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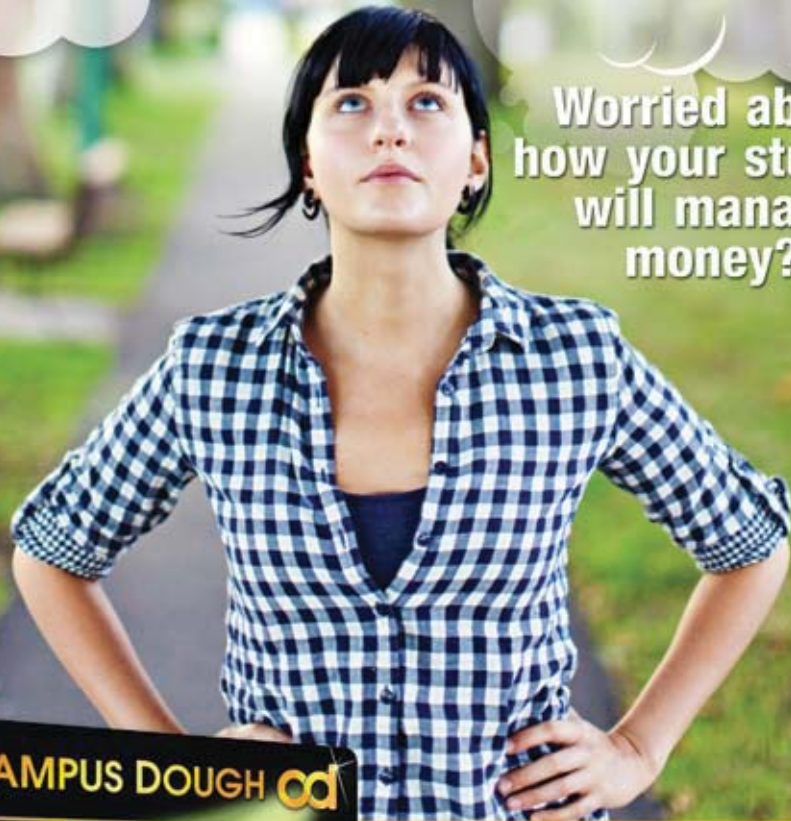
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As you may come to realize, visiting the Academy is the best way to discover the many intricacies of this unique college experience. By attending an Admissions brief, touring the picturesque waterfront campus, and speaking with cadets and staff you will have the opportunity to more fully appreciate the life your son or daughter is considering.

some time on campus, visit our website at www.uscga.edu and talk to the Admissions staff. We are here to assist you in the process of selecting the best college. ■

While the decision to attend the Academy may be a difficult one, it is one best made armed with the most comprehensive information. Our objective is to appoint the most qualified students who demonstrate the physical, mental and emotional traits essential for a Coast Guard officer. With that said, we strive to offer an honest look at the daily life of a cadet through this guide and all that goes into your campus visit in anticipation of making that very important decision. We encourage you to spend



Welcome to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy

It is an honor to welcome you to the United States Coast Guard Academy, the smallest of the five U.S. service academies.

Founded in 1876, the USCGA has a proud tradition as one of the finest colleges in the country and is currently ranked among the best baccalaureate colleges in the region. Core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty provide the bedrock for the Academy's goals to develop leaders of character, groom fleet ready Ensigns, and create lifelong learners. Cadets build lasting friendships, study with inspiring teachers in small classes, and train aboard America's Tall Ship Eagle, as well as the most sophisticated ships and aircraft available. While attending, cadets participate in 23 varsity sports; both NCAA Division I and Division III.

As a parent of a prospective cadet, you may have many questions about our academic programs, campus, Academy life, etc. and we are prepared to extend our personalized attention to you in answering your inquiries. This guide is intended to provide an overview of our institution and the surrounding community; offering insight into the Academy mission, resources, and services available to cadets and their families as well as help direct you to local points of interest to enhance your stay. Beyond that, we are happy to answer all of your specific questions.





Navigating Rough Waters

Inevitably, your cadet will encounter “rough waters.” After all, your cadet is experiencing one of the most rigorous educations our nation has to offer. You may be one of the first to know when problems arise. After a supportive chat from home, most cadets feel fine and move on. Parents who have been through it before offer this advice: listen, offer encouragement, and help your cadet resolve the problem on their own. Resist the temptation to take charge of the problem and get involved. Typically, reminding your cadet to take things one day at a time, or one meal at a time, usually works just fine!

