

# **FORK UNION MILITARY ACADEMY**

**SUMMER SESSION 2023**



**10 July – 5 August 2023**

**HANDBOOK OF REGULATIONS AND  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**For Students and Parents**

## Overview

### **Fork Union Military Academy's Summer School Mission Statement**

Our mission is to educate, develop, and inspire young men in a college preparatory, Christian, structured environment.

Fork Union Military Academy (FUMA) provides young men with a challenging academic experience in a healthful boarding school environment. The school program is holistic, helping our students grow in body, mind, and spirit. Instructors teach a college preparatory curriculum while helping students develop habits and study skills essential for classroom success. Devotionals each morning, along with several chapel services each week, allow each student the opportunity to consider the claims of Jesus Christ as he develops his worldview. Our athletic facilities and team offerings promote healthy physical development and fitness, and our living environment provides safe dormitory living as we build community among the young men who enroll here. This summer, our students will develop life skills vital for success, including self-discipline, accountability, hygiene, problem-solving, focus, and tenacity. Their hard work will be rewarded. It is our pleasure and calling to help prepare each student to meet the demands and opportunities awaiting him following his high school years.

FUMA Summer Sessions have been of lasting value to numerous young men for many years. To enhance your son's experience this summer, you should familiarize yourself with school policies and procedures. Please examine the information in this handbook closely and then keep it handy for reference during the Summer Session. In making travel plans to and from Fork Union, please refer to the Summer Session calendar and the leave schedule.

All regulations, particularly those regarding CLASS ATTENDANCE, must apply equally and fairly to all student body members. Exceptions may be granted only in cases of emergency and not to accommodate personal calendars or vacation plans. Our goal is to maintain consistency and structure essential to the program. Your cooperation is vital and greatly appreciated.

On behalf of all of us here at the Academy, we look forward to our time together and expect a great outcome.

## A. ACADEMICS

1. **CURRICULUM.** All course offerings are listed on our selection sheet available through the Admissions Office. During the summer, students may repeat two courses, may explore two enrichment courses, or can choose one of each. Alternative course requests may be granted only with approval from the Academic Dean.
2. **COMMUNICATION.** All classroom teachers generally have a fuma.org email address. Parental communication is encouraged, and parents should hear from teachers no less than once per week during the summer session. Grades are maintained in our electronic student information system. Questions should be directed to the Director of Summer Programs, Charlie Coulter at [coulterc@fuma.org](mailto:coulterc@fuma.org) or 434.842.4320.
3. **STUDY PERIOD.** One of the most important aspects of our academic program is the evening study period, called “CQ” or Call to Quarters. During CQ, each student is expected to complete his homework from the day, and to prepare for the following day. Each CQ is adult supervised by dorm mentors who live on each hall. CQ promotes the development of sound study habits and strengthens the ability to focus.
4. **GRADING SCALE.**

97-100	A+	87-89	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+
94-96	A	84-86	B	74-76	C	64-66	D
90-93	A-	80-83	B-	70-73	C-	60-63	D-

59 and below is failing

5. **GRADING PERIODS.**

1st Quarter July 10 – July 16  
2nd Quarter July 17 – July 23 (End of First Semester)  
3rd Quarter July 24 – July 30  
4th Quarter July 31 – August 5 (End of Second Semester)  
Final Exam August 5

## B. SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

Christian principles undergird all aspects of the Academy program. Class days begin with devotionals, Chapel services are held twice during the week and each Sunday morning, and teachers are encouraged to encourage students in their spiritual growth. There is an Academy Chaplain on staff during the summer session, as well as the regular school year, who is available as needed.

## **C. ATHLETICS:**

The Academy enjoys an amazing athletic tradition, and many young men have developed their physical talents on our campus. Our alumni cadre includes scores of professional athletes in sports such as football, baseball, basketball, track and field, and swimming. During Summer School, your son will be required to participate in athletics. The first week will be a rotational group activity, then students will be able to participate in sports/coaching clinics for subsequent weeks.

## **D. DINING**

All meals are served cafeteria style with ample amounts of fresh, wholesome foods. Snack foods and soft drinks are discouraged at mealtime and should not be brought to the dining hall. An adequate amount of time is allotted for the students to eat and discuss the day's activities.

## **E. WEEKEND ACTIVITIES**

Summer School classes will meet on Saturday 16 July, 23 July, and 30 July. Cadets that are eligible for overnight leave can depart after class each Saturday and must return the following day by 6:00 PM (to prepare for Study CQ). Day passes will occur each Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM and end by 6:00 PM. Students can depart on day passes on the following day(s): Sunday 17 July, 24 July, and 31 July. Parents must report to the Commandant's Department to pick off/drop off their student.

