where leaders conducting the training cannot discern the need for reflective gear and flashlights, cadets will err on the side of caution and require these measure be used prior to 0700 in the morning and after 1730 at night.
- c. Water will be carried dependent on the weather and humidity conditions. For unit runs, water needs to be carried and/or made available at points on the run route. The running route defined on the training plan must identify the water points and the rest stops.
- d. Cadets conducting unit physical training must ensure positive communications and have a way to call for medical assistance. For unit runs, cadet leaders need to ensure they have a way to communicate throughout the formation and/or with different parts of the unit (i.e., when conducting ability group sessions).
- e. During physical training (especially during unit and individual runs), slower cadets will be encouraged to keep up with the unit. **AT NO TIME** will cadets push or pull a slower / weaker cadet in an attempt to keep them performing or running in formation.

#### (2) Weather.

- a. Heat. Unit Physical Training is not authorized in Black Flag Conditions. The current flag condition is posted on cadets.tamu. Caution will used during Green and Yellow conditions. Only cadets who are acclimatized (having spent at least four weeks training with the Corps of Cadets that semester) will conduct PT under Red Flag Conditions. Unit commanders will take proper hydration into consideration for the heat conditions.
- b. Inclement Weather. All outdoor activities, including running, are cancelled in the event of lightning in the area. Conducting PT in cold weather is at the discretion of the unit commander. However, training will be cancelled if precipitation accompanied by sub 32° F temperatures exists. Commanders will ensure their units are appropriately dressed for the environment.
- (3) Risk Assessment. Every commander must include risk management as a necessary step prior to conducting physical training. Based on the seriousness of risk and probability of occurrence, the commander will modify or cancel the activity. In making

assessments, unit commanders should consult with their immediate commander or CTO when some uncertainty exists on the level of risk or the effectiveness of controls.

- E. All cadets will participate in physical training activities unless exempted by a doctor's note. Temporarily injured or ailing cadets will exercise within the parameters of their medical constraints. Physical fitness exemptions from the physician need to list specific event/exercise exemptions (e.g., no running, no bending at the waist, etc.) and will include date of release from restriction. Cadet leaders may release cadets from physical training for sickness or injury until a doctor's exemption can be obtained but for no longer than 48 hours. Cadet leaders can also release cadets from PT for justified academic reasons.
- F. Cadets with permanent or long-term physical limitations will be handled on a case by case basis. Cadets with medical ailments that will allow them to improve are expected to pursue getting physically fit. Cadets needing physical therapy or rehabilitation will participate in the free Corps Rehab Program or pursue their own rehabilitation program. Cadets physically unable to participate in unit training activities will work with their cadet leadership and CTO to develop an alternative plan to remain an active and contributing member of the unit.

# G. Corps and Major Unit Staffs will:

- (1) Assist unit leaders in creating challenging and effective physical training programs.
- (2) Ensure safe execution of physical training activities. Stop unsafe activities and alert higher commanders and Commandant's Staff of hazards precluding safe execution of physical training.
- (3) Conduct a diagnostic Corps Physical Fitness Test on all cadets prior to the third week of school each semester. Conduct a Corps PFT For Record during the 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> week of both the Fall and Spring Semesters for all cadets.
- (4) Implement a Remedial Physical Training Program to help cadets not meeting physical training standards.

#### I. Obstacle and Stamina Courses.

- (1) The Obstacle and Stamina Courses located near Easterwood Field and Highway 2818 are maintained by the Office of the Commandant. The courses are designed to develop physical fitness, agility, stamina, and confidence. Prior coordination and scheduling with the Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training is required to use the obstacle and stamina courses.
- (2) The following guidelines apply for the safe and efficient use of the course:
  - a) SAFETY is paramount. Serious personal injury is likely if inappropriate procedures are introduced or allowed. The courses are not designed to be used for "corrective physical training." Leadership by example is expected of all leaders who use the courses.
  - b) Units must have at least one military advisor or CTO and a qualified junior or senior cadet to instruct and supervise the running of the courses. The Cadet Supervisor must undergo a briefing by the military advisor or CTO and be specifically designated.

