Massachusetts Maritime Academy - Orientation 2017
What-To-Bring List

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

**Athletic Shoes:** All Cadet Candidates will arrive on Saturday, 19 August wearing a pair of sneakers. They should 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 Orientation only. Freshmen will have the lowest priority for parking throughout the fall and spring terms.

**Bathing Suits:** Male cadets must bring plain mostly navy blue or black swim trunks, no “Speedos.” Females must bring a conservative one-piece mostly navy blue or black bathing suit.

**Batteries:** Six (6) AA cell batteries.

**Combination Lock:** One combination lock (memorize the combination before arriving).

**Sharpies:** One (1) black sharpie & one (1) silver sharpie

**Bedding:** One (1) dark, solid colored blanket are required

**Eyeglasses/Contact Lenses:** If you wear glasses, bring an extra pair with you. 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 crew cut (#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 Orientation.

**Mail:** Mail is not allowed for Cadet Candidates during Orientation, but is acceptable afterwards. If something of urgent nature needs to be sent, contact LCDR Mike Kelley at 508-830-5000 x1411 or via email at: mkelley@maritime.edu.

**Medication:** You must bring required personal medications, including any regularly used allergy and over the counter medications. Medications requiring refrigeration must be stored in the Academy dispensary. Please call CAPT Jeff Cukor (508) 830-5046 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 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 Orientation and the beginning of the fall semester, you could use money to dine in local establishments.

**Musical Instruments:** If you were in an organized marching band in high school or play an instrument, you may bring it with you to Orientation. The Academy band encourages your participation, and you will be an integral part of **Orientation Graduation ceremonies on 1 September 2017**. Do not bring instruments intended for personal enjoyment (guitar, banjo, harmonica, etc.) at this time.

**Passports:** If you do not have a passport, you must apply for your passport now. License track majors will go on our Sea Term which always includes foreign ports and passports are mandatory. Passports may or may not be required for Experiential Learning opportunities for non-license majors. **You do not**
need to bring your passport to Orientation. You should bring 2 color copies to add to your student file.

**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 2-week period. When you arrive on campus, ask your Squad Leader to assist you with “Orientation Storage.” The dormitories are fully networked (LAN and Internet). Information regarding what specifications are needed can be found on the website at [Laptop Specifications](#).

**Physicals:** **This is extremely important.** All Cadet Candidates will need to submit a physical exam report prior to 01 June, which will be screened by the Academy medical personnel. If you have not submitted a physical by the start of Orientation you may not be allowed to participate in the program. Any medical difficulties that may have arisen subsequent to the physical exam should be brought to the attention of Medical Staff or Academy Officers immediately. *Failure to disclose medical history or current medical conditions is an honor code violation.*

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

**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.

**Towels:** Cadet Candidates should bring six (6) white bath towels.

**Underwear:** All Cadet Candidates must bring at least a two (2) week supply of white undergarments. It is not uncommon to use two pair of underwear per day. 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only bring the items needed for 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 Orientation but it will be stored for the 2-week period. Pack the things you need for Orientation in one bag and the things you need for the academic year in another bag. **During the academic year (after graduation from 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.