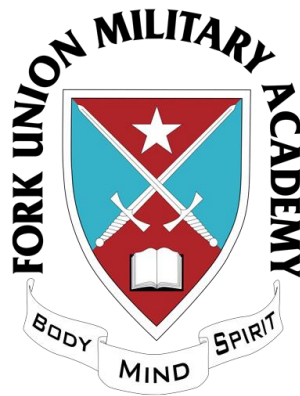


FORK UNION MILITARY ACADEMY

SUMMER SESSION 2026



28 June 2026 – 25 July 2026

**HANDBOOK OF REGULATIONS AND
GENERAL INFORMATION**

For Students and Parents

Overview

The mission of Fork Union Military Academy is to educate, develop, and inspire young men in a college preparatory, Christian, military-structured environment. Cadets build character and learn leadership, independence, responsibility, and discipline in a setting that encourages mental, physical, and spiritual growth.

Fork Union Military Academy (FUMA) provides young men 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 weekly allow each student the opportunity to consider the claims of Jesus Christ as he develops his world view. 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 closely the information in this handbook 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 members of our student body. 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 Operations COL Alex Grant, grantar@fuma.org.
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 June 29 – July 4th

2nd Quarter July 6 – July 11 (End of First Semester)

3rd Quarter July 13 – July 18

4th Quarter July 20 – July 24 (End of Second Semester)

Final Exam July 25

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.

D. DINING

All meals are served cafeteria style with ample amounts of fresh, wholesome foods. Snack foods and soft drinks are discouraged at mealtimes 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. 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. 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 at the Estes Athletic Center. Counselors will organize a variety of activities, such as dodgeball and volleyball.

The student Social Center in Vaughn Hall offers two pool tables, ping-pong, and arcade games. The center also has a movie theater, private gaming rooms, and a concessions area. Summer cadets can purchase items with their debit or credit cards.

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 much as possible. Twin bed sheets and pillowcases are provided and laundered by the Academy.

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 Academy before leave will be granted. Permission Forms will be available at check-in.

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.
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 has trouble 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. **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 on campus. This process will help ensure that your son will receive his personal items back from the laundry service.
3. **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 hair styles (spiked, dyed, braided, etc.) are not permitted. 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.
4. **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 7:00pm 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

5. **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 students storage space to not be overwhelmed.

6. **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 he must check-in and out of the front office in Jacobson Hall to turn-in/check-out his cellphone and vehicle keys.

Packing list

What to bring

- Lace up Gym shoes (may be worn to class) - (Qty 2) Blanket/ comforter for twin bed
- Under Shorts - (Qty 8)
- Shower Shoes
- Straight broom and/or dustpan
- Glass cleaner
- Papertowels
- Disinfectant wipes
- Calculator for math or science classes
- Pillow – standard size to fit our pillowcases
- White crewneck undershirts (Qty 8)
- White Socks (ankle height)
- Toiletries (Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, bodywash, deodorant, razor and shaving cream if applicable)
- Towels and Washcloths (2 of each)

What not to bring

The following items are not allowed on campus and will be confiscated.

- Cell Phone
- Laptop/tablet
- Bluetooth speakers or headphones
- MP3 Player
- Smart Watch
- Fitness trackers
- Toys or stuffed animals
- Hat's
- Sunglasses
- Any kitchen appliance
- Pocket knife
- Alcohol, tobacco, vapes, illegal substances, or paraphernalia.
- Jewelry of any kind including piercings

Any items found that are not on the bring list are eligible for confiscation

Class Days

0645	Rising Bell
0720 - 0750	Breakfast
0800 - 0930	Period 1
0930 - 0945	Break
0945 - 1115	Period 2
1115 - 1235	Athletics
1245 - 1310	Lunch
1315 - 1445	Period 3
1445 - 1500	Break
1500 - 1630	Period 4
1635 - 1730	Social Center/ ED
1730 - 1815	Dinner/ Assembly
1815 - 1945	Social Center/ ED
1945 - 2115	Study Hall
2115 - 2130	Hygiene Time
2130	Lights Out

Sundays

0800	Wakeup
0820 - 0850	Breakfast
0850 - 0900	Movement to Chapel
0900 - 0930	Chapel Service
0930 – 1000	
1000 - 1900	Day Passes
1000 - 1155	Free Time
1200 - 1230	Lunch
1230 - 1700	Free Time / Activities
1700 - 1730	Hygiene/Free time
1730 - 1800	Dinner
1815 - 1930	Free Time
1930 - 2100	Study Hall
2100 - 2130	Hygiene / Clean-up
2130	Lights Out