- c) A safety vehicle (privately owned vehicle is acceptable) must be present at the course.
- d) Adequate water to counter heat and exhaustion must be available (two 5-gallon containers are a minimum for a company-sized unit).
- e) No alcoholic beverages or glass containers are permitted on the courses.
- f) No vehicles (personal, state, military) are to be driven off road except in medical emergencies. Park only in the designated parking area so emergency vehicles can enter and exit.
- g) Digging holes and open fires are prohibited.
- h) Destruction or altering of the course in any way is prohibited.
- i) Units and groups of individuals using the courses will ensure positive communications (cell phone) in order to call for medical assistance if needed.

### J. Leadership Reaction Course (LRC).

- (1) The Office of the Commandant maintains the Leadership Reaction Course located near Easterwood Field and Highway 2818. The course uses scenario-based, team problems to develop multiple levels of leadership. Prior coordination and scheduling with the Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training is required to use the course.
- (2) The following guidelines apply for the safe and efficient use of the course:
  - a) SAFETY is paramount. Serious personal injury is likely if inappropriate procedures are allowed. The courses are not designed to be used for "corrective physical training." Leadership by example is expected of all leaders who use the course.
  - b) Units must have at least one military advisor or CTO present to use the course.
  - c) A safety vehicle (privately owned vehicle is acceptable) must be present at the course.
  - d) Adequate water to counter heat and exhaustion must be available (two 5 gallon containers are a minimum for a company-sized unit).
  - e) No alcoholic beverages or glass containers are permitted on the courses.
  - f) No vehicles (personal, state, military) are to be driven off road except in medical emergencies. Park only in the designated parking area, so emergency vehicles can enter and exit.
  - g) Destruction or altering of the course in any way is prohibited.
  - h) Units and groups of individuals using the LRC will ensure positive communications (cell phone) in order to call for medical assistance if needed.
- K. Training Pools at the Student Recreation Center (REC). Units wishing to utilize the training pool or dive pool at the REC must coordinate the initial scheduling through the Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training. Requests for pool use must be turned in at least 3 weeks in advance. Units will be directed to conduct direct coordination once the pool requests have been approved.

#### 3. PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

A. All cadets will complete a diagnostic Corps Physical Fitness Test (PFT) by the end of the second week of classes each semester. The Diagnostic Test is used to determine the need for Remedial PT and/or where the cadets needs to improve. While input in CMS, the score will not count as the passing requirement for the semester. All cadets will complete a Corps PFT For Record during the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> weeks of each semester. (Cadets on a ROTC Scholarship or in a ROTC contract status may use their passing ROTC PFT as a substitute for the Corps PFTs. Scores must be provided to the Asst CMDT for Operations to be entered in CMS.) Cadet leaders will ensure the Corps PFT results (for both tests) are entered into CMS within 24 hours of testing. Cadets not meeting standards on the diagnostic test may be enrolled in Remedial Physical Training until a passing test is recorded. Below are the minimum passing standards. Scoring charts are at the end of this chapter.

Exercise	Male Standard	Female Standard
Push-ups (2 min.)	42	19
Sit-ups (2 min.)	46	46
1.5 Mile Run	13:15	15:45
* 2 Mile Walk	38:00	41:25

<sup>\*</sup>CTOs may authorize the walk test based on documented medical exemption

