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Dean of the Academic Board was appointed, and Congress was requested to authorize a permanent deanship and nine new permanent professors. The basic sciences, chemistry, and physics, were grouped under the Department of Physics; and additional time was allotted for the study of nuclear physics. The course in the Department of Electricity was extended to include electronics and communications. The course in Economics, Government, and History was expanded to include geography and military government, and a more thorough study of international relations and the economics of war. The list of languages taught by the Department of Modern Languages was increased to five by the inclusion of Russian.

The total number of graduates, including foreigners receiving instruction under acts of Congress, from 1802 to 5 June 1945, inclusive, is 15,286.

2. Mission

The mission of the Military Academy is to instruct and train the Corps of Cadets to the end that each graduate shall have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continued development throughout a lifetime career as an officer of the Regular Army. W. D. Circular No. 109, dated 3 October 1940 (changes in AR 350-5).

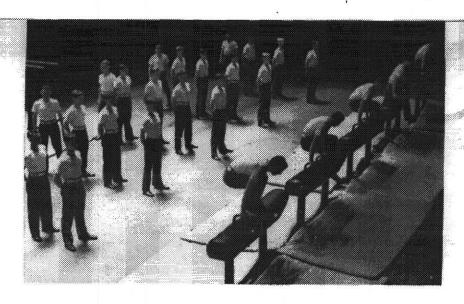
3. Calendar 1946-47

Practical Military Instruc- tion.
New Fourth Class enters.
First term begins.
First term ends.
Term examinations.
Christmas leave for upper classes.
Second term begins.
Second term ends.
Term examinations.
June Week.
Graduation.

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SECTION IV—PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION AND COURSE OF STUDIES

1.	General
	a. Courses of instruction
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	c. Term examinations
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11.	Promotion after Graduation
12.	Furloughs, Leaves of Absence, and Suspension of Academic
	and Military Duties
13.	The Library
14	The Museum



PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION AND COURSE OF STUDIES

1. General

a. Courses of instruction.—Courses include academic instruction and military training covering a period of 4 years, and of such scope and content as is determined by the War Department upon the recommendation of the superintendent. In general, courses of instruction and training are designed to develop character and the personal attributes essential to an officer, to provide a balanced and liberal education in the arts and sciences, and to provide a broad basic military education rather than that individual proficiency in the technical duties of junior officers of the various arms which is of necessity a gradual development, the responsibility for which devolves upon the graduates themselves and upon the commands and schools to which they are assigned after being commissioned.

b. Academic terms.—Two terms of academic instruction are provided, the Tuesday after Labor Day to 21 December, and 2 January to 30 May.

c. Term examinations.—A semiannual examination is held at the end of the first term, and an annual examination at the end of the second term. At the first term examination, cadets who are found to be proficient in subjects they have completed during the preceding term are arranged according to merit in each subject. At the second term examination they are similarly arranged, and they are also assigned general standing in the class as determined by their standings in the various subjects. When a subject of study is completed during a term, an examination concluding the work in that subject may be held.

Semesters

d. Disposition of cadets found deficient in academic work or conduct.—Cadets deficient in studies at any examination are discharged from the Academy unless for special reasons the Academic Board recommends otherwise. Cadets exceeding at any time the maximum number of demerits allowed for 6 months are reported to the academic board as deficient in conduct.

2. Program of Instruction.

Class	Subject	Attendanas	Length of period (minutes)	
Fourth	Mathematics .	Whole class daily	80	v 2/3
(first year)	Military topography and graphics.	One-half class daily except Satur- day.	120	x 91 = 10 920 = 182 hrs
	Physical training	One-half class daily except Satur- day.	45	* 41 Z
40 40	English	Whole class Saturday. One-half class daily except Satur- day.	60	x 91
	Languages	One half class daily except Satur- day.	60	× 91
Third	Mathematics	One-half class daily	80	× 106
(second year)	Physics	Whole class daily (33 periods)	80	
		One-half class daily (90 periods) One-half class daily (90 periods)	80,	180 x 213
	Chemistry	One-half class daily (90 periods)	80 `	
	Languages	One-half class daily	70	X106
	English	One-half class daily except Satur- day (63 periods)	60)
	Tactics	One half class daily except Satur- day (28 periods).	60	$\begin{cases} 60 \times 91 = 5460 = 91 \text{ hrs} \end{cases}$
	Military topography and graphics.	One half class daily except Satur- day.	120	7 106 - = 2/2 hrz
Second	Mechanics	Whole class daily		
(third year)_	Electricity	Whole class daily (128 periods)	80	Soy 24=1920=32
	Military	One half class daily (42 periods)	80	1 be
	Military instructor train- ing.	One-half class daily (24 periods)	80	L 80 x 213
	Military correspondence	One-half class daily (4 periods)	80 -	80 x4 = 320= 5 \frac{1}{3}
	Tactics	One-half class daily (15 periods)	00	20000
was fewer and	Economics, Government, and history (History	Whole class daily except Saturday	60	× 142 = 20 hrs
First	and Government).	*****	22	2 212 - 1/9/2 - 20-W
(fourth year)	Military art and engineer- ing.	Whole class daily	80	× 212 = 16960 = 2823/3
	Economics, Government, and history (Economics).	One half class daily		4 10 f prs
	Ordnance	One-half class daily (88 periods)	70	> 88 = 6160 = 102 %
	Military hygiene	One half class daily (18 periods)	60	* 18 = 1080 -
27.40	Law	One-half class daily except Satur-	60	* 18 = 1080 = 18 hrs