Other cadets may choose not to involve their parents. If so, rest assured that the Academy faculty and staff are prepared to identify potential problems and to provide the resources necessary to help your cadet overcome the obstacle, move on, and succeed. Some of the opportunities to assist your son or daughter in the transition to cadet life include the following.

Religious Programs

The Chaplain Staff consists of three military chaplains with more than 50 years of combined counseling experience. The chaplains are often the “first choice” resource for many who seek counsel and advice. They organize and sponsor religious programs for all faiths, which afford excellent opportunities for peer-to-peer contact.

Cadet Counseling Staff

Confidential counseling services are available 24 hours a day with two credentialed counselors. Both are highly experienced in the gamut of emotional and developmental challenges young people face.

Sponsor Family Program

A home away from home, sponsor families are available to each cadet after Swab Summer. Participating Coast Guard and civilian families volunteer to take in a cadet as an extended member of their family. Depending on the strength of the relationship, sponsors extend courtesies such as overnight stays on the weekend, food, holiday meals, transportation, and of course friendship and mentoring. This is a great opportunity for cadets to relieve the stress of Academy life! (see page 20)

Faculty Advisors

At the start of the academic year, your cadet will be assigned a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor is charged with guiding the cadet’s intellectual and academic progress and, along with the Company Officers and athletic coaches, developing the “whole person.” The faculty advisor will be among the first to know if academic problems are brewing. He/she will respond promptly by engaging the cadet and other members of the academic support team.

Company Officers and Chiefs

Cadets are organized into eight companies (Alfa, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf and Hotel). Each company consists of about 125 cadets

representing all four classes. They are mentored and supported by a Company Officer (a commissioned officer with five or more years of service) and a Company Chief (a senior enlisted member with ten or more years of active duty experience). Both are responsible for the mentoring and professional development of each cadet. They carefully guide and assist all cadets in their charge.

Athletic Coaches

Almost seventy percent of our cadets compete in intercollegiate sports. Consequently, most form close relationships with their coaches, who are ready and willing to modify practice schedules, organize tutorials, counsel, advise, and engage other members of the support team on behalf of your son or daughter.

Medical Clinic

The medical staff of military and civilian professionals provides routine medical and dental care. Specialized care is coordinated by the clinic and rendered at nearby hospitals and advanced care facilities if necessary. The medical staff is skilled at identifying stress-related disorders. A full time psychiatrist is part of this team.

Academic Support Resources

Your cadet’s academic success is one of our top priorities. Faculty members staff the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) during extended hours. ACE is dedicated to assisting cadets to improve their reading, writing, study and time management skills.

Awareness Training

Developmentally appropriate intervention programs such as Alcohol Awareness Training and Sexual Harassment Awareness Training are delivered each year. Fundamental to the Coast Guard is the value of respect. Cadets are trained to recognize and confront sexual harassment. A zero tolerance policy is in effect. ■

The Cost and Benefit of a USCGA Education



Regional Colleges
North

While the total cost for a top tier education over four years might well exceed \$200,000, the tuition, room and board are absolutely free at the Academy. In addition to this full scholarship, students receive basic pay each month, negating the need to get an off-campus job. Cadets retain unused dollars so at the end of four years, instead of a student loan bill, graduates are handed a check for any remaining balance on their accounts.

However, “no tuition” does not mean “no cost”. Cadets are tested physically and mentally in ways they cannot appreciate until they live through the experience. Then, upon graduation, they embark on a whole new beginning. Service academy graduates owe their country five years as an officer in their branch of service. This “cost” is also one of our greatest benefits. Unlike graduates of traditional colleges and universities, USCGA graduates are guaranteed a job – and not just any job. Our graduates fully engage in their Coast Guard career immediately after graduation and experience the personal reward of providing meaningful assistance to others and security for our borders.

While a USCGA degree will serve students exceptionally well in the civilian workforce, over 80 percent of USCGA graduates remain in the Coast Guard well beyond their five year commitment – a much higher rate than graduates of any other service academy. This is due in large measure to the satisfaction they receive contributing to the Coast Guard’s humanitarian mission. It becomes so much a part of their lives that they choose to stay in the Coast Guard family. ■

At a time when even entry-level jobs often require a bachelor’s degree, hardly anyone disputes the importance of a college education.

Yet the challenge of financing a four year baccalaureate degree is becoming more of a burden for most families. Because institutional, state and federal grant and scholarship programs have not kept pace with the cost to attend most universities, students and parents alike are strapped with ever increasing indebtedness. In addition to student loans, many college students must also work several hours per week to make ends meet.