- B. Cadets unable to complete the test due to a medical condition will provide their CTO a medical exemption form with doctor's note no later than 72 hours prior to a scheduled test. CTOs will determine if cadets are exempt from elements of the test or may offer a walk test in lieu of the 1.5 mile run. Cadets must complete a partial PFT unless their medical condition precludes all activity.
- C. Major Unit Staffs will manage all Corps Physical Fitness Tests and will determine if makeup tests are necessary. CTOs provide oversight of all testing.
- D. Commandant's Staff members may test cadets at any time.
- E. Upperclass cadets failing to meet the standard on the diagnostic PFT are prohibited from representing the Corps on or off campus at special events. Band members will be prohibited from marching with the band at football halftime performances. All cadets will be prohibited from marching with their units in special parades (Football March-ins and Corps Trips excepted).
- F. All upperclassmen cadets must pass the Corps PFT For Record (or ROTC PFT for the previously designated cadets) each semester to remain in good standing in the Corps of Cadets. Freshman cadets must achieve the physical fitness standard by the conclusion of their spring semester.
- G. Cadets not meeting physical fitness standards by the deadlines specified above or failing to complete Remedial Physical Training will be dismissed from the Corps and not readmitted until they demonstrate an ability to meet the physical fitness standards.

H. Corps membership for cadets who consistently use a medical excuse to be exempt from participating in the PFT will be evaluated by the Commandant as to whether the cadet should be allowed to continue as a member in the Corps of Cadets.

#### 4. CORPS WALK TEST

- A. Administer the Walk Test when:
  - (1) Medical excuse from a qualified provider is provided stating the run event is not to be executed. The medical excuse must state when the restriction will begin and estimate when it will end.
  - (2) Evidence of a very recent injury from which cadet is recovering.
  - (3) Evidence of an ongoing rehabilitation of prior injury/surgery which precludes participation in the run.
- B. Distance. 2.5-mile course over flat surfaces, comparable to that used for run test.
- C. Equipment. Stopwatch, scorecard to record time, appropriate footwear for cadets walking the test. Cadets may be paced by another individual, but may not be physically aided in passing the test in any way.
- D. Personnel. At least one scorer for each three cadets testing; CTO supervision required.
- E. Performance Standards. Cadets must complete the course layout in the allotted amount of time in order to receive a passing score. One foot must be in contact with the ground at all times when executing the walk test. If cadets break into a running stride at any time, their performance in the event will be terminated and they will receive a failing score.
- F. Test Standards.

Sex	Time Requirement
Male	38:00
Female	41:25

## 5. WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

- A. All cadets will complete a diagnostic height and weight check (body fat composition measurement as needed) in conjunction with admission/readmission to the Corps by the end of the second week of classes of each semester. Additional height/weight checks may be completed at any time cadet leadership or Commandant's Staff deem necessary. All cadets will complete a height/weight check (BF% as needed) For Record during the 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> weeks of each semester. Height/weight measurements and BF% for ROTC scholarship students will be used when forwarded from the ROTC departments.
- B. Height/weight checks will be conducted with the cadet in PT gear, socks, and no shoes.
- C. Cadets not meeting the weight standard must be measured for body fat. Body composition evaluations will be estimated using the circumference-based method conducted by Office of the Commandant staff personnel. (Female staff members will measure female cadets.) All measurements are taken on the bare skin, except for the female hip measurement. Without causing indention, the tape will be applied to the skin with sufficient tension to

hold it in place as a measurement is read. Measurements will be taken three times. The lowest measurement obtained will be utilized/recorded.

