NAVAL ROTC

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Student Battalion Activities

Weekly Activities

On a weekly basis, students will attend NROTC classes, Naval Science Laboratory, and PT (physical training). Laboratory is a twice weekly meeting of the NROTC Battalion, lasting for two hours. At lab, midshipmen receive a variety of training in general military subjects, practice close order drill, conduct uniform inspections, and meet with their student chain of command.

Social Activities

The Battalion hosts several functions each semester ranging from company socials to formal ceremonies. These activities allow students to interact outside of the Battalion and help build lastETr[S)-3(oc)4(hira)7(c)4ETBT1 0 0 1 296.93 540.9 Tmm[a)4(tt)-ETBT1

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Changes in Status Academic/Aptitude/Medical

Unfortunately, during the course of a student's college career, unforeseen circumstances may arise that affect his/her status as a Midshipman. This section will describe these three categories of potential problems and the various actions for different applicable student status. The examples given below are not all inclusive. Each student's case is determined on an individual basis; however, the information below summarizes the guidelines that our staff will use in assessing a student's status.

Academic – Students are required to maintain a term and cumulative grade point average (GPA) greater than or equal to 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. The staff calculates a GPA for WPI students. An "NR" (Not Recorded) counts as an F. All students must pass all NROTC requirements and classes required for their majors.

Aptitude – This category applies to physical fitness, swim qualification, military bearing, and general behavior. Students will receive an evaluation every semester that assesses his/her aptitude in terms of the items listed above. To remain in good standing, Midshipmen must satisfactorily pass the physical fitness assessment (PFA), swimming test, complete the required qualifications, and demonstrate the character and bearing required of a future Navy or Marine Corps Officer.

Medical – This category covers illnesses or injuries that potentially affect a Midshipman's academics, ability to meet required fitness or swim standards, or potential to be commissioned. Some examples of conditions requiring medical action include broken bones, joint injuries, or laser eye surgery. See the Leave of Absence paragraph of this section for more information.

Good Standing

All midshipmen begin the program in good standing. Students remain in good standing as long as they meet the program requirements, participate in required activities, and remain on track to graduate and be commissioned within four years.

Warning – Academic/Aptitude

Students will be placed in a warning status for an academic or aptitude GPA of less than 2.5 or for not meeting a Good Low on any one category of the PFA while still maintaining an overall pass on the PFA. Warning status may require mandatory study and/or physical training and a weekly meeting with a Midshipman's NROTC advisor, as well as additional actions as determined on an individual basis.

Probation – Academic/Aptitude

Students will be placed on probation for an academic or aptitude GPA of less than 2.0, failure of a required class, or a first time PFA failure (excluding seniors). Students will be notified, in writing, of the terms of their probation and the actions required to be removed from probation. Failure to complete these actions will result in a Performance Review Board and a possible recommendation for Leave of Absence or Disenrollment. Additionally, students on probation who are enrolled in the College Program are not eligible to receive scholarships.

Performance Review Board (PRB) – Academic/Aptitude

This is a three member board, usually convened by the Executive Officer (XO), to review the performance of a Midshipman. The PRB may recommend a change in student status, including Leave of Absence or Disenrollment. A PRB may be convened for repeated poor academic/aptitude

Life After NROTC

During the fall term of their junior year, Navy Option students complete a Service Selection Survey indicating which warfare community they want to join after commissioning. Although not binding, this allows them to begin the process to prepare for nuclear selection interviews, aviation tests, or medical examinations. Before they depart for summer after their junior year, Midshipmen complete "dream sheets" for service selection where they list their community choices.

All Navy Midshipmen nationwide are ranked based on academic grades, PFA scores, aptitude, and the recommendations of Commanding Officers. Additional points are given to students with technical majors. Based on these factors, and student preferences, Midshipmen will be assigned future warfare communities (surface, submarine, aviation, etc.). Results are published around October/November. Those Midshipmen selected as future Surface Warfare Officers choose their ships and duty station in early spring (based on national rankings).

Upon graduation and commissioning, new Ensigns depart for the Fleet or follow-on training. Marine Corps Second Lieutenants attend The Basic School for six months, where they learn basic infantry platoon leader skills and compete for an occupational specialty (infantry, artillery, intelligence, logistics, communications, etc.). Depending on individual orders, newly commissioned officers may be temporarily assigned as staff members at the Holy Cross NROTC Unit.

<u>Commitment</u>

Graduate Education

There will be graduate education opportunities several times in a student's future. Navy and Marine Corps Officers are encouraged to attain advanced degrees, and funding is available later during your student's career for graduate education.

Immediate Post-Graduate Opportunities
Several Midshipmen are competitively selected to attend the Naval Post-Graduate School or the Air Force Institute of Technology immediately after commissioning. Other competitive programs are also available for overseas study or study at local universities, with full or partial Navy funding. Additional obligated service may be incurred when these educational benefits are accepted.

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