Desailed descriptions of the work in each department appear in paragraphs 3 and 4. The average numbers of periods available for the courses prescribed in table are as follows:

First class	Second third, and fourth classes
Whole class daily 212 Half class daily 106	213
Half class daily 106	106
Half class daily (except Saturday)	91

3. Schedule of Instruction.

	FOURTH (CLASS	<i>b</i>	sours					
Department	Subject	of recita- r lecture	of recita-	Number of labora- tory or practical work periods	Length of labora- tory or practical work periods	number of periods	number of hours		
		Number of tion or periods	Length of tion or periods	Number tory or work p	Length of tary of work p	Tota: m	Total Fr		
1	Between 7:55 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Academic Day)		12.1						
Mathematics	Algebra Solid geometry Plane and spherical trig-	57 30 45	11/8 11/8 11/8			57 30 45	76 40 60	284	hours
	onometry. Plane and solid analytic geometry. Slide rule	72 9	11/8 11/8 11/8			72 9	96 12	>	
Military Topogra- phy and Graphics.	Military topography Graphics	13	11/8	38 40	2	51 40	93 80		
English	Physical training Grammar Composition Readings Public speaking	29 29 4 29	1 1 1 1	122	34	122 29 29 4 29	92 29 29 4 29		
Modern languages	Languages	91 408	i	200		91 608	91 731		
	After 3 p. m.	100		200		008			
Tactics	Practical military train- ing (twice a week). Physical training (twice			72 72	1	72 72	72 72		
	a week). Parades (twice a week in September and May).			16	1	16	16		
	Reviews and inspections_ Subtotal			45 205	1	45	45		
	Total	408		405		205 813	936		

212 *13

in 1965-66

Total hours in 15 yr math = 284 - 15 yr.
Total " 2 nd = +.141 - 240 7.

425 = Total math

THIRD CLASS

Department	Subject	Number of recita- tion or lecture periods	Length of recitation or lecture	Number of labora- tory or practical work periods	Length of labora- tory or practical work periods	Total number of periods	Total number of hours
Mathematics	Between 7:55 a. m. and 3 p. m. (Academic Day) Differential calculus Integral calculus Note: Upper sections have 16 periods of Statistics instead	40 66	11/8			40 66	53 } 88 21 ½ hrs
Physics and Chemistry. Modern Languages. Military topography and graphics.	Physics Chemistry Languages Military topography Graphics	105 70 106	11/8 11/8 11/8	18 20 50 41	2 2 2 2 2	123 90 106 50 41	176 133 124 100 82
English	Advanced Composition Literature Public speaking Tactics and technique	18 30 15	1 1 1	28	 2	18 30 15 28	18 30 15 56
	Subtotal	450		157		607	875
Tactics	Practical military train- ing (twice a week).			72	1	72	72
	Physical training			72	1	72	72
	Parades (twice a weck in September and May).			16	1	16	16
	Reviews and inspections (once a week).			45	1	45	45
	Subtotal			205		205	205
	Total	450	1	362	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	812	1, 080