## **F. SOCIAL CENTER**

Students who are not departing on leave or day pass will have several options to choose from. Students can work-out, play basketball, or swim in our indoor pool in the Estes Athletic Center. Counselors will organize a variety of activities, such as dodgeball, volleyball, laser tag and NERF Wars in the athletic center as well other on campus activities include disc golf.

The student Social Center in Vaughn Hall offers two pool tables, ping-pong, air hockey, and arcade games. The center also has a movie theater, private gaming rooms, a music and chess room, and a concessions area.

## **G. CLOTHING**

FUMA shirts and khaki shorts will be issued to each student for class wear and weekend trips. Athletic wear will also be given for afternoon play and activities. The cost for these clothing items is included in the tuition charge. The following items should be brought for use during the summer session. These items should be clearly marked with the student's name on the inside of the garment as possible. Twin bed sheets, pillowcases, towels, and washcloths are provided and laundered by the Academy.

**The following items should be brought from home:**

- Gym shoes (may be worn to class) - (Qty 2)
- Blanket
- Under Shorts - (Qty 8)
- Shower Shoes
- Straight broom and/or dustpan
- Calculator for math or science classes
- Pillow – standard size to fit our pillowcases
- White crewneck undershirts (Qty 8)
- White Socks (at least ankle height)
- A baseball glove, Lacrosse stick, racquetball or tennis racquet may be brought
- Swimsuit

**H. MEDICAL CONTROL**

1. **INFIRMARY.** A registered nurse is on duty each day and the Academy physician is available as needed.
2. **HEALTH RECORDS.** The **physical examination** form and immunization record must be completed and returned in order for a student to register for the Summer Session.
3. **MEDICATIONS.** All medications will be dispensed and secured by the nurse in our infirmary. Medicine and dosage instructions should be left with the nurse on opening day.

**I. LEAVE AND DAY PASS POLICY**

Overnight leave will begin after class each Saturday and end at 6:00 PM the next day. Day passes will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 6:00 PM on Sundays only. Students are allowed off campus with parents/guardians or authorized individuals, dictated by the parent.

Students must have written permission from their parents or guardians on file with the Commandant's Department before leave will be granted. Leave requests must be submitted in Orah, which is the school's online database platform (<https://www.forkunion.com/parents/orah>). Parents/guardians will receive an invite from Orah two business days from the start of Summer School.

Leave requests may be approved for a student to visit his home, the home of a relative, or the home of another student. When going to the home of either a relative or another student, a written invitation must be on file from the relative or the inviting student's parents.

Travel must be by private transportation and with a driver over twenty-one (21) years of age with written permission on file.

**J. DORMITORY**

1. **ROOM ORDER.** Each student will be expected to cooperate with his roommate in keeping their room neat and orderly; beds must be straightened, floors

swept, and clothes neatly hung. Roommates share responsibility for room order and cleanliness.

2. **AUDIO EQUIPMENT.** Clock radios are permitted for student use. Each room is equipped with a room phone. Cellphones, personal laptops, Bluetooth speakers, and MP3 players of any kind are strictly prohibited.
3. **APPLIANCES.** Students may not have hot plates or other cooking appliances, irons, toasters, or refrigerators. Fans are NOT permitted.
4. **ROOM CHANGES.** Requests for a room change should be directed to the Associate Director of Summer School. Requests will be considered with respect to the good of all concerned.

## **K. PERSONAL CONDUCT**

1. **DISCIPLINE.** Each student is held accountable for his actions and behavior while at Fork Union. Good behavior will be rewarded while inappropriate behavior may warrant remedial measures. A student who experiences difficulty working within the framework of our structured program may be assigned a punitive task for his actions. Such misconduct may result in his being given “extra duty” or loss of privileges. Every effort is made by our faculty to handle all problems in a fair and consistent manner.
2. **AWOL.** Students may not leave the campus without permission. Such permission is granted in accordance with the Summer Session's leave and day-pass policy. Should your son leave school without authorization, we will notify you of his absence as promptly as possible and will work closely with you to secure his safe return to the campus. Unexcused absences will not be permitted and may lead to academic forfeiture of credit.
3. **TOBACCO.** The use of tobacco products in any form is prohibited.
4. **INTOXICANTS.** The possession or use of intoxicants of any kind, or associated paraphernalia, is absolutely forbidden and will result in a recommendation for dismissal from the Academy. Misuse of ordinary substances with the intent to produce an intoxicating effect may also warrant dismissal.
5. **VIOLENT CONDUCT.** An act of violence or physical aggression directed at another person, or willful destruction of property, may be cause for dismissal from the Summer School.
6. **CONDUCT OFF CAMPUS.** A Student represents Fork Union Military Academy on and off campus. Conduct off campus which reflects negatively on the Academy's reputation may lead to punitive measures.
7. **STEALING.** The Academy considers stealing to be a very serious offense. Any

student found guilty of stealing in any form is subject to dismissal. Possession of an article reported lost or belonging to another student may be considered stealing.

