

## WHAT WILL I DO IF I ATTEND A SUMMER LEADERS SEMINAR?

For two weeks every year, usually near the last week in May and the first week in June, USMA offers high school juniors the opportunity to experience cadet life at the academy by attending our Summer Leaders Experience where students from all over the nation attend and are introduced to a completely an experience unlike any other. While here, each attendee obtains a better understanding of the importance of leadership, as well as how they can help themselves and their country.

Deadline for registration is April 1, and each session can accept 500 students. Space fills quickly, so it is important to apply early.

For more information about our the Summer Leaders Experience, including this year's session dates, costs, and transportation please visit the admissions website and click on SUMMER PROGRAM.

## ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE?

The college-selection process is one of the most important decision-making experiences you will face at this stage of your life. Your answers to the questions below will determine your career direction, and lay the foundation for your future success. It is important that the answers be your own.

Questions that need answers and are important to your decision on where to attend school include:

- Should I consider a large or small college?
- Can I handle the academic workload?
- Which colleges offer the best opportunity to pursue my career choice?
- Am I prepared for the admissions process?



## HOW DO YOU FIND OUT MORE ABOUT COLLEGE LIFE?

Research shows that students who take the time to research the schools they are considering make better decisions and have greater success. Don't rely simply on alum or college guides for information. You should visit colleges, talk with students and faculty members to determine if you are comfortable with their environment.

**NOTE:** If offered admission to the West Point Summer Leaders Experience, you must notify the Admissions Office of your acceptance by the date indicated in your offer letter, or the offer will be withdrawn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL COMMANDER

## ACADEMIC



Attendees are exposed to the same cutting-edge technology and high-tech facilities used by West Point Cadets.

## FITNESS



At the Academy, every cadet is an athlete, and the Summer Leaders Experience provides attendees with the opportunity to test their physical limits through more than physical fitness, including intramural sports and (of course) obstacle courses.

## MILITARY



Submersed into a military environment unique to West Point, everyone participates in hands-on training that provides attendees with valuable experiences and helps prepare them for the Academy.

## SOCIAL



Equally as important as the exposure to the academic, military, and fitness aspects of Cadet life, the Summer Leaders Experience is where attendees meet and form friendships with their future classmates.



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
**WEST POINT**

## SUMMER LEADERS EXPERIENCE



EXPERIENCE CADET LIFE  
AND DISCOVER YOUR OWN  
LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL.





## WHY ATTEND THE WEST POINT SUMMER LEADERS EXPERIENCE?

By attending the West Point Summer Leaders Experience, you gain a better understanding of the academic opportunities at a service academy. In a small way you will see the importance of developing leaders at one of the most respected academic institutions in the country.

West Point is ranked in the top five colleges in the country, and while this is a great honor, it's not surprising to those familiar with West Point. The academy ranks among the top five colleges in the nation in producing Rhodes scholars and Hertz fellowships. Many seniors also are selected for Marshall, Gates Cambridge, Truman, East-West Center and National Science Foundation fellowships and scholarships.

By applying for the Summer Leaders Experience you are also opening an admissions file at the academy. Consider joining us at West Point. We believe you

will thoroughly enjoy meeting some of the brightest students from our nation's high schools.

If your dream is to ultimately become an Army officer and enter as a cadet at the US Military Academy, apply for SLE - over 40% of SLE attendees join USMA as freshmen cadets the following summer.



## WHAT DOES WEST POINT'S SUMMER LEADERS EXPERIENCE OFFER?

The Summer Leaders Experience is a week of concentrated academic, athletic, military, and social engagement at West Point. Attendees will enjoy a sampling of the Academy's academic offerings while immersed in an environment full of history and culture. Additionally, attendees can experience first hand, the current Cadets who are coordinating all the SLE activities using the leadership skills they've learned and developed while at the Academy. These Cadets organize the SLE activities schedules and they lead the attendees through every activity beginning with helping everyone check in and get settled at the cadet dormitories, and from there they will be a constant companion throughout SLE. Every Cadet's experience is different and all are available to share their stories as well as answer any questions about West Point or the Army.

SLE is jam-packed and the activities begin immediately. Arriving on Saturday, everyone checks in and gets acquainted. The fun begins the following day with a schedule full of academic activities, hands-on military training, team sports, tours of our historic grounds and high-tech facilities, participating in the Candidate Fitness Assessment, a leisurely cruise on the majestic Hudson, and time planned in for everyone to socialize and make new friends.

There are many opportunities to explore the academic offerings here at West Point, and attendees can choose their own experiences from a variety of courses, all of which provide hands-on experience and many are taught from inside some of the many modern computer and laboratory facilities housed on our campus. Classes are small, and our instructors are very helpful. Do you like the basic sciences, or perhaps mathematics or engineering are your interests? Do you want to explore the humanities, modern languages or the field of psychology? All are offered and the choice is yours.

## WHAT CAN ATTENDING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY OFFER?

Thomas Jefferson fervently hoped that this nation's foundation would be built on the strength of a well-educated citizenry. Today our nation's colleges are doing just that, educating a far more diverse student body than ever before. West Point, likewise, enrolls a supremely talented and diverse student body from all 50 states.

As part of the talented, diverse high school student body, it's time for you to consider the future. In continuing to ask yourself important questions about your college decisions, consider these:

- What is the difference between one college and another?
- What is the strength of their academic programs?
- What unique programs would be most beneficial for me?
- What will life be like at each college?
- Will this environment benefit my academic goals?

This is where West Point's Summer Leaders Experience really helps.

**"I truly believe that those who can, should apply to the Summer Leaders Experience – this will help them to decide if West Point is for them."**

– Mother of a new cadet



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
**WEST POINT.**

**LEADERSHIP**

**ETHICS**

**ACADEMICS**

**DUTY**

**EXCELLENCE**

**RESPECT**

**SPORTS**



**UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY**  
Directorate of Admissions  
606 Thayer Road  
West Point, NY 10996-1797  
email: [admissions@usma.edu](mailto:admissions@usma.edu)  
tel: (845) 938-4041

[www.usma.edu/admissions](http://www.usma.edu/admissions)