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USNA INSTRUCTION 1531.51A

From: Superintendent

Subj: CLASS STANDINGS AND MERIT LISTS

Ref: (a) ACDEANINST 1531.60
(b) COMDTMIDNINST 5400.5A

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1. Purpose. To publish instructions regarding the overall, academic, and military standing of midshipmen and the Superintendent's and Dean's Honor Lists.

2. Cancellation. USNAINST 1531.51

3. Background. This instruction is a revision of its predecessor to account for the removal of the Professional Competency Review Tests as a component of the Order of Merit. It also includes a graduated scale of coefficients for conduct and military performance that increase with seniority. The new rules contained herein are effective immediately and apply to calculations for all semesters beginning with the spring semester of 1996. The rules in the cancelled instruction apply to the preceding semesters.

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4. Class Standing, Multiples, Coefficients

a. Class standings are based upon the Order of Merit. Upon graduation, those midshipmen in the top 10 percent of the Order of Merit are awarded their degrees "With Distinction." Those below the top 10 percent who achieve at least 75% of the maximum Aggregate Multiple are awarded their degrees "With Merit."

b. The Order of Merit for a class is computed by weighting performance in designated areas by certain coefficients in Table I (Table of Coefficients) below. Members of the first class whose graduations are delayed because of failure to complete requirements on time retain their original Orders of Merit if they complete requirements and graduate before 1 July. Delayed graduates who complete requirements and graduate on or after 1 July are assigned class standings based on the Aggregate Multiple among those graduating on the same date but after all those who graduated earlier. Appointments as commissioned officers will be effected on the date of graduation. Dates of rank will be assigned in accordance with current U.S. Navy regulations and policies.

c. The multiple for each factor in Table I is obtained by multiplying the coefficient of that factor by the semester quality point ratio (SQPR) or by the mark or the numerical value of the letter grade.* (See reference (a).) The Semester Multiple is the sum of the multiples assigned for a given semester. The Annual Multiple is the sum of the multiples assigned for a given academic year. The Aggregate Multiple is the sum of the Semester Multiples to date. In computing the final Aggregate Multiple at the end of the first class year, no more than 8

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Semester Multiples will be included. For midshipmen who repeat 1 or more semesters or summers, a weighted Aggregate Multiple will be used.

R) d. Semester Multiples for semesters earlier than the spring of 1996 are calculated using tables different from the following.

TABLE I
TABLE OF COEFFICIENTS FOR MULTIPLE COMPUTATION

Factor	4/C year Semester		3/C year Semester		2/C year Semester		1/C year Semester		Total	Percent
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2		
Academic and Professional Courses**	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	248.0	64.48%
Physical Education	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	25.6	6.66%
Athletic Performance		3.0		3.0		3.0		4.0	13.0	3.38%
Military Performance***	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	68.0	17.68%
Conduct	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.5	30.0	7.80%
TOTAL									384.6	100.00%

*NOTE 1: Alternate procedures for the following 2 situations in which the multiple cannot be calculated as specified above shall be followed:

R) 1) The SQPR for students authorized to take course work at other institutions shall be based on all academic work undertaken during the term unless grade information from the other institution is unavailable, in which case the current cumulative quality point ratio (CQPR) shall be used in place of the SQPR. This substitution is temporary for service assignment purposes, but is permanent if the grades are not available for the final class standing determination prior to graduation.

R) 2) If an individual's Semester Multiple cannot be determined because of his/her extended absence during a semester for approved reasons, then the average of the available multiples is substituted for the missing multiple for purposes of service assignment. If such an individual is able to complete the graduation requirements on time, then the same substitution shall be made for purposes of determining the final class standing.

**NOTE 2: A higher or lower academic coefficient shall be assigned to a semester in accordance with the following:

1) 28 is assigned for a program of fewer than 15 semester hours unless 5) applies or the situation is covered by Note 1.

2) 32 is awarded for the successful completion of a 19 semester hour program. Repeated courses do not count toward the bonus.

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3) 33 is awarded for the successful completion of a 20 or more semester hour program. Repeated courses do not count toward the bonus.

4) 34 is awarded for Trident Scholars.

5) 33 (32) is awarded for the completion of authorized graduate (undergraduate) courses at other institutions provided the semester program including the work completed at USNA is determined to be a full load by the Academic Dean and Provost. In the absence of this determination, rule 1 is applied.

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6) 32 is awarded in the second term of the first class year for the completion of at least 6 semester hours of course work above that required by the major matrix in either the major discipline or in areas considered to enhance the major. Repeated or validated courses do not count for the bonus; however, course validation may permit a midshipman to take additional courses which do count toward a bonus. The Department Chair involved will report those qualifying to the Registrar.

***NOTE 3: The first semester military performance grade for midshipmen of the third, second, and first class is a measure of military performance during the first semester and the preceding summer.

