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 intense 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 them in the traditions of the college. It also exposes the new Cadet to self-discipline, rapid assimilation of information and stress. Mastery of all are important elements to becoming a successful graduate. Throughout the first year the training received during the Indoctrination period is reinforced, additional professional training is provided and academic performance is emphasized and monitored.

The Indoctrination program is conducted by Second Class Cadets designated as Indoctrination Officers. Once selected as Indoctrination Officers, all candidates must successfully complete extensive training designed to specifically prepare them for these responsibilities. The specifics of the training program are detailed in the Indoctrination Program Manual. It provides the Second Class Cadet a beneficial leadership experience and is an integral part of the Regimental Leadership Development program. The Indoctrination Officers 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.

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, individual academic performance is monitored throughout the Fourth Class year. Indoctrination Officer supervised, mandatory study halls may be conducted to assist in improving the academic performance of Fourth Class Cadets.
What to Bring

New Regimental students are required to bring the following items of clothing and equipment from home for the Indoctrination Period.

- pillow
- pillowcase, white
- shoe polish (black wax)
- brass polish
- matches, one book
- clothes hangers (12 or more)
- combination lock
- rags & cleaning items
- FLAT sheets, 2 white (66” x 96”)
- broom, dustpan, mop, bucket
- laundry bag
- laundry detergent
- blue jeans (2 pair)
- shower shoes
- running shoes (cross country or training)
- ball point pens, black
- writing paper/stamps
- sewing kit
- fan (Not to exceed 20”)
- black permanent markers (3)
- T-shirts; white-crew (10 or more)
- underwear (10 or more)
- towels, white (2)
- toilet articles
- white gym socks (10 or more)
- clothes/lint brush
- black socks (6 pairs or more)
- all-purpose cleaner

A standard sized foot locker is highly recommended for storage of personal items. Dimensions not to exceed 31” L x 17” W x 15 ¼” D. Foot lockers may be purchased at the Ship’s Store.

POST INDOCTRINATION - AUTHORIZED ITEMS FOR 4/C CADETS

Upon successful completion of the Indoctrination period, a Fourth Class Cadet will be allowed to have the following* in his or her room:

- personal computer
- calculator
- books
- printer
- clock
- gym bag
- one piece of luggage

* Those students with travel distance problems are permitted to bring these items to school at the beginning of the Indoctrination period. In this instance, storage space will be provided.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

During the Indoctrination period, smoking and the use of clocks, watches and electrical appliances are prohibited. During the academic year Fourth Class Cadets are not permitted carpeting/rugs, or any furniture other than that provided by the college.

Cadets are also reminded that CD players/stereos/iPods are an “earned” privilege for Fourth Class Cadets. Incoming Fourth Class Cadets, are advised not to bring these items until instructed.
Reporting Requirements

Arrival: Friday, 02 January 2015

All incoming Regimental students are required to report to Baylis Hall between the hours of 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Friday, 02 January 2015. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a member of the Regiment of Cadets who will assist you with the check-in process. For those with outstanding issues, it will be imperative that you bring all documents regarding financial and medical issues with you to expedite and ensure a smooth and timely processing. Following processing, candidates will start the Indoctrination program which will continue until Sunday, 11 January.

Once the Indoctrination program begins, you will not be permitted to have any visitors until Indoctrination Graduation, on Sunday, 11 January 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) 409-7352, (718) 409-7442, 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. You may need some money for incidentals. In addition, 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 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: Sunday, 11 January 2015

On Sunday, 11 January 2015 at 10:00 am in Reisenberg Hall 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 10 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 Cadets will be granted liberty until 10:00 pm on Monday, 12 January, to begin classes the next day.