MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Cadet Mandatory Commissioning Requirements

1. Reference: Cadet Command Regulation 145-3

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of commissioning requirements and training opportunities.

3. In order to commission from Florida Institute of Technology as a 2LT in the United States Army, you must complete the following requirements prior to graduation: Baccalaureate Degree or Master Degree, completion of MSL Advanced Courses (MSC 301, MSC 302, MSC 401, MSC 402, and corresponding Leadership Labs) Military History, Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), staff ride or battlefield tour, CWST, APFT’s, and etc.

   a. Baccalaureate degree. Cadets must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent and possess a baccalaureate degree conferred by an accredited 4-year degree granting institution.

   b. Swim Test. Prior to Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) attendance all Cadets are required to pass a swimming diagnostic test consisting of a 10-minute swim using one or a combination of four strokes (back stroke, crawl stroke, side stroke, or breast stroke). The Cadet must swim a total of 10 continuous minutes using any of the above-mentioned strokes. There is no associated distance with this requirement. After a minimum of 10 minutes rest, the Cadet must then tread water for 5 continuous minutes. This requirement must be completed prior to LDAC attendance.

   c. Combat Water Survival Test (CWST). CWST is validated at LDAC and is commissioning requirement. The CWST will be administered on campus before attendance at LDAC. The CWST consist of a 15 meter swim in Army Service Uniform (ASU), sneakers, load bearing equipment (LBE) with M-16, 3-meter drop from a diving board blindfolded with weapon and LBE, removing blindfold and swimming to side of pool without losing weapon; and equipment removal after entering water in which the Cadet discards weapon and LBE and swims to side of pool.

4. During your experience as a ROTC Cadet, you will be given the opportunity for Cadet Professional Development Training (CPDT) based on an Order of Merit (OML). CPDT provides Cadet with summer training opportunities during the MSL II and MSL III summer months and winter and spring breaks.
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a. CTLT is a two track program (Platoon Leader and Internship). All CTLT positions are linked to a specific regiment of the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). As a result, attendance to the specific regiment is mandatory. The assigned regiment will not be changed to accommodate personal situations. Cadets who wish to participate in any of the internships must meet the application requirements, submit an application packet, and receive approval.

(1) The Platoon Leader track provides Cadets the opportunity to experience leadership in Army Table of Organization and equipment (TO&E) units over a three to four week period. Cadets serve in platoon Leader positions or other positions where a Second Lieutenant is normally assigned. Platoon Leader positions have three-four week duration depending on the hosting unit and location.

(2) The Internship track offers a myriad of training opportunities for Cadet with special language, technical, or reaches skills, with various agencies in the Department of Defense. Internships include positions with the Central Identification Laboratory, Defense Information Systems Agency, National Ground Intelligence Center, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Army Science Board, US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) and more.

b. Drill Cadet Leadership Training (DCLT). The four week DCLT program provides Cadets and opportunity to apply leadership skills, interact with highly skilled and experienced Noncommissioned Officers (NCOs) and Drill Sergeants, also improves common task skill proficiency in an Army training environment. Cadets serve in positions with the Cadre of Initial Entry Training (IET) and One-Station Unit Training (OSUT) units – Basic Training.

5. Any Cadet that has signed a DA Form 597-3 or DA Form 597 must have approval from the Professor of Military Science to change their degree. If, you signed a DA Form 597-3 and you are in the STEM program you must have approval from Cadet Command to change your major and if the change of major is approved you will be on administration suspension of one semester (you will have to pay for the next approved semester academic studies). Cadet are required to have an approved CC form 104-R approved by the academic advisor before requesting the change of major. DO NOT CHANGE YOUR MAJOR WITH THE UNIVERSITY UNTIL YOUR REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED.

6. Point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at (321) 674-7435 or tglassma@fit.edu

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I have read and concur with the items in the above memorandum.

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