8. **PROBATION.** Students who exceed 16 demerits risk being placed on probation. The terms of probation impose a demerit limit of 10 demerits for a 7-day period. Students may be subject to dismissal if they go over this limit.
9. **DISMISSAL.** A student may be immediately dismissed for a single act of grave misconduct, inferior academic performance, continued violation of regulations, or conduct generally detrimental to the welfare of the other students in the summer session.

## L. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. **SEPARATION.** The enrollment contract and obligation are for the full session. Once a student is enrolled in the program, he may not be withdrawn without forfeiting fees. Final grades may be withheld until all financial considerations are fulfilled.
2. **ALLOWANCES.** The Academy will accept deposits for student accounts. Because of the summer session's short duration, however, it is preferred that personal allowances and minor financial matters be handled independently of the Academy. Students may have personal checks written for reasonable amounts cashed in the business office. Fifteen dollars each week should be a satisfactory amount for an allowance, and these funds will be distributed each week. We recommend that ALL credit cards be left at home.
3. **LAUNDRY.** The school-issued shirts, shorts, and the students' personal items will be laundered by the academy. Please mark/label all personal items before your son arrives to campus. This process will help ensure that your son will receive his personal items back from the laundry service.
4. **PERSONAL APPEARANCE.** Students must remain clean-shaven and are expected to shower daily. Socks are required for class wear. Hair should be neatly tapered and not extend over the ears or shirt collar. Sideburns are cut on a line with the top of the exterior ear opening. Extreme hairstyles (spiked, dyed, braided, etc.) are prohibited. Students will not cut each other's hair, nor their own hair, as trimmers are not authorized on campus. Students will have their hair cut by the Academy barber, as necessary. Wearing earrings is not permitted.
5. **TELEPHONE CALLS.** Each barracks room has a telephone with a unique number. Room phones will be deactivated during the first week of Summer School to allow students an acclimation period. Calls may be received at that number at any time during the day, and messages may be left on the voicemail associated with each room. Students may dial out from their room phone only during free time hours, generally between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM daily. Cellular telephones are NOT permitted on campus. On check-in day, you will be given directions on how to contact a member of the FUMA administrative staff in an emergency.  
Academy Telephone: 434.842.3212 FAX: 434.842.4300

6. **MAIL.** All mail should be addressed as follows:

- Letters:  
Student Name  
FUMA Summer Session  
Fork Union, VA 23055
  
- Packages:  
Student Name  
FUMA Summer Session  
4744 James Madison Highway  
Fork Union, VA 23055
  
- Packages are recommended to be no bigger than the size of a shoe box. This will allow the student storage space to not be overwhelmed.

7. **AUTOMOBILES.** Students are not permitted to have vehicles (automobiles, motorcycles, etc.) during the summer session. Day Students that intend to drive to campus must receive approval from the Associate Director of Summer School, and they must check-in and out of the front office in Jacobson Hall to turn-in/check-out their cellphone and vehicle keys.



## Class Days

0645	Rising Bell
0720 - 0750	Breakfast
0800 - 0930	Class 1, Period 1
0930 - 0945	Break
0945 - 1115	Class 1, Period 2
1115 - 1200	Lunch
1200 - 1330	Class 2, Period 1
1330 - 1345	Break
1345 - 1515	Class 2, Period 2
1515 - 1700	Athletics/Sport Activities
1700 - 1730	Hygiene
1730 - 1815	Dinner
1815 - 1845	Chapel/Assembly
1900 - 2100	Study Hall
2100 - 2130	Quiet Time
2130	Lights Out

## Sundays

0815	Wakeup
0845 - 0915	Cleanup/Hygiene
0915 - 0930	Movement to Chapel
0930 - 1000	Chapel Service
1000 - 1800	Day Passes
1000 - 1115	Activities
1000 - 1100	Brunch
1200 - 1600	Social Center/Activities
1600 - 1700	Hygiene/Free Time
1700 - 1800	Dinner
1800 - 1845	Chapel/Assembly
1900 - 2100	Study Hall
2100 - 2130	Quiet Time
2130	Lights Out