- (1) Males. Circumference measurements are taken along the neck and abdomen. Measure the neck by placing the edge of the tape flush with the bottom of larynx and perpendicular to the long axis of the neck. The cadet being measured looks forward with shoulders down (not hunched). Round up to the nearest ½ inch. Measure the abdominal circumference against the skin at the navel, level and parallel to the deck. Arms are straight and relaxed at the sides. Take the measurement at the end of normal, relaxed exhalation. Round down to nearest ½ inch.
- (2) Females. Circumference measurements are taken along the neck, waist and hips. Measure the neck by placing the edge of the tape flush with the bottom of larynx and perpendicular to the long axis of the neck. The cadet being measured looks forward with shoulders down (not hunched). Round up to the nearest ½ inch. Measure the natural waist circumference against the skin at the point of minimal abdominal circumference, usually located about halfway between the navel and the lower end of the sternum (breastbone). Ensure the tape is level and parallel to the deck. Arms are straight and relaxed at the sides. Take the measurement at the end of normal, relaxed exhalation. Round down to nearest ½ inch. Measure the hip circumference while facing the cadet's right side by placing the tape around the hips so that it passes over the greatest protrusion of the buttocks as viewed from the side. Ensure the tape is level and parallel to the deck. Apply sufficient tension on the tape to minimize the effect of clothing. Round down to nearest ½ inch.
- (3) Record all measurements in CMS. The built in calculator will determine the body fat composition percentage.
- D. Body fat taping will be completed within 24 hours of failing height/weight check. Data will be entered in CMS within 24 hours of completion of weight/body fat measurements.
- E. Body fat limits are 25% for males and 32% for females.
- F. Cadets who do not meet weight and body fat standards on the diagnostic evaluation or at any other time during the semester will be placed on the Weight Management Program (WMP) and complete the following:
  - (1) Attend a Nutrition Briefing provided by the Student Health Center.
  - (2) Participate in the Corps Remedial Physical Training (PT) Program.
  - (3) Complete monthly height/weight/body fat checks and demonstrate consistent improvement.
- G. Upperclass cadets failing to meet the standard on the diagnostic weight measurement are prohibited from representing the Corps on or off campus at special events. Band members will be prohibited from marching with the band at football halftime performances. All cadets will be prohibited from marching with their units in special parades (Football March-ins and Corps Trips excepted).
- H. All upperclass cadets must meet the weight/body fat standards each semester to remain in good standing in the Corps of Cadets. Freshman cadets must achieve the weight/body fat standards by the conclusion of their spring semester.

I. Cadets not meeting weight/body fat standards by the deadlines specified above or failing to meet WMP requirements as listed above will be dismissed from the Corps and not readmitted until they demonstrate an ability to meet the weight/body fat standards.

# J. Corps and Major Unit Staffs will:

- (1) Incorporate elements of proper nutrition into training plans and activities.
- (2) Ensure all cadets have accurate height/weight/body fat measurements from the diagnostic and For Record input to CMS within the timelines identified above.
- (3) Identify cadets not meeting standards by the second week of school during each semester.
- (4) Schedule mass Nutrition Briefing for identified cadets through Student Health Center.
- (5) Notify cadets in writing of placement on WMP and requirements as listed above.
- (6) Conduct monthly height/weight/body fat checks of cadets on the WMP and input data to CMS.
- (7) Release cadets from the WMP after two consecutive monthly height/weight/body fat checks that demonstrate achievement of the standard.
- (8) Provide monthly status to CTOs and take appropriate actions for cadets failing to meet standards.

#### K. Failure to meet standards of WMP as listed above will result in:

- (1) First occurrence: Cadet leadership will counsel cadet on WMP standards with documentation in CMS (Demerits, RW, etc.). Cadet will continue in WMP.
- (2) Additional occurrences: Cadet leadership will document disciplinary measures in CMS, evaluate performance, and alert CTO of unsatisfactory performance.

# 6. PHYSICAL / MILITARY APPEARANCE PROGRAM

- A. Cadets come in all shapes and sizes. Occasionally a cadet may meet the PFT and Weight/Body fat standards but display a poor appearance in uniform due to body composition and a need to redistribute weight (or possibly an ill-fitting uniform). These cadets do not properly represent the Corps' desired image.
- B. In consultation with their CTO, a unit commander will identify cadets in their unit who should be assigned to the Corps Physical Appearance Program. Only the CTO will assign cadets to the appearance program..
- C. Assignment to the Corps Physical Appearance Program requires formal counsel conducted by the Unit CO with the CTO present. During the counseling, the commander will conduct a Class B uniform inspection of the subject cadet to determine if a uniform refit is required. The formal counseling will include recommendations (drawn from professional advisors) for how to improve their appearance and redistribute their weight in order to present a suitable uniform appearance.
- D. CTOs will remove cadets from the appearance program once the cadet presents a suitable physical/military appearance in the cadet uniform.

