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USNA INSTRUCTION 1531.49B

From: Superintendent

Subj: GRADUATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Ref: (a) USNA Regulations  
(b) 10 U.S.C. (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To publish instructions regarding requirements for the receipt of a degree and graduation.
2. Cancellation. USNAINST 1531.49A
3. Background. In order to fulfill its mission of preparing midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically to become officers in the Naval Service, it is necessary to set minimum standards for the achievement of that mission. In addition, this instruction provides special recognition for those graduates who meet certain academic standards.
4. Requirements. Per references (a) and (b), a midshipman at the Naval Academy must satisfactorily meet the following requirements to graduate and receive a degree:
  - a. Complete or validate the required core, divisional, and majors courses specified in the matrix for the assigned major. Matrices are prepared and revised by cognizant academic departments and approved by the Executive Steering Committee.
  - b. Achieve the required standards of performance in the prescribed summer training for each of the 4 years.
  - c. Complete or validate a minimum of 137 semester hours, including a minimum of 90 semester hours in the core program, with a cumulative quality point rating (CQPR) of at least 2.00.
  - d. Achieve the required standards of performance in:
    - (1) Military performance
    - (2) Honor
    - (3) Conduct
    - (4) Physical Education
  - e. Accept a commission in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps if it is proffered. In certain exceptional cases, agreed upon by the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Army or the Air Force, a midshipman may be allowed to accept a commission in the U.S. Army or the U.S. Air Force.
5. Degree Designation. Midshipmen who meet the requirements of paragraph 4 and who achieve a CQPR of at least 2.0 in all courses required for completion of the major's portion of the assigned major matrix will receive a Bachelor of Science in <MAJOR> degree. Those who meet the requirements of paragraph 4 but not this additional CQPR requirement will earn a Bachelor of Science degree with no designation. This policy will apply to the class of 2005 and all classes following.

/s/  
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