The experience at the United States Coast Guard Academy is quite different. Cadets receive a baccalaureate degree in one of 13 fields of study at one of our nation’s top institutions of higher education. In fact, we were recently ranked #1 in the baccalaureate colleges (North) category in the 2011 edition of U.S. News and World Report’s Best Colleges issue.

Parents Association Information

The Parents Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Corps of Cadets and their parents/guardians. Their motto is “Sumus Vobiscum” or “We are with you.” It seeks to expand public understanding and appreciation of the Academy; to encourage well-qualified young men and women to apply for appointments as cadets; to assist with the orientation of new

cadets and their parents; to promote communication between parents, cadets and the Academy Administration; and to make known to its membership the opportunities for participating in the Academy and support projects offered by the USCGA Alumni Association. All parents and guardians of Coast Guard Academy cadets are urged to join the Coast Guard Academy Parents Association. ■

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The USCGA Event Highlights

Reporting-In Day

Reporting-In Day (or R-Day) is both a beginning and an end. It is a chance to celebrate past accomplishments and reflect on a future of service and tradition. For incoming cadets, it is a day of excitement, nervousness and anticipation. For parents, it is a day of reminiscence, and for all, it is a day of pride.

R-Day marks the first day of the time-honored tradition of Swab Summer. This exciting and intense seven-week training period forms the foundation of each cadet's Academy experience and military career. Honor, respect and devotion to duty are the core values on which Swab Summer is based. Swabs emerge highly motivated and well trained Coast Guard men and women who are ready to join the USCGA Corps of Cadets.

Parents' Weekend

Whether it is the long-awaited visit with your 4/c cadet or you are a more seasoned parent coming to spend some extra time with your first class cadet – Parents' Weekend is a special time for cadets and family members. It is the chance to meet faculty members and Company Officers, to enjoy club receptions, sports events, and a special Saturday Regimental Review or simply to share in the details of your cadet's daily life – all of which make this an occasion to remember.



Homecoming

Whether it's just for the football game or to participate in other reunion activities such as the Golf Tournament, Fun Run or Fifty Plus Club Review, alumni converge on campus to rediscover their Academy and reacquaint themselves with the unique USCGA experience.

Graduation

Each May, with four intense yet rewarding years behind them, over 200 men and women transition from cadets to fully commissioned United States Coast Guard officers. On this beautiful spring day, the Coast Guard Academy graduates listen very distinguished guests extol their diligence and merit as individuals and distinctions as a class. The newly initiated ensigns accept their commissions furthering their commitment to the Coast Guard's core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty. ■

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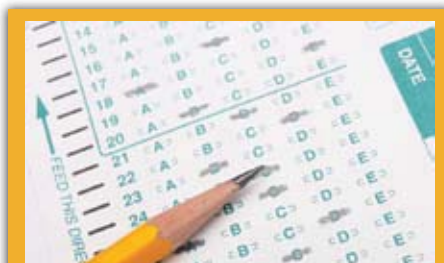
- ▶ Smallest of the five U.S. federal military academies
- ▶ Four-year Bachelor of Science degree program
- ▶ Founded in 1876 aboard the schooner Dobbin
- ▶ Highly selective
- ▶ No tuition
- ▶ No congressional nomination necessary
- ▶ Holistic education includes academics, physical fitness, character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

Corps of Cadets (student body)

- 1,017 cadets enrolled
- Nearly every U.S. state and 15 foreign nations represented
- 100% of students housed on campus
- 23 varsity athletic teams (20 division III, 3 division I)
- 29% of cadets are women
- 17% of cadets are minorities
- 1 faculty member for every 8 students
- 19 cadets in an average class