- E. Cadets formally assigned to the appearance program and failing to improve their appearance during the span of a semester will be considered for dismissal from the Corps of Cadets.
- F. Cadets wishing to appeal their assignment to the Corps Physical/Military Appearance Program will do so via the Commandant's office (the Chief of Staff). The Commandant will determine whether he wishes to hear the appeal.

#### 7. REMEDIAL PHYSICAL TRAINING

- A. Corps Staff will establish and run a Remedial PT Program that operates independent of individual unit PT plans. The program will incorporate elements of proper nutrition and aerobic/anaerobic activities to help cadets improve their fitness level and body image to meet Corps physical fitness and weight management standards.
- B. Cadets identified as not meeting physical fitness or weight/body fat standards will be enrolled in the Remedial Physical Training (PT) Program based on a decision of the cadet unit commander and the Cadet Training Officer. Freshman cadets not meeting the standards after the diagnostic evaluations for the Spring semester will be assigned to the Remedial PT Program.
- C. Enrolled cadets will participate in all Remedial PT sessions and will continue in the program until released by Corps Staff after passing the Corps Physical Fitness Test and meeting weight/body fat standards for two consecutive months.
- D. Cadets failing to meet the standards of the Remedial PT Program (failure to participate, unsatisfactory improvement, etc.) will result in:
  - (1) First occurrence: Cadet leadership will counsel cadet on Remedial PT Program standards with documentation in CMS (Demerits, RW, etc.). Cadet will continue in the program.
  - (2) Additional occurrences: Cadet leadership will document disciplinary measures in CMS, evaluate performance, and alert CTO of unsatisfactory performance.

TABLE 1. CORPS HEIGHT AND WEIGHT STANDARDS

MAXIMUM WEIGHT ALLOWED							
HEIGHT	4 ,						
<u>(inches)</u>	<b>Male</b>	<u>Female</u>					
57	147	132					
58	149	135					
59	151	139					
60	153	142					
61	155	145					
62	158	149					
63	160	152					
64	164	156					
65	169	160					
66	174	163					
67	179	167					
68	184	170					
69	189	174					
70	194	177					
71	199	181					
72	205	185					
73	211	188					
74	218	194					
75	224	199					
76	230	205					
77	236	210					
78	242	215					
79	248	221					
80	254	226					
81	260	231					
82	266	236					
83	272	241					
MAXIMUM BODY FAT % ALLOWED							
MALE = 25%   FEMALE = 32%							
NOTE: MEASURED IAV	V PROCEDURES	IN THE PPG					

# TABLE 2. PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST POINTS MALE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST POINTS

1.5 Mile Run For Males – Maximum time to pass is 12:30									
Time	Pts	Time	Pts	Time	Pts	Time	Pts	Time	Pts
8:50	100	9:47 - 9:50	83	11:31 - 11:38	66	13:23 - 13:27	36	Over 15:00	0
8:51 - 8:52	99	9:51 - 9:54	82	11:39 - 11:47	65	13:28 - 13:32	34		
8:53 - 8:56	98	9:55 - 9:58	81	11:48 - 11:52	64	13:33 - 13:37	32		
8:57 - 9:00	97	9:59 - 10:02	80	11:53 - 12:02	63	13:38 - 13:42	30		
9:01 - 9:04	96	10:03 - 10:04	79	12:03 - 12:12	62	13:43 - 13:46	27		
9:05 - 9:08	95	10:05 - 10:10	78	12:13 - 12:22	61	13:47 - 13:52	25		
9:09 - 9:10	94	10:11 - 10:18	77	12:23 - 12:32	60	13:53 - 13:58	23		
9:11 - 9:14	93	10:19 - 10:26	76	12:33 - 12:37	57	13:59 - 14:04	21		
9:15 - 9:18	92	10:27 - 10:34	75	12:38 - 12:42	55	14:05 - 14:10	19		
9:19 - 9:22	91	10:35 - 10:38	74	12:43 - 12:47	53	14:11 - 14:16	17		
9:23 - 9:26	90	10:39 - 10:46	73	12:48 - 12:52	51	14:17 - 14:22	15		
9:27 - 9:28	89	10:47 - 10:54	72	12:53 - 12:57	49	14:23 - 14:28	12		
9:29 - 9:32	88	10:55 - 11:02	71	12:58 - 13:02	47	14:29 - 14:34	10		
9:33 - 9:36	87	11:03 - 11:10	70	13:03 - 13:07	45	14:35 - 14:40	8		
9:37 - 9:40	86	11:11 - 11:14	69	13:08 - 13:12	42	14:41 - 14:46	6		
9:41 - 9:44	85	11:15 - 11:22	68	13:13 - 13:17	40	14:47 - 14:52	4		
9:45 - 9:46	84	11:23 - 11:30	67	13:18 - 13:22	38	14:53 - 15:00	2		

