

U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut

ACADEMY OVERVIEW

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Founded in 1876, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut is a professional college educating future United States Coast Guard officers. It is a fully resident military cadet campus and the smallest United States federal service academy.

The Academy provides a four-year Bachelor of Science degree program, with the curriculum heavily oriented toward math, science, and engineering. Like the other U.S. federal service academies, our students receive a full scholarship and our graduates serve in the military for at least five years after graduation. However, unlike the other service academies, there are no congressional appointments – admission is based solely on nationwide competition.

The Coast Guard Academy has a proud tradition as one of the most selective colleges in America. Students come to the Academy to be challenged academically, physically, and professionally. By providing excellent academic programs, a structured military regimen, and competitive athletics, the Academy graduates competent and professional military leaders who serve their country and humanity with honor as Coast Guard officers.

ACADEMY AT A GLANCE

Fast Facts

- One of the smallest of the five U.S. federal military academies
- Four-year Bachelor of Science degree program
- Founded in 1876 aboard the schooner *Dobbin*
- Highly selective
- No tuition
- **No congressional nomination necessary**
- Holistic education includes academics, physical fitness, character and leadership
- Multiple roles of multi-mission, maritime Coast Guard accommodate diverse interests
- Two graduates are NASA astronauts
- 80% of graduates go to graduate school (most paid for by the Coast Guard)
- 85% of graduates choose to serve beyond their five-year commitment

Key Stats (as of September, 2013)

- 902 cadets enrolled
- 45 states and 16 foreign nations represented
- 100% of students housed on campus
- 23 varsity athletic teams (Division III)
- 34% of cadets are women
- 28% of cadets are minorities
- 1 faculty member for every 7 students
- 17 cadets in an average class
- Class of 2017
- 1,992 completed the application process
- 328 appointments were offered

- 231 cadets were sworn in
- 47% in the top 10% of high school class
- 80% in the top 25% of high school class
- 94% in the top 50% of high school class
- 89% earned a varsity letter in high school
- 70% were team captains in high school
- 36% have a parent who has served in the military
- 33% attended AIM
- 21% attended the CGA Scholars (prep) program
- 80% intend a technical major
- 221/300 was the average applicant PFE score
- 22% were band or performing arts members
- Standardized Test Scores:
 - Median SAT: Math 660, Critical Reading 620, Writing 610
 - Median ACT: Math 28, English 27, Writing 26, Composition 28