Class of 2014

2,223 completed the application process
385 appointments were offered
289 cadets were sworn in
26% in the top 5% of high school class
51% in the top 10% of high school class
87% in the top 25% of high school class
86% earned a varsity letter in high school
60% were team captains in high school
28% were in a band or chorus members
26% were officers in student government
41% attended AIM
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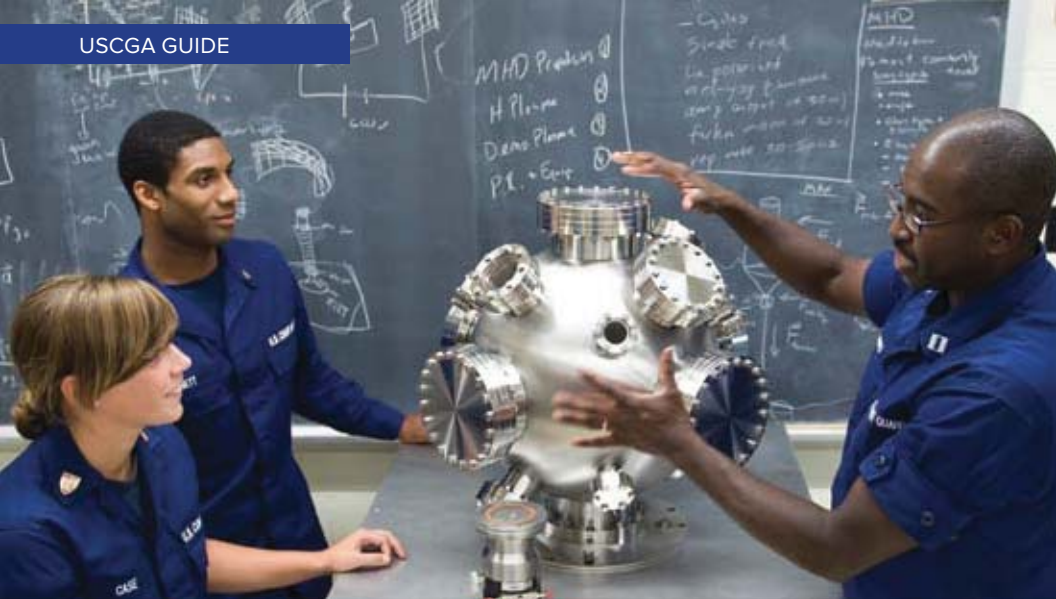
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The USCGA hosts many annual campus visit programs including the Admissions Brief and Tour, Open House, Cadet for a Day, STEP, the Genesis Invitational and the Academy Experience. Registration is required for most of these events. Tours and Admissions briefs are held on Mondays, Fridays and select Saturdays (except holidays) throughout the year.

For questions about Campus Visit Programs, visit www.uscga.edu/visit, or call the Campus Programs Coordinator at (860) 701-6323 or the Admissions office toll-free at (800) 883-8724.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the basis of your admissions process?

The admissions process at the USCGA is similar to the admissions process at any highly selective, engineering-oriented college. When members of the Cadet Candidate Evaluation Board (CCEB) review your application package, both objective and subjective criteria are used. In this process, we evaluate your accomplishments and potential for success at the Academy. Depending on the recommendations of the CCEB, you are either accepted, held for further review, or not accepted.

How many cadets are there at the Coast Guard Academy?

Approximately 1,000.

What is the size of the incoming class?

The average entering class size is 290.

Is there an online application form?

Yes, for your convenience, the online

application is available on our website. It is typically released during the summer prior to your senior year. We encourage you to apply for Early Action acceptance.

Do I need a Congressional Nomination?

No. Admittance is based solely on personal merit.

How much does it cost?

There are no application fees and no tuition expense.

What academic majors does USCGA offer?

There are eight majors at the Coast Guard Academy: Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering, Operations Research/Computer Analysis, Marine and Environmental Sciences, Management, and Government. Visit our website www.uscga.edu for more information.

Are there any special requirements for home-schooled students?

There are no special requirements for the home-schooled, except that the curriculum used must have been accredited. Home-schooled applicants compete equally with traditionally taught students. It is recommended that home-schooled students take, as part of their curriculum, courses at a local community college. The teacher recommendations should be done by the college instructors when practical.

Can I visit the Academy?

Yes. The Academy grounds are open to the public year round. The Admissions Office is open from Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). We offer a formal Admissions briefing most Mondays and Fridays (excluding holidays) at 1:00 p.m. followed by a campus tour at 2:00 p.m. by a Coast Guard Academy cadet. If you are interested in visiting the Admissions Office or attending one

of the briefings, visit our website at www.uscga.edu; select the Admissions tab followed by Schedule a Visit.

How many people apply for admission?

Over 5,000 applicants start the process each year. Over 2,000 complete the application process and are ultimately evaluated for an appointment and approximately 400 full appointments are offered each year, depending on the targeted class size.

Is there a summer orientation program I could attend before deciding to apply?