SECOND CLASS

Department	Subject	Number of recita- tion or lecture periods	Length of recita- tion or lecture periods	Number of labora- tory or practical work periods	Length of labora- tory or practical work periods	Total number of periods	Total number of
	Between 7:55 a.m. and 3 p. m. (Academic Day)						
Mechanics	Analytical Mechanics Strength of Materials Thermodynamics Fluid Mechanics	72 39 33	11/8 11/8 11/8 11/8 11/8	15	2	72 39 48	96 52 74
Electricity	Electricity, Electronics, and Communication.	45 30	11/3	9 40	2 2	54 170	78 253
Tactics English	Tactics and Technique Military instructive train- ing.	15 24	11/8			15 24	20 32
Economics, Gov- ernment, and History.	Military correspondence History of modern Eu- rope.	82	11/3			82 82	82 82
	History of Far East Government	25 40 35	1 1 1			25 40 35	25 40 35
	Subtotal	544		64		608	792
	After 3 p. m.		**************************************			3 555 55321400021	\$8886550eea181
Tactics	Practical Military Train- ing (twice a week).			72	1	72	72
	Physical training Parades (twice a week in September and May).			72 16	1	72 16	72 16
	Reviews and inspections (once a week).		اا	45	1	45	45
	Subtotal			205		205	205
	Total	544		269		813	997

FIRST CLASS

Department	Subject	Number of recita- tion or lecture periods	Length of recita- tion or lecture periods	Number of labora- tory or practical work periods	Length of labora- tory or practical work periods	Total number of periods	Total number of hours
Military Art and Engineering. Economics, Govern- ment and History. Ordnance	Between 7:55 a. m. and 3 p. m. (Academic Day) Military art Military engineering Economics Economics of war International relations Elements of Ordnance Machine tool laboratory Military hygiene Elementary law Constitutional law Criminal law Evidence Military law Tactics	106 103 54 20 32 70 18 21 13 19 17 20	11/6 11/6 11/6 11/6 11/6 1 1 1 1	18	2	106 106 54 20 32 70 18 18 12 11 13 19 17 20 90	141 143 63 23 37 82 36 18 21 11 13 19 17 20 180
	Subtotal	493		111		604	813
Tactics	Practical military training (twice a week). Physical training Parades (twice a week in September and May). Review and inspections (once a week).			72 72 16 45	1 1 1	72 72 16 45	72 72 16 45
3	Subtotal			205		205	205
L	Total	493		316		809	1,018

4. Departments of Instruction

a. Mathematics.—The course includes the subjects of college algebra, solid geometry, the slide rule, plane and spherical trigonometry, plane and solid analytic geometry, differential and integral calculus, and for the more proficient students the elements of statistics.

b. Modern languages.—Each cadet studies one foreign language, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, or German. The selection is made according to his own choice as far as quotas will permit. When the language of his first choice is oversubscribed, he is given his second or sometimes even

his third choice.

The cadet follows a course in his selected language throughout his first 2 years. His program starts with a thorough study of pronunciation and grammar, accompanied by reading and numerous oral and written exercises and proceeds in the second year to grammar review, composition, idiomatic expression with emphasis on military vocabulary, intensive and extensive reading, dictation, aural comprehension exercises, free composition both oral and written, conversation and lectures in the foreign language on the history and civilization of its country.

c. English.—Instruction in this department comprises three courses: one given to the Fourth Class, one to the Third Class, and one to the Second Class. The Fourth Class course includes the study of the fundamentals of grammar, punctuation, diction, sentence structure, expository writing, public speaking, and readings from English and American literature. The Third Class course includes advanced expository composition, a study of English literature from the Age of Chaucer to the present, and readings in American literature. The Second Class course includes the methods and technique of military instructor training and a series of lessons in military correspondence.

d. Military topography and graphics.—The course in military topography includes surveying, military sketching, terrain appreciation the principles and methods of map construction, map and aerial photograph

reading, stereoscopy, and military applications.

The course in graphics includes the use of drawing instruments, lettering, projections, pictorial representation, technical sketching, blueprint reading, charts and graphs, and working drawings, detail and assembly for machines, and simple structures.

e. Physics.—This department conducts an introductory course in general physics, covering the subjects of elementary mechanics, properties of matter, wave-motion, sound, heat, electricity and magnetism, light, and modern physics.

f. Mechanics.—The course includes analytical mechanics (statics, kinematics, and kinetics), strength of materials, engineering thermodynamics, and fluid mechanics. Standard college textbooks are used. Emphasis is placed on the development and practical illustration of

1946 WPt in hours

Math 284 + 141 = 425 in 4 yrs

All subj in 4 yrs 936

1080

997

1018

4031 hrs

Phyed 288
M. Sci 1036

1324

Other Acad = 4031-1324

= 2707