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# NEW CADET GUIDE

## Chapter 5: Uniform Issue & Packing List



CORPS OF CADETS  
VIRGINIA TECH.



# Uniform Policy

The cadet uniform is university property and issued to you for use as a cadet student. If that status is terminated, by resignation or dismissal, you will be required to return the uniforms, cleaned and pressed, to the Tailor Shop, and you will owe the entire annual uniform fee, even if you only spend one day in the Corps.

Make sure you read and understand the Uniform Policy you will sign as an assignment in the New Cadet/ROTC Paperwork on Canvas.

## New Cadet Uniform Issue 2021-2022

### Initial Issue

1 Blue Cover	2 Multi-Cam Trousers	3 Gray T-Shirts
1 White Cover	1 PolyPro Shirt	3 Sand VTCC T-Shirts
1 All-Weather Coat	1 Sand T-Shirt	1 Bathrobe
1 Black Windbreaker	1 pair Combat Boots	1 Gray Blanket
2 White Shirts	1 pair Low Quarters, Leather	1 Blouse
2 White CNT Trousers	1 Maroon LS Shirt	2 Gray Short-Sleeve Shirts ( <i>Highly-Tighties only</i> )
2 Gray Trousers	1 Sweatpants	1 Accessory Kit
1 Multi-Cam Cover	1 Sweatshirt	
2 Multi-Cam Shirts	2 Black PT Shorts	

### Accessory Kit

2 Blouse Collar Insignia	1 pair White Cotton Gloves	2 Nametags
1 Brass Waist Plate	1 Tan Web Belt with Buckle	1 Laundry Bag
1 Brass Breast Plate	2 Corps Crests	1 Reflective Belt
1 Brass Cap Device	2 White Collars	1 Black Watch Cap
1 Raincoat	1 Black Hydration Pack	2 pair Boot Blousers
2 Windstraps	1 pair Cross Belts	
1 Black Tie	3 White Web Belts	

### Second Issue

1 Black Parka	1 White CNT Paletot and Trouser	1 White Blouse with Tab (women)
1 Black Belt Buckle	1 Dress Uniform Brass	1 White Skirt (women)
1 pair Black Leather Gloves, Dress	1 pair Shoulder Boards and Crests	1 Gray Skirt (women, optional)
1 pair Black PT Gloves	2 pair Shirt Epaulet Rank	1 pair Black Pumps (women)
2 White Shirts	1 Overcoat	1 Gold Cummerbund (women)
2 Gray Long-Sleeve Shirts	1 White Mess Jacket (women)	

# New Cadet Packing List

Find details about the items on the packing list on our [Pinterest boards](#). Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are sold in the Cadet Box from the VT Bookstore.

## Clothing

- ☐ 1 Pair Dress shoes, brown (i.e. oxfords, Sperry boat shoes)
- ☐ 1 Each Belt, brown
- ☐ 1 Each Belt, black
- ☐ 2 Pair Khaki trousers, tan (Docker-style. No cargo pockets. Tan khaki.)
- ☐ 6 Pair Dress socks, black
- ☐ 12 Pair Boot socks, black, olive drab, or sand, mid-calf or higher
- ☐ 12 Pair Athletic socks, white, no logos or color showing, cover ankle (between half calf and ankle)
- ☐ 12 Pair Underwear (at least 3 must be white or nude colored)
- ☐ 3 Pair Underwear, black (*Air Force ROTC only*)
- ☐ 12 Each T-shirts, white, V-neck
- ☐ 3 Each T-shirts, any color (for personal physical fitness)
- ☐ 3 Pair Shorts (for personal physical fitness)
- ☐ 1 Pair Shoes, athletic/running
- ☐ 2 Sets Sleepwear/pajamas (personal preference)
- ☐ 1 Each Wrist watch, professional in style (conservative black band)
- ☐ 1 to 2 Sets civilian clothing for travel on pass/leave (that's all you will need until spring semester)
- ☐ 1 Each Swimsuit
- ☐ 2 Each Rain ponchos, disposable, clear

