

Massachusetts Maritime Academy Spring Orientation (Feb. 2019) What-To-Bring List

The following list contains the items that you are to bring to Spring Orientation.

Athletic Shoes: All Cadet Candidates are required to bring a pair of sneakers. Sneakers must be all or mostly white and reasonably broken in. Your sneakers will be worn for many activities.

Automobiles: Freshmen will be allowed to have a car on campus during Spring Orientation only. Freshmen will have the lowest priority for parking throughout the spring term.

Batteries: Two (2) AA cell batteries.

Pens & Sharpies: (2) Black or Blue Pens, One (1) black sharpie & one (1) silver sharpie

Bedding: One (1) dark, solid colored blanket is required & 1 standard bed pillow with standard white pillow case

Towels: Cadet Candidates should bring two (2) white bath towels.

Eyeglasses/Contact Lenses: Bring eyeglasses and eye care products. If contact lenses are worn, bring a spare set and/or pair of glasses. (Transition lenses are acceptable.)

Grooming Standards (female): Hair must be a natural color and will not be worn below the shirt collar in length or excessively bulky on the sides. Hair shall not interfere with the proper military covers (hats). Ensure you bring the required items to hold your hair back/up and keep it in place. Barrettes and clips must be of similar color to your hair. Bobby pins are highly recommended.

Grooming Standards (male): Report with a proper haircut (#1 setting on hair clippers all the way around). Facial hair and sideburns are prohibited.

Jewelry: No jewelry of any type will be worn, including body piercings, and should be left at home. This includes watches, although they are permitted and recommended after Spring Orientation.

Medication: You must bring required personal medications, including any regularly used allergy and over the counter medications. Please contact Massachusetts Maritime Academy Health Services if you need special arrangements for your medication.

Money: Cadet Candidates do not need to bring any money for Orientation. In the instance when a Cadet Candidate might need money to pay for emergency prescriptions or hospital/doctor visits during Spring Orientation, money will be provided to the Cadet Candidate and then subsequently billed. If you plan to stay on campus in between the end of Spring Orientation and the beginning of the fall semester, you could use money to dine in local establishments.

Personal Laptops: Though mandatory during the academic year, they will not be permitted for Orientation. If you are traveling a great distance and/or this is your only opportunity to bring this equipment, then you may bring it to Orientation but it will be stored for the 1-week period. When you arrive on campus, ask your Squad Leader to assist you with "Orientation Storage."

Robe (Optional): Standard navy blue, black or white required. This will only be used to go to/from the shower if you so choose.

Shoe/Metal Polish: Leather shoes are polished to regimental standards. Cadet Candidates will report with a tin of black shoe polish (Kiwi or similar brand) and a suitable brush. In addition, a can of Brasso or similar metal polish (Never Dull) is required.

Shower Shoes: Flip-flop style or waterproof sandals are required.

Socks: Bring at least twelve (12) pairs of white “over-the-ankle” athletic socks. Socks will not be washed during Orientation, so please bring extra pairs. Also bring 6 pairs of black dress socks.

Sweatshirt: All Cadet Candidates are required to bring a solid Gray or Navy Blue sweatshirt (no logos or insignia other than MMA / hoodies acceptable).

Tobacco Products: The entire MMA campus is 100% smoke free and tobacco free. Any tobacco products (i.e. cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, dip, e-cigarettes, etc.) are strictly prohibited.

Toiletries: Bring your own personal toiletries. Hair dryers, clippers and electric razors are not authorized during Orientation.

Underwear: All Cadet Candidates must bring *at least* a one (1) week supply of white undergarments. White crew neck (round neck) undershirts are required for all Cadet Candidates, both male and female. V-neck or tank style undershirts are not authorized. Underwear, white t-shirts and socks **will NOT be washed during Orientation**. Only issued PT gear (blue shorts, blue shirts, gold shirts) will be washed for Cadet Candidates.

HELPFUL ITEMS: Lint brush, iron, talcum powder, extra pens, pencils and notebook.

UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS: Cell Phones, Laptops, Clocks, Wristwatches, Refrigerators,) Space Heaters, Fans, Extra Bedding, Room Decorations, Outside Food (unless for medical purposes, Protein, Supplements, Energy Drinks

PLEASE NOTE: Only bring the items needed for Spring Orientation. If you are traveling a great distance and/or this is your only opportunity to bring your gear, then you may bring it to Spring Orientation but it will be stored for the 1-week period. Pack the things you need for Spring Orientation in one bag and the things you need for the academic year in another bag. **During the academic year (after spring orientation), all freshmen will require a wristwatch and basic non-music alarm clock. TV's, radios, clock-radios, iPods or similar electronic appliances are not allowed the entire first year.** Cell Phones are permitted after Orientation Graduation.

DISCLAIMER: Massachusetts Maritime Academy will store unauthorized items for cadet candidates until the time which that individual is authorized to collect their belongings. The condition of the item will be documented before being stored for the 1-week orientation and the item will be stowed away. The Academy and their staff are not responsible for any damages which may occur to items while in storage. Although items will be stored as safely as possible, if you are not comfortable with this policy do not bring unauthorized items to Spring Orientation.