Yes. There is an excellent summer program geared for high school students to attend the summer between their junior and senior years: Academy Introduction Mission (AIM). The AIM application is typically available online in February of the student's junior year. ■

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Special Programs at the USCGA

Sponsor Family Program

The Sponsor Program pairs cadets with families who provide support, friendship and learning beyond the Academy environment as well as the comforts of a home away from home. The program is structured to give cadets exposure to the local area and, when possible, to a different view of the unique military community. This helps make cadets' integration into the military easier and more effective. Families can provide a relaxed alternative to campus life. The time commitment and contact between cadet sponsor family and cadet are individual choices.



Summer Training

Ask any cadet who's been there – nothing beats a Coast Guard Academy summer.

During summer training, cadets learn about leadership through immersion in the ultimate setting – the operational Coast Guard. They learn about the roles of officers and enlisted as they see the United States and the world as members of the operational Coast Guard.

Cadet Blog Program

This popular segment of the website offers an ever-changing range of perspectives and an increased opportunity to better understand Academy life. Participation is voluntary and approximately 50 cadets are recommended for his or her writing aptitude and ability to balance this commitment with a rigorous school/physical activity schedule. However, this program requires more than the mastery of academics and personal focus. The candidates were chosen based on their appreciation of the opportunities they have been afforded by having chosen to attend the USCGA. The decision to serve humanity as a Coast Guard officer is not easy and the participants are given the chance to start helping others by depicting the reality of cadet life for potential students.

Honors Program

The Honors Program at the Academy aims to cultivate academic excellence across all majors and encourage and reward scholarly achievement.

The USCGA offers the following to fourth and third-class cadets:

- Special sections of core courses such as the Art of Effective Writing and Honors Literature
- Validation and placement in advanced courses in Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics

Second and first-class cadets may be selected for the Honors Colloquium to compete for:

- Prestigious scholarships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Truman, etc.
- International summer internships and travel to academic conferences to present their research



Intelligence Studies

The Coast Guard has assumed a key role in the collection, analysis and dissemination of maritime information and intelligence in the post-9/11 world. As a formal member of the Intelligence Community (IC) and part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Coast Guard is responsible for ensuring relevant information is available to decision makers; this requires critical thinking skills and an understanding of the maritime domain. In the world beyond the Academy, Coast Guard officers must have the foundation for strategic, operational and tactical intelligence in order to effectively execute the various safety, security and national defense missions in the ever-changing national security environment.

When considering a career in the Coast Guard, remember that strategic, operational and tactical intelligence experience can begin with attending a lecture by a distinguished professional in the IC or enrolling in courses designed to complement the studies across all Academy majors. This educational groundwork can then be applied toward a prestigious intelligence internship at a federal agency such as the CIA or National Security Agency. Beyond graduation, the opportunities for further study and an illustrious career working in the highest levels of government abound. ►

Housing Options

Named after Salmon P. Chase, the Secretary of Treasury during the Civil War, Chase Hall is the largest building at the Academy and serves as the sole barracks for approximately 1,000 cadets and officer candidates.

All students are housed on campus. Emblazoned on its foyer deck are words of RADM Stephen H. Evans, Superintendent of the Academy (1960-1962): “Who lives here reveres honor, honors duty”. He implemented what is today known as the “Honor Concept”, a way of life characterized by total honesty and integrity.

Athletics

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is devoted not just to the intellectual, character and professional development of cadets, but also to cadets’ physical health and wellness. A daily sports period, physical education classes, and required co-curricular physical activity are considered key in the overall development of outstanding leaders. USCGA offers most mainstream sports and several especially suited to an aquatics-based service academy and boasts an intercollegiate program that is one of the broadest in NCAA Division III with eleven men’s, nine women’s and three co-educational varsity sports.

In addition to varsity intercollegiate opportunities, USCGA offers a variety of club sports. This program provides exposure to an expanded number of team and individual sports while at the same time promoting physical activity, teamwork, and leadership development. Cadets may choose to participate in one of these as their primary (mandatory) sports activity or play in the off-season of their intercollegiate sport. In recent years, several club sports



have achieved regional and national recognition in their field of play.

Further, there are athletic activities such as bowling, boxing, fencing, golf, scuba, ski and snowboard and surfing, which are offered outside the intercompany and club sports programs that are considered leisure activities. ■



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In addition to historic buildings from the 17th to 21st centuries, the "Whaling City" has many notable people that have figured into our rich history. Nathan Hale of the famous quote, "I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country," taught school in the schoolhouse now located on the Parade Plaza in downtown before leaving to fight in the Revolutionary War. Benedict Arnold, from up the Thames in Norwich, burned down the entire City of New London at the end of the Revolution in 1781. Eugene O'Neill, the only American dramatist to win the Nobel Prize for Literature, summered here at the Monte Cristo Cottage and frequented The Dutch Tavern, which is still in operation.

