

Preface

Our academic program goal is that *Graduates integrate knowledge across disciplines to anticipate, innovate, and win as intellectually agile and discerning Army leaders of character*. We do that through ensuring that our graduates can think critically and creatively, reason and act ethically, communicate effectively, and are lifelong learners. West Point's academic program requires cadets to complete both a robust interdisciplinary core curriculum as well as an academic major of their choice. The core curriculum includes challenging cadets to solve complex problems and engage in complex challenges in academic fields ranging from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to the Social Sciences and Humanities. An academic major allows a cadet to apply in-depth knowledge and methods from an academic discipline.

This Redbook provides specific descriptions of the Academic Program's components that are designed to develop cadets into capable and forward-thinking leaders. It identifies majors and minors available to each class as well as a listing of the core engineering sequence options. The Redbook also serves as the course catalog, listing all academic courses—including those in the core and majors—as well as courses in the physical and military programs. Through these components, the Redbook serves as a reference document to use while deciding on a major and/or minor, refining a course of study, mentoring a cadet, or addressing questions concerning academic requirements and opportunities.

There are many additional resources to help cadets achieve their potential and pursue their intellectual passions. Company Academic Counselors (CACs) and Department Academic Counselors (DACs) are available to work with cadets to develop a personally enriching course of study. Information sessions, open houses, and other opportunities to engage in conversations with faculty and fellow cadets also provide cadets with the opportunity to learn more about majors, minors, and enrichment opportunities.

Faculty can rely on [Educating Future Officers](#) to describe how we maintain and enhance our tradition of academic excellence and innovation so that we can achieve our Academy mission: "to build, educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets to be commissioned leaders of character committed to the Army values and ready for a lifetime of service to the Army and the Nation."

I wish you all the best of luck during the upcoming academic year. Thank you for committing to the critical and creative thinking that the Army needs. Live honorably, lead honorably, and demonstrate excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Richardson". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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