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USNA INSTRUCTION 1531.49C

From: Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy

Subj: GRADUATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. Chapter 853 - UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY  
(b) ACDEANINST 5420.20G Curriculum Review Process

1. Purpose. To publish instructions regarding requirements for the receipt of a degree and graduation.
2. Cancellation. USNAINST 1531.49B.
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 reference (a), 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, school, and majors courses specified in the matrix for the assigned major. Matrices are prepared and revised by cognizant academic departments and approved by the Provost following the processes described in reference (b).
  - 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, U.S. Air Force, or the U.S. Space 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.

6. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the DON Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-InformationManagement/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local record custodian or the USNA Records Manager.

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction.



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