# FEMALE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST POINTS

1.5 Mile Run For Females – Maximum time to pass is 15:00									
Time	Pts	Time	Pts	Time	Pts	Time	Pts	Time	Pts
		11:04 -		13:46 -		16:04 -		Over	
10:00	100	11:11	83	13:57	66	16:09	36	17:55	0
10:01 -		11:12 -		13:58 -		16:10 -			
10:02	99	11:19	82	14:09	65	16:15	34		
10:03 -		11:20 -		14:10 -		16:16 -			
10:06	98	11:27	81	14:15	64	16:21	32		
10:07 -		11:28 -		14:16 -		16:22 -			
10:10	97	11:35	80	14:27	63	16:27	30		
10:11 -		11:36 -		14:28 -		16:28 -			
10:14	96	11:39	<b>79</b>	14:39	62	16:33	27		
10:15 -		11:40 -		14:40 -		16:34 -			
10:18	95	11:47	<b>78</b>	14:51	61	16:39	25		
10:19 -		11:48 -		14:52 -		16:40 -			
10:20	94	11:57	77	15:03	60	16:45	23		
10:21 -		11:58 -		15:04 -		16:46 -			
10:24	93	12:09	<b>76</b>	15:09	57	16:52	21		
10:25 -		12:10 -		15:10 -		16:53 -			
10:28	92	12:21	75	15:15	55	16:59	19		
10:29 -		12:22 -		15:16 -		17:00 -			
10:32	91	12:27	74	15:21	53	17:06	17		
10:33 -		12:28 -		15:22 -		17:07 -			
10:36	90	12:39	73	15:27	51	17:13	15		
10:37 -		12:40 -		15:28 -		17:14 -			
10:38	89	12:51	72	15:33	49	17:20	12		
10:39 -		12:52 -		15:34 -		17:21 -			
10:42	88	13:03	71	15:39	47	17:27	10		
10:43 -		13:04 -		15:40 -		17:28 -			
10:46	87	13:15	70	15:45	45	17:34	8		
10:47 -		13:16 -		15:46 -		17:35 -			
10:51	86	13:21	69	15:51	42	17:41	6		
10:52 -		13:22 -		15:52 -		17:42 -			
10:59	85	13:33	68	15:57	40	17:48	4		
11:00 -	84	13:34 -	67	15:58 -	38	17:49 -	2		
11:03	0-1	13:45	UI	16:03	30	17:55	2		

# **Physical Fitness Test Excusal Form**

Name:	Class:	Outfit:	
Scheduled PFT Date:			
Indicate which compone o Pushups o Sit-ups o 1.5 mile Run	ents of the PFT you car	not complete:	
Brief Explanation why:			
	(Must attach physician docu	nmentation listing restrictions and inclus	sive dates)
		Date:	
Unit Commander Note			
CO Signature:		Date:	
CTO Notes Exempted Components:			
	ups Sit-ups	1.5 mile Run	
2mile	e walk test authorized		
CTO Signature:		Date:	

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