5. Academic Order of Merit. The Academic Order of Merit is based upon the CQPR.

6. Professional/Military Order of Merit. The Professional/Military Order of Merit is based upon the Cumulative Professional Military Quality Point Rating (MQPR). It is not included on standard transcripts of records.

7. Professional/Military Quality Point Rating

a. Quality Points: The point value of each factor listed in Table II is computed by multiplying the semester coefficient for the factor by the numerical equivalent of the letter grade received where:

A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0

b. Professional Military Quality Point Rating (MQPR): The professional military quality point rating is an average of grades computed as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total quality point value (for the applicable period)}}{\text{Total professional coefficients (for the applicable period)}} = \text{MQPR}$$

The Semester MQPR includes only those professional endeavors for that semester. The Cumulative MQPR includes all professional endeavors to date at the Naval Academy (except for original grades of repeated professional courses).

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TABLE II
TABLE OF COEFFICIENTS FOR MILITARY MULTIPLE COMPUTATION

Factor	4/C year Semester		3/C year Semester		2/C year Semester		1/C year Semester		Total	Percent
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2		
Physical Education	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	25.6	16.78%
Athletic Performance		3.0		3.0		3.0		4.0	13.0	8.52%
Military Performance*	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	68.0	44.56%
Conduct	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.5	30.0	19.66%
Professional Courses**	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	16.0	10.48
TOTAL									150.6	100.00%

A) *NOTE 1: See Note 3 of paragraph 4 above.

**NOTE 2: The Professional Course Coefficient is determined by multiplying the total professional course credit hours taken during a semester by 2.00. The Professional Course Coefficient is applied to only those professional courses that every midshipman must take. The grades for those semesters with more than one such professional course will be the weighted average of all professional courses taken during the semester. The professional courses that every midshipman must take are:

	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS
A)	NE203	Ethics and Moral Reasoning ('99 and later)	3
	NS100	Fundamentals of Naval Science	4
	NL102	Leadership I	2
R)	NL202	Leadership II ('98 and earlier)	2
	NL302	Leadership III	2
	NL400	Law for the Junior Officer	2
	NN200	Navigation I	4
R)	ES300/ES310	Naval Weapons Systems	3/4
	NS310	Tactics ('94 and later)	2
	NS401/2/3/4	Junior Officer Practicum	2

8. Honors Lists

a. Honors Lists will be published semiannually to recognize midshipmen who performed in an excellent manner during the previous semester. These lists are (1) the Superintendent's List which recognizes outstanding achievement in all graded areas, and (2) the Dean's List which recognizes outstanding academic achievement. The Commandant's List is described in reference (b). The grade reports issued to midshipmen will bear the appropriate notations for those midshipmen who achieve either of these lists.

b. Honors Lists are published at the beginning of each semester. Lists effective during the fall semester are based on grades earned during spring semester. Grades in the regular summer programs are included with the fall semester grades to determine the lists effective during the spring semester. Summer work that is reported as incomplete solely because of hospitalization will not disqualify the midshipmen concerned for an Honors List for which they are otherwise qualified.

Courses taken in the summer academic remedial programs will not be included in the computations for the Honors Lists.

c. Superintendent's List. Midshipmen who meet the following criteria will be placed on the Superintendent's List:

SQPR of at least 3.4 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course
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- A in Conduct
- A in Military Performance
- A or B in Physical Education

d. Recognition of Superintendent's List. Midshipmen on the Superintendent's List will receive the following recognition:

- (1) Letter from Superintendent
- (2) Qualified to wear a gold star on uniform
- (3) Notation on grade report

e. Dean's List. Midshipmen who meet the following criteria and are not on the Superintendent's List will be placed on the Dean's List:

SQPR of at least 3.4 with no grade of D, F, or I in any course
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- B in Conduct
- B in Military Performance
- A, B, or C in Physical Education

f. Recognition of Dean's List. Midshipmen on the Dean's List will receive the following recognition:

- (1) Letter from the Academic Dean and Provost
- (2) Qualified to wear bronze star on uniform
- (3) Notation on grade report



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USNAINST 1531.51A CHANGE TRANSMITTAL 1

23 DEC 1999

From: Superintendent

Subj: CLASS STANDINGS AND MERIT LISTS

Ref: (a) USNAINST 1531.51A

1. Purpose. To transmit change one to reference (a).
2. Discussion. Superintendent's List eligibility now requires midshipmen to receive an A or B on the Physical Readiness Test in addition to receiving an A or B in Physical Education.
3. Action. Make the following pen and ink change to paragraph 8c on page 5 of reference (a):
 - a. Revise so that the last criteria reads, "A or B in Physical Education, and A or B on the Physical Readiness Test."
4. Cancellation. When required action has been taken and the change annotated on page one of reference (a).


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