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NROTC UNIT AUBURN UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION 1533.3P

From: Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit Auburn University

Subj: ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR NROTC STUDENTS AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Ref: (a) CNETINST 1533.12F
(b) NROTC Administrative Manual (NETC P1533/3)
(c) NROTCUAUINST 1533.4K
(d) Auburn University Class Bulletin

Encl: (1) NROTC Unit Auburn University Course Requirement Sheet
(2) NROTCUAU Form 1070/6A (Navy Option Scholarship)
(3) NROTCUAU Form 1070/6B (Navy Option College Program)
(4) NROTCUAU Form 1070/6C (Navy Option Nurse Scholarship)
(5) NROTCUAU Form 1070/6D (STA-21)
(6) NROTCUAU Form 1070/6E (Marine Option Scholarship)
(7) NROTCUAU Form 1070/6F (MECEP)

1. Purpose. To prescribe the minimum acceptable academic standards to be maintained by NROTC students at Auburn University. This instruction does not supersede other program standards set forth for STA-21 or MECEP officer candidates.

2. Cancellation. NROTCUAUINST 1533.3N and NROTCUAUNOTE 1533

3. Background. The primary responsibility of NROTC students is to achieve their full academic potential. Reference (a) provides the prescribed minimum level of academic achievement expected of all NROTC students. Proper emphasis must be placed on academic excellence in order to ensure a high caliber officer capable of meeting the complex needs of today's Navy and Marine Corps.

4. Discussion. Every NROTC student at Auburn University is expected to meet the following minimum academic standards and requirements:

a. Achieve a Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) of at least 2.5 every semester (3.0 SGPA for STA-21(N) and CEC option Officer Candidates).

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b. Maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.5 (3.0 for STA-21(N), STA-21 CEC OCs, and Pre-Nursing Nurse Option Midshipmen).

c. Pass all courses taken.

d. Clear an "F," "FA," "XF," "U," or "WF" in any course required for completion of degree or commissioning requirements during the next residence semester in which the course is again offered.

e. Clear an "X" or "IN" in any course during the next residence semester.

f. Make satisfactory progress toward completion of degree requirements in order to graduate at the normally scheduled time.

g. Take at least fifteen (15) credit hours during each of the fall and spring semesters. Additionally, Officer Candidates are required to carry at least 12 credit hours over the course of the summer term. The Professor of Naval Science's (PNS's) permission must be obtained to take less than the required number of credit hours for any semester.

h. Obtain the PNS's permission prior to:

(1) Withdrawing from any course undertaken.

(2) Changing academic major.

(3) Changing scheduled graduation date.

(4) Scheduling any class that conflicts with Naval Science Laboratory (Drill).

i. Complete all required courses as listed in encl. (1).

5. Action.

a. The following academic actions will be taken at the completion of each semester:

(1) NROTC students earning a 3.4 or greater SGPA while enrolled in a minimum of 15 semester hours will be placed on the Commanding Officer's Academic Achievement List and

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Midshipmen will be authorized to wear the Academic Achievement gold star on their uniform during the following semester.

(2) NROTC students failing to meet the standards provided in paragraph 4 will be considered unsatisfactory and are subject to being placed on academic warning or probation or being referred to a Performance Review Board (PRB) which can recommend, probation, a leave of absence (LOA), or disenrollment as provided in reference (b).

b. NROTC students placed on academic warning are required to participate in the unit's mandatory study program in accordance with reference (c).

c. NROTC students placed on academic probation are required to participate in the unit's mandatory study program in accordance with reference (c). Failure to correct academic deficiencies during the next semester enrolled will result in a PRB. The unit cannot allow more than two semesters of academic probation without approval from the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC).

d. A PRB will be convened when an NROTC student consistently demonstrates substandard academic performance. The board may recommend that a student be placed on warning, probation, or leave of absence (LOA) or be disenrolled from the NROTC program. Midshipmen placed on LOA forfeit all financial benefits of the NROTC program until their academic deficiencies are corrected. Students in an LOA status will not participate in any unit extracurricular activities, but will be required to attend drill days and physical training days. Students showing substandard academic performance may be placed on "Interim LOA" prior to the PRB. The responsibility for payment of tuition, books and fees falls upon the student for the upcoming semester pending the PNS's final determination. After the PRB, the PNS will decide if the LOA will become permanent for the semester or if the Navy will restore all benefits. The unit cannot allow more than one semester of LOA without NETC approval.

e. Scholarship students who take less than the minimum required credit hours during a semester, withdraw from a course undertaken, change majors, or cause a change in their graduation date that results in additional expense to the U.S. Government may be liable for the additional expenses incurred. Each case will be individually considered.

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f. NROTC students will:

(1) Formulate a plan of study for graduation using the academic planning schedule, NETC Form 1533/56 (4-85), incorporating necessary Auburn University courses to satisfy NROTC program requirements by the times specified in enclosure (1).

(2) Enroll in and complete Auburn University courses required to fulfill NROTC course requirements as specified in enclosure (1).

(3) Immediately notify the Class Advisor of any problems registering for, academic difficulties in, or failure of any courses taken to fulfill NROTC program requirements. Notify the Class Advisor immediately upon the discovery of an NROTC program course requirement that cannot be completed by the specified deadline.

g. Unit Staff Class Advisors will:

(1) Track NROTC student completion of NROTC Program Course requirements individually using enclosures 2-7 as appropriate. Maintain these forms in the student performance files.

(2) Recommend appropriate action in any case where an NROTC student fails to fulfill NROTC Program course requirements by the times specified in enclosure (1).

6. Academic Forgiveness. Reference (d) identifies the university academic forgiveness policy. Students may retake a course in which they had previously earned an F or D in order to utilize the university's academic forgiveness policy. However, the student's actual grades (without applying the academic forgiveness policy) will be used to determine academic actions listed in paragraph five of this instruction. Additionally, in order to be eligible for a NETC controlled scholarship, College Program students must earn a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average (CGPA), without use of the academic forgiveness policy.

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