VIRGINIA TECH CORPS OF CADETS

Please advise incoming cadets to attend the Corps of Cadets information session with the Commandant at 8:30am on Day 1 of orientation. Also, new cadets will need to go to the second floor of the Military Building to be fitted for uniforms between 8:00am and 5:00pm on Day 2, not to conflict with their academic advising session. This is very important, but they should not claim it as an excuse for not showing up for their advising times!

They should also receive the common book, since we will not be issuing them this year.

All incoming cadets are required to register for MGT 1945, CRN 88128, Instructor: E Humphrey, Location TBD. We will batch add the registered cadets in June, but some may be late-adds to the Corps. This course meets on Thursdays from 3:30pm to 4:45 pm and Mondays from 7pm to 9pm (Location TBD). Successful completion of this course, plus other academic and leadership requirements, may lead to an academic minor in leadership studies. If they have questions about the minor, please contact Dr. Elaine Humphrey at x1-9455 or elaineh@vt.edu.

Incoming Regimental Band Members (the Highty-Tighties) must register for Music 3314, Instrumental Ensemble Music, CRN 88553, Instructor: JM Bean. This section will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 5:00pm - 6:30pm in Squires 243. If they have questions about the Regimental Band, please contact Senior Chief Jim Bean at x1-3296 or jbean88@vt.edu.

Please do not suggest that students drop the Corps due to academic demands in their college. Cadets averaged a 3.27 GPA fall semester and all four classes (freshman through senior) averaged greater than a 3.0, and will probably exceed that for spring 2020. We place the highest priority on academic success. We require that freshmen study for four hours each evening between 7:00pm and 11:00pm – in their residence hall, the library, Math Emporium, or departmental area (we monitor & enforce quiet hours throughout the Corps residence hall during that time). We interact with the cadets on a routine basis, and even more if their grades begin to fall. We take their academic success very seriously. If they have any questions about our program or a student’s Corps activities, please call Lieutenant Colonel Rewa Mariger at x1-6858 or rmariger@vt.edu.

Scheduling for Cadets

1. Required Classes - Cadets are required to sign up for MGT 1945, as mentioned above. The Monday class is initially to help them make the transition from high school to college and how to be a successful college student. It is helpful if other courses do not schedule major exam review sessions during this time. Freshmen cadets will take a version of this class fall and spring semester unless there is an unavoidable academic conflict.

2. If students have chosen to participate in a ROTC program, they will also need to add their appropriate ROTC class and
The ROTC classes are offered at various times. The ROTC laboratories always meet Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 4:45pm. The times for the ROTC classes can be found by looking up these courses in the Timetable of Classes on HokieSPA:

a. Army ROTC MS 1005 (88340 through 88345)

b. Navy ROTC MN 1004 (88330 or 88331)

c. Air Force ROTC requires three specific one-credit each courses:
   i. AS 1115 (Class) (81214 through 81217, or 81218 with prior approval only)
   ii. AS 2944 (Lab) (81224 or 81225)
   iii. AS 2934 (Physical Fitness) (81222 or 31223)

d. AFROTC cadets should be aware that they should not sign up for class at 9:30am (Tuesday/Thursday) if they sign up for AS 2934 on Tuesday/Thursdays, or class at 9:05am (Monday/Wednesday) if they sign up for AS 2934 on Monday/Wednesday, since AS 2934 runs until 9:15am and they will not have enough time to shower before their next class.

3. Citizen-Leader Track Cadets: should sign up for MGT 1935 (CRN: 88127, Instructor: E Humphrey), which meets Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 4:45pm location TBD.

4. The fall semester total of the Corps Lab and the ROTC/Citizen-Leader classes should be four to five credit hours. With two successful leadership positions in the Corps of Cadets, Corps Lab, and ROTC classes, cadets may earn a minor in leadership studies. We will provide cadets with the details about how to apply for this minor after the school year begins.

**Corps Events during New Student Orientation**

The Corps will have the Commandant’s videos to watch, in each phase of the online Orientation.

1. **Highty-Tighty Regimental Band** For new cadets interested in the Highty-Tighties, Corps alumni offer a $1,000 stipend to all new cadets who choose to join the RegimentalBand, preferably with three years of marching band experience, but all levels of musical ability are accepted (i.e., able to play an instrument and/or read music).

**Transfer Cadets**

All transfer cadets will be completing New Cadet Week, the week before school starts, and will complete at least one semester as a freshman in the Corps (regardless of their academic or ROTC level). After they complete one semester, and depending on how many academic semesters they have remaining to complete their degree, they may be eligible for Early Turn to second-year status. This can be discussed at their first interview with their Deputy Commandant during the school year. If they have questions, they should contact Lieutenant Colonel Rewa Mariger at x1-6858 or rmariger@vt.edu.