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A "Regimental System" is a requirement of the Federal Government for all students pursuing a USCG license at both the graduate and undergraduate level. The Regimental System is a vehicle for developing the leadership skills of the Cadets. It supports and enforces the professional training of the Cadets and provides a framework for safely managing a large number of Cadets at sea on the Training Ship. The Regimental Program is also available to non-license Cadets who desire a Regimental lifestyle with the opportunity to develop and hone leadership skills.

The Regimental System is a process which assists in developing the individual's potential through:

1. Discipline.
2. Poise and confidence in one's abilities.
3. Obedience and prompt response to instructions.
4. Pride in oneself and one's profession.
5. Knowledge of one's professional duties.
6. An unyielding sense of duty and moral and ethical responsibility.
7. Military bearing and a pride in one's personal appearance.
8. Physical fitness and mental agility.
9. An ability to work with other people.
10. An understanding of positive leadership skills.
11. An ability to perform well under variable and stressful conditions.

The leadership development program begins with the arrival of the new Cadet and culminates in the Cadet's senior year. The program consists of both practical training and experiences in the Regiment ashore and at sea. It is closely linked to the professional training the Cadet receives. During the first year, the entering Cadet learns how to follow directions and work as a team member; they are formally instructed in social responsibilities, and in leadership. In the subsequent years, the Cadet is given greater leadership responsibility, authority and accountability. The leadership program develops leadership traits in the upper-class Cadets that will enable them to lead other Cadets through positive motivation and to carry these skills into their careers upon graduation. In keeping with this objective, the Regimental system assists in developing:

1. Concern and interest in the development of subordinates.
2. The techniques of a considerate leader.
3. Sound experience in teaching and counseling.
4. Professional knowledge and skill.

During their senior year Cadets serve as Cadet Officers. They are responsible to the Commandant of Cadets for maintenance of internal discipline and administration of the daily routine of the Regiment of Cadets. During the Summer Sea Term, senior Cadets serve as Officers within the shipboard organization. Under supervision of ship's Officers and staff, they take major responsibility for supervision of subordinate Cadets for the ship's maintenance and operation, and for discipline and administration of the daily routine of the Regiment.