Our community is rich in arts and culture. From enjoying a professional performance at the Garde Arts Center, a restored majestic 1920's movie palace, or taking in a sophisticated exhibit at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, housed in a handsome neo-classical building designed by Charles Platt to checking out an edgier scene in some of the more intimate art galleries such as the Hygienic Art Park and Gallery to performance venues such as the Oasis Pub, New London has ▶



something to offer everyone. Our action-packed annual calendar of events will provide students with many opportunities to explore downtown's offerings. The Fall Food Stroll is the perfect way to begin the school year and be introduced to downtown. There are a multitude of festivities going on downtown throughout the holiday season and the spring and summer are the perfect time to catch an event on the Waterfront Park.

New London's diversity extends to the abundance of fine restaurants and cafes offering cuisines from around the world. Whether you have a taste for Japanese, Indian, Thai, Mexican, Spanish or more traditional Italian and pub style fare, downtown has it all. For downtown shopping, there are an array of specialty stores, boutiques

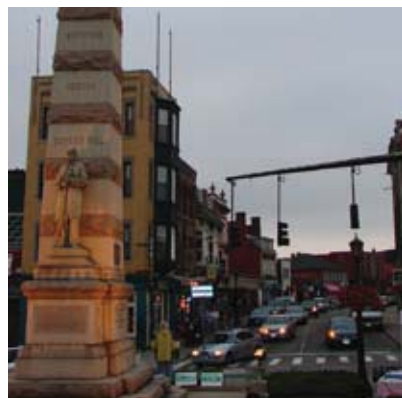
and salons offering a variety of merchandise and services. Our shops offer everything from Native American crafts, unique fair trade items to hand crafted imported Brazilian goods and coffee beans roasted in-house. You may enjoy a variety of specialty services at our salons and studios such as spa treatments to yoga and exercise classes.

With so many opportunities for relaxation, fun and education, New London's Historic Waterfront District encourages you to visit your son or daughter soon and plan an outing downtown! ■

For more information about New London, visit

www.newlondonmainstreet.org or call 860.444.2489.

We hope to hear from you soon!



Academic Calendar

EVENT	2011 - 2012	2012 - 2013	2013 - 2014
Reporting-In Day	June 27	June 25	July 1
Convocation	August 18	August 16	August 22
Fall Semester Starts	August 22	August 20	August 26
Homecoming	September 23 - 25	September 28-30	October 18-20
Parents Weekend	October 14-16	October 5-7	September 27-29
Thanksgiving Leave	November 23 - 27	November 21-25	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1
Fall Semester Ends	December 7	December 12	December 11
Exam Period	December 9 - 15	December 14-20	December 13-19
Winter Leave	Dec. 16 - Jan. 2	Dec. 21 - Jan. 6	Dec. 20 - Jan. 5
Spring Semester Starts	January 9	January 14	January 13
Billet Night	March 1	March 7	March 6
Spring Leave	March 3-11	March 9-17	March 8-16
Spring Semester Ends	April 25	May 1	April 30
Exam Period	Apr. 28 - May 4	May 4-10	May 3-9
Pre-Graduation Summer Training	May 7-12	May 13-18	May 12-17
Graduation	May 16	May 22	May 21
Summer Training Starts	May 5	May 11	May 10
Summer Academic Team	Jun. 18 - Jul. 27	Jun. 17 - Jul. 26	Jun. 16 - Jul. 25
Intercessional Period	Jun. 11 - Aug. 10	Jun. 10 - Aug. 9	Jun. 9 - Aug. 8



Helpful Websites

External

Parents Association
www.uscgaparents.org

U.S. Coast Guard
www.uscg.mil

Coast Guard Channel
www.coastguardchannel.com/index.shtml

Department of Homeland Security
www.dhs.gov/index.shtm

Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board
<https://dodmerb.tricare.osd.mil>

The City of New London
<http://ci.new-london.ct.us>

The Day Newspaper
www.theday.com

Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce
www.chamberect.com

Internal

Admissions
<http://admissions.uscga.edu>

Schedule a Visit
www.uscga.edu/visit

Academics
www.uscga.edu/display.aspx?id=548

Activities and Clubs
www.uscga.edu/display.aspx?id=427

Cadet Blogs
www.uscga.edu/cadetblog

USCGA Sports
www.uscgasports.com

Cadet Sponsor Program
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