New Cadet Indoctrination Program

All newly admitted Regimental students are required to participate in the college’s Indoctrination program.

The program consists of the initial Indoctrination period and extends through the completion of the Cadet’s Fourth Class year. The Indoctrination period is the most demanding portion of the program and prepares the new Cadet for life in the Regiment and aboard the Training Ship for those in the license program. It prepares them physically for the rigorous life at the college and at sea, and instructs and introduces them to the college's Regimental rules and traditions. It also exposes the new Cadet to self-discipline, a rapid assimilation of information and places the focus on developed teamwork. Mastery of all are important elements to becoming a successful graduate. Throughout the first year the training received during the Indoctrination period is reinforced and supplemented by additional professional training; academic performance is strongly emphasized and closely monitored.

The Indoctrination program is conducted by Second Class Cadets designated as Indoctrination Officers, and Third Class Cadets designated as Squad Leaders. Once selected as Indoctrination Officers and Squad Leaders, all candidates must successfully complete supervised training designed to specifically prepare them for these responsibilities. It provides these Second and Third Class Cadets a beneficial leadership experience and is an integral part of the Regimental Leadership Development program. The Indoctrination Officers and Squad Leaders are supervised in their duties by the Regimental Training Officer, the Deputy Commandant of Cadets, and the Commandant of Cadets. The Training Officer is assisted by members of the Regimental Affairs staff and the College community.

The Indoctrination program supports the professional training of the incoming Cadet, and is closely linked to Professional Studies, PS112. This training is coordinated through the Cadet Deck and Engineering Indoctrination Officers and focuses on systems tracing, vessel acclimation, shipboard safety and watch standing. Additionally, throughout the Fourth Class year Indoctrination Officers teach training sessions and monitor mandatory study hours to assist in improving the academic performance of Fourth Class Cadets.
Reporting Requirements

Arrival: Wednesday, 12 August 2015

All incoming Regimental students are required to report to Riesenberg Gym between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 August 2015. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a member of the Regiment of Cadets who will assist you with the check-in process, including Admissions, Financial Aid, Health Services and the Ship's Store. For those with outstanding issues, it will be imperative that you bring all documentation to expedite a timely processing. Following processing, candidates will start the Indoctrination program which will continue until Saturday, 22 August 2015.

Once the Indoctrination program begins, you will not be permitted to have any visitors until Indoctrination Graduation, on Saturday, 22 August 2015. All personal matters should be attended to prior to arrival at the college. In cases of emergency, your parents or guardians may reach you through the Regimental Affairs Office at (718) 409-7350, (718) 409-7352, or through University Police at (718) 409-7311. If for any reason during the Indoctrination period parents must be contacted, they will be called by a member of the Regimental staff.

We do not encourage you to bring large amounts of cash with you. All monetary arrangements should be made prior to your arrival. The Ship’s Store accepts major credit cards for all purchases except for cash advances, and an ATM is available on campus. Likewise, use of cell phones will not be permitted during Indoctrination and candidates are strongly encouraged to leave them home for the duration of the program.

Prior to arrival for Indoctrination, if you have been injured or developed any medical condition that may prohibit your participation in Indoctrination (e.g., broken bones, serious sprains, etc.) please contact Health Services (PA-C Danielle Camenzuli) at (718) 409-5424 to discuss limitations. Should you have any pre-existing medical conditions, please contact the PA prior to arrival to discuss documentation that may be required to clear you for participation in Indoctrination.

Indoctrination Graduation Day

Graduation: Saturday, 22 August 2015

On Saturday, 22 August 2015 at 10:00 a.m., on Reinhart Athletic Field, a swearing-in ceremony and Pass-in-Review by the incoming class will take place. Parents and family of all new Cadets are cordially invited to attend. At this event the Cadets will demonstrate some of their accomplishments achieved over the previous 12 days and the teamwork developed. They will also be sworn-in as Cadets at the State University of New York Maritime College.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, all new cadets will be granted liberty until 10:00 pm on Sunday, 23 August.