

2017/2018 ACADEMIC STANDARDS

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Standards for Continued Enrollment:

A cadet in residence must meet **three** academic standards during each academic year in order to be in good academic standing and eligible to return for the following year.

- 1) A cadet must pass a total of at least 24 **new** semester hours during the Fall 2017 semester, the Spring 2018 semester, and the 2018 summer session. Hours passed prior to matriculation do **not** apply towards the 24-hour requirement. Exception: Hours passed with a during the 2017 VMI Summer Transition Program apply towards the 24-hour requirement for **new** cadets. Hours that are passed and later repeated are only counted during the semester in which they were originally passed.
- 2) A cadet must also have the grade point average as shown in the table below.
- 3) A cadet must pass the cumulative hour requirement for his/her class as shown in the table below.

PLEASE NOTE: Cadets have a one-time course replacement option. Any class repeated a second time, the last grade counts in the GPA. Courses repeated after two attempts at VMI will include all grades attempted in the cumulative average except for the first attempt. For courses repeated after a second time based on transfer credit, the class with an earned grade of C or better will be accepted towards a cadet's program, however, grade replacement will not be allowed.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS - BY CLASS

Class	<u>Fall Semester:</u> Imposed for cadets who earn <i>less</i> than:	<u>Fall Semester:</u> Minimum to Return on Academic Probation		<u>Fall Semester:</u> Minimum Requirements		<u>Spring Semester:</u> Minimum to Return on Academic Probation		<u>Spring Semester:</u> Minimum Requirements	
		GPA	HRS	GPA	HRS	GPA	HRS	GPA	HRS
Fourth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	LT 1.50	N/A	1.5	N/A
Third	1.50 GPA, 24 New & 24 Cum Hours	1.5	24	1.8	24	LT 1.80	< 24	1.8	24
Second	1.80 GPA, 24 New & 52 Cum Hours	1.8	52	2.0	58	LT 2.00	< 58	2.0	58
First	2.00 GPA, 24 New & 80 Cum Hours	2.0	80	2.0	87	LT 2.00	< 87	2.0	87
Fifth Year	2.00 GPA, 24 New & 108 Cum Hours	2.0	108	2.0	108	LT 2.00	< 108	2.0	108

NOTE 1: A cadet athlete must meet the NCAA minimum academic and competition eligibility requirement for his/her class in order to be in good standing and eligible to compete each semester. NCAA Standards may be found at: <http://www.ncaa.org/>.

NOTE 2: A second academic suspension results in **dismissal** from the Institute.

Implications of Academic Probation:

A cadet will be placed on academic probation if he or she fails to achieve the appropriate **academic standard** as published by the Dean at the beginning of each academic year. Additionally, a cadet may also be placed on academic probation if his or her grade reports or effort shows that the academic materials are not being fully comprehended (as initiated by the head of the cadet's curriculum and approved by the Dean).

If at the end of the semester the cadet meets the published academic standards, and has satisfied all other conditions defined by the Dean of the Faculty, he or she will be returned to satisfactory academic progress status.

Any cadet who remains on academic probation for three consecutive semesters will be suspended until he or she meets the requirements and applies for readmission. If such suspension occurs at the end of the fall semester, the cadet will not be eligible to apply for readmission until the following fall. If suspension occurs at the end of the spring semester, the cadet may use the summer months to make up his or her deficiencies and apply for readmission in the fall. Cadets suspended under either circumstance are eligible to attend the VMI Summer Session.

Academic Advising:

Cadets are strongly encouraged to meet with their assigned academic adviser on a regular basis, and to work out a plan of action for meeting yearly standards. As cadets advance through their cadetship they are expected to assume increased responsibility for complying with academic standards and regulations, initiating the use of support services, and making good decisions about the integration of the academic and co-curricular activities. Cadets with prior college experience who want to graduate in six semesters should obtain advisor assistance with course planning early in the cadetship.

