

Marion Military Institute Service Academy Program (SAP):

If you desire to attend one of our nation's five Service Academies, I invite you to investigate Marion Military Institute's Service Academy Program (SAP), the nation's premiere civilian Service Academy Program that best prepares you for the rigors of your Service Academy.

No other college Service Academy Program will help you become more competitive for an offer of appointment to a Service Academy than will Marion's. No other civilian institution will challenge you more academically, physically, or leadership-wise than will Marion. Our Service Academy Program is one of our college's centerpiece programs.

Each year more Service Academy applicants earn offers of appointment to the five Federal Service Academies from Marion Military Institute than from any other civilian college or institution in the United States, bar none. No other college or preparatory school in the nation comes close to placing more of its Academy applicants into the Service Academies than does Marion.

In 2020, 90 of our Service Academy Program cadets earned a total of 96 offers of appointment to the Academies:

West Point: 21 sponsored & 8 self-sponsored offers of appointment

Annapolis: 6 sponsored & 5 self-sponsored offers of appointment

Air Force: 9 sponsored & 5 self-sponsored offers of appointment

Coast Guard: 21 sponsored & 10 self-sponsored offers of appointment

Merchant Marine: 4 sponsored & 7 self-sponsored offers of appointment

\*2 cadets received 3 offers of appointment each, and 2 cadets received 2 offers each

\*5 of the cadets earning appointments were 2<sup>nd</sup> year students attending Marion

\*2 additional cadets earned offers to attend West Point's Preparatory School, USMAPS

\*2 additional cadets earned civil prep slots: 1 for West Point, 1 for the Merchant Marine Academy

\*Additionally, 2 former Marion cadets attending other colleges earned offers of appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy

In 2019, 80 of our SAP cadets earned a total of 92 appointments to the Academies.

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How do you achieve your dream of attending a Service Academy at Marion?

Through excelling academically in our fully-accredited STEM and humanities courses, each of which is certified and approved by the Service Academies.

Through character development that is the hallmark of all that we do.

Through exercising and developing leadership skills in practical ways: as a member of the cadet chain of command, in the classroom, on the intramural field, and in clubs.

Through exerting yourself physically during organized and individual physical fitness, in intramurals, and in competitive club athletics.

Through developing personal discipline, personal accountability and responsibility for your actions.

Here Is What Your Typical Academic Week Would Look Like:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
0545	Physical Training	Physical Training		Physical Training	
0750		Formation		Formation	
0800	Chemistry	Chemistry or Physics Lab	Chemistry	Chemistry or Physics Lab	Chemistry
0900	Math		Math		Math
1000	English Composition	Military Science	English Composition		English Composition
1100	Physics (or American History)		Physics (or American History)		Physics (or American History)
1200	Formation		Formation		Formation
1315	Formation	Formation	Formation	Formation	Formation
1330	Commandant's Time		Commandant's Time		Commandant's Time
1500	Intramurals or Free Time		Intramurals or Free Time		Intramurals or Free Time
1600	Math (2nd Hour)				
1915	Call to Quarters for Studying				
2000	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps

Here are your advantages in attending Marion:

Marion serves as a leadership development laboratory that offers you the opportunity to lead almost immediately upon your arrival. You can develop your leadership skills by:

- Earning chain of command positions as early as your first semester
- Leading classroom discussions
- Leading your company's Honor or intramural sports teams
- Leading one of over a dozen cadet-owned and cadet-run clubs

Our professors are dedicated to your success in earning an offer of appointment to your Academy. You will take college level Chemistry, Trigonometry-Based Physics (future West Pointers will take American History instead both semesters), Pre-Calculus and/or Calculus, English Composition, and Military Science. Your professors are available after class for additional instruction.

You will participate in organized, centralized physical fitness training (PT) three mornings weekly. Come autumn we will administer your Academy's physical fitness exam (i.e., the CFA, PFE, and/or the PFT). Additionally, you will swim in our 25 yard-long indoor pool (bring a good pair of swimming goggles!), participate in competitive company intramurals, and lift weights in our excellent weight rooms.

We have an excellent Academic Success Center devoted to helping you excel in each of your academic courses. Tutors are available 5 days and nights weekly to help you comprehend your material.

We offer a full 32 hours of ACT/SAT test preparation by a regionally-recognized standardized college test tutor. He will review both math and English language concepts, and administer several practice tests.

We have over 12 cadet-led and operated clubs meeting the needs of our cadets and the community as a whole. Most are dynamic and kinetic in nature, exacting both physical and mental expenditure on your part. Here is a list of some of our prominent clubs

- Flying Tigers
- Scuba Tigers
- Swamp Fox
- Ranger Challenge (with our Army ROTC Department)
- Obstacle Course Race team (regionally competitive)
- Pistol Team (regionally competitive)
- White Knights drill team
- Honor Guard
- Color Guard
- Ethics Debate Team (nationally competitive)
- Leaders' Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Bible Study Club
- Swim Club
- Fishing Club
- Gaelic Club

Marion replicates Service Academies in myriad ways and forms. First and foremost, we help develop your character through exacting self-discipline and selflessness. You will rise to accomplish your duty because you learn that doing so is the right thing to do. Secondly, Marion teaches followership, teamwork, and ultimately leadership. Thirdly, Marion teaches you how to live an honorable, noble, and worthy life dedicated to serving others. You live by an Honor Code at Marion.

You will learn more about yourself than you ever have, push yourself to achieve challenges that you have never before faced, and find a new you who has been waiting to emerge.

The heart, spirit, and character of Marion, now 178 years old, permeate and pervade all that you will do here. You will reach beyond your current levels of performance and thinking. You will leave Marion knowing that you have accomplished and achieved something special and something more. That something special and something more will grip and guide you all of your life.

I am your dedicated, fulltime SAP Director solely focused on your becoming as competitive as possible in earning an offer of appointment to your Service Academy. I will personally engage you both individually and corporately throughout the academic year, advising and assisting you along your way toward earning

an offer of appointment. During your summer prior to entering Marion I will engage with you to ensure that you are best postured for competitiveness for an appointment the moment that you arrive at Marion.

It would be my distinct honor and privilege to help you, one of our nation's finest, develop, grow, and mature during your year or two attending Marion en route to a Service Academy.

Driven, Proven, Marion

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