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MEMORANDUM FOR SUPERINTENDENT, UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY  
COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

Subj: ACADEMIC MAJOR POLICY FOR SCHOLARSHIP MIDSHIPMEN

Ref: (a) SECNAV memo of 10 Aug 07

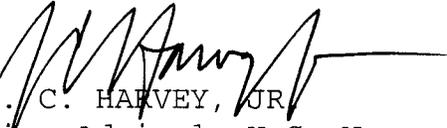
1. Per reference (a), SECNAV has delegated authority to the Services to establish academic major policy to better enable capability to meet specific Service needs. The Navy needs an officer corps rooted in a strong technical foundation. Therefore, the Navy will use this authority to align academic major policy for United States Naval Academy (USNA) and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC), improve the technical competencies of its officer corps, and enhance our ability to meet the Navy's future needs.

2. Effective for midshipmen entering fall 2009 as members of the Class of 2013, USNA and NETC will respectively ensure a minimum of 65 percent of Navy-option USNA midshipmen and NROTC Scholarship Program midshipmen complete a technical degree program before receiving a Navy commission. To facilitate execution of this policy, please provide your proposed implementation plans and business rules to me not later than 14 December 2007. Plans should include a listing of majors evaluated to be Engineering Technical, Non-Engineering Technical and Non-Technical, and address the approach for side-loading two and three year scholarships to maximize production of technical degree graduates. Methods to appropriately categorize new majors must be included in the business rules developed to implement this policy. While recognizing the uniqueness of USNA and NROTC undergraduate programs, USNA and NETC shall coordinate their business rules to ensure commonality where practical.

3. USNA and NROTC midshipmen pursuing a technical major who wish to select Marine Option should be permitted to do so consistent with the allocation presented in the USNA/NROTC Strength and Inventory Letter and the individual midshipman's preferences. Navy-Option Academic Major policy should not be misconstrued to prevent a USNA or NROTC midshipman from selecting USMC by virtue of his or her academic major.

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4. N13 point of contact for Scholarship Midshipmen Academic Major policy is LCDR Melissa Short, USN, OPNAV N131E3 at, (703) 693-2328/DSN 223 or email at nxag\_n131e3@navy.mil.



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