Blue Book Restrictions - Cadets on Academic Probation:

- a. Will not have full class privileges.
- b. Cannot take weekends or days except under extraordinary circumstances. Cadets on Academic Probation wishing to take leave must submit a permit through the Commandant to the Dean of Faculty.
- c. Cannot hold rank in the Corps.
- d. Can only participate in one extracurricular activity. NCAA and club sports are excused from this restriction.
- e. Cannot sign out under the following permits: 1) Dine with Date 2) First Class Permit
- f. The Commandant may also direct Cadets on Academic Probation to be removed from leadership roles in committees such as the RDC, OGA, CEA, HC, and GC.

Readmission – Academic Guidelines for Return:

- Cadets who resign from VMI or are suspended for any reason must apply for full-time readmission by **June 1** for the Fall semester, and **November 1** for the Spring semester.
- Cadets must meet the readmission standards as shown in the table that follows.
- Class assignments for readmission will be based on the total hours passed towards graduation. Cadets must meet the academic standards of the assigned class thereafter.
- Cadets readmitted for the spring semester must pass at least 12 hours during the spring semester and following summer, in addition to the GPA and cumulative hour requirements, in order to return for the fall semester.

MINIMUM ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR READMISSION

<u>Semesters Completed at VMI</u>	<u>Hours Passed Towards Graduation</u>	<u>Cumulative GPA</u>	<u>Major GPA</u>
One	12	1.50	2.00
Two	24	1.80	2.00
Three	36	1.80	2.00
Four	58	2.00	2.00
Five	70	2.00	2.00
Six	87	2.00	2.00
Seven	99	2.00	2.00
Eight	108	2.00	2.00
Nine	120	2.00	2.00

Correcting Deficiencies: A cadet who wishes to improve his/her grade point average and/or cumulative hours towards graduation should consider the following:

- To raise cumulative GPA:** The best way to raise a grade point average is to attend the VMI Summer Session or another college and repeat failed VMI courses. Repeating courses in which a “D” grade was received will also improve the grade point average, but will not increase the hours passed. New courses taken at another college will not affect the grade point average and quality points do NOT transfer.
- To raise number of hours passed:** This may be done by attending VMI Summer Session or by attending another college and taking new courses or repeating courses failed at VMI. Repeating courses in which a “D” grade was received will not raise hours passed.
- Before taking courses at another college:** Always obtain written approval for transfer activity. Approval to substitute courses taken at another college for VMI courses must be obtained in advance from the heads of the departments in which the VMI courses are taught, the department head of the cadet’s major, and the Registrar’s Office.
- Transfer credit from another college:** Transfer hours from another college are accepted only if the grade earned is a “C” or better. Quality Points and GPA does not transfer.

Readmission Guidelines and Application Forms:

For the complete listing of readmission requirements (academic, disciplinary, medical/physical fitness standards, time limit restrictions and availability of space in the barracks), please visit VMI’s website at www.vmi.edu/readmin, or contact the Registrar’s Office at 540-464-7213.

Transfer Credit Approval Process:

- A cadet who wishes to earn transfer credit for a course taken at another accredited college must have the approval of the head of the department in which a similar course is taught at VMI. The cadet should take both a course description and a VMI course-approval form to the department head and secure his or her written permission. The course approval form must also be signed by the cadet’s department head and submitted to the Registrar’s office before registering for the course. Information pertaining to VMI’s Transfer Credit policies and procedures may be found at www.vmi.edu/transfer.
- A minimum grade of C or better is required for transfer.
- Writing Intensive and Civilizations and Cultures courses are not transferrable and must be taken at VMI.
- Cadets are limited to 18 hours of transfer credit during the summer and winter terms.
- Cadets are reminded that VMI has a six semester residency requirement at VMI and should plan appropriately when planning courses for transfer.
- Summer Limit (All Classes): A maximum of 18 semester hours may be transferred from summer sessions, inter-semester sessions, or Internet and distance learning courses taken at other colleges. Summer hours earned prior to matriculation are not counted in the 18 credit limit.
- Transfer credit cannot be accepted or posted to a cadet’s record unless verified through an official transcript. Cadets should report to the Registrar’s Office of the school which the courses are being taken and request an official copy of the transcript be sent to:

Virginia Military Institute
Office of the Registrar
303 Shell Hall
Lexington, VA 24450



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