## Personal Hygiene & Well-Being

- ☐ 1 Each \*12-pack disposable face masks (Needed to ride Blacksburg Transit or visit Schiffert Health Center)
- ☐ 2 Each \*2-pack cloth face masks, black (Only black face masks are allowed in uniform)
- ☐ 1 Each Digital thermometer
- ☐ 1 Each \*Hand sanitizer
- ☐ 1 Box Tissues
- ☐ 1 Each Toothbrush
- ☐ 1 Each Toothpaste
- ☐ 1 Each Floss
- ☐ 1 Bottle Shampoo/conditioner (anti-dandruff, if desired, for no lint on your uniform)
- ☐ 1 Each Body wash

- ☐ 2-4 Each Hand soap
- ☐ 1 Pair Shower shoes (required)
- ☐ 1 Each Deodorant
- ☐ 1 Each Lotion
- ☐ 1 Each Sunblock (SPF 30 or higher, newly shaved heads sunburn easily)
- ☐ 1 Each Travel-sized sunblock (SPF 30 or higher)
- ☐ 1 Each Lip balm
- ☐ 1 Each Brush or comb

## Emergency Self-Care Bag

- ☐ 1 Copy Home doctor and dentist contact information
- ☐ 1 Copy Insurance card
- ☐ 1 Each Prescription and dose of EpiPen (if applicable)
- ☐ 1 Supply Contacts, case, solution, and extra glasses (if applicable)
- ☐ 1 Supply 4-5 months of long-term medications, with prescription
- ☐ 1 Supply Other personal medications, with prescription (if applicable)
- ☐ 1 Each \*Portable First Aid Kit, basic
- ☐ 2 Package \*Molefoam/Moleskin Padding (Dr. Scholl's is popular)
- ☐ 1 Tube Antibiotic ointment/cream
- ☐ 1 Box Bandages/gauze pads
- ☐ 1 Bottle Antacid
- ☐ 1 Bottle Benadryl (if you suffer from seasonal allergies)
- ☐ 1 Bottle Acetaminophen, ibuprofen or naproxensodium (your preference)
- ☐ 1 Each Bug bite remedy
- ☐ 1 Each Antiseptic
- ☐ 1 Bottle Cough syrup and/or lozenges
- ☐ 1 Package Cold medicine

## Room

- ☐ 1 Each Pillow, white
- ☐ 12 Each Hangers, heavy-duty (metal or wooden)
- ☐ 2 Sets White twin sheets (fitted, flat, and a pillowcase), must fit (tautly) a 38" W x 80" L x 7.5" deep mattress
- ☐ 2 Sets White towels (bath, hand, and washcloth)
- ☐ 1 Each Blanket, comforter, or sleeping bag (any color/type)
- ☐ 2 Each Surge protector (a longer cord is better, 6' to 9')

- ☐ 1 Each Small, foot-pedal desk-side wastebasket, with lid and bags (no more than 13 gallons)
- ☐ 2 Each Large plastic storage bins/containers (lightweight, any color, stored on top of wardrobes)  
Space on top of cabinet: 32" across, 22.25" deep, cabinet top to ceiling: 45.5" for Upper Quad rooms)
- ☐ 1 Each Desk lamp (not halogen)
- ☐ 1-2 Sets Plates, bowls, utensils, mugs (microwaveable)
- ☐ 1 Each Plain alarm clock (no music capability: no radio/iPhone/iPad/other connections)
- ☐ 1 Each Small water pitcher or water bottle (optional)
- ☐ 1 Each Air freshener (optional)
- ☐ 1 Each Air purifier (small, optional)

## Lower Quad Housing Only

- ☐ 1 Each Box fan (popular brand is Lasko 20", neutral color, required for Lower Quad housing)
- ☐ 1 Each Desk hutch, optional (purchased from [collegesavers.com](http://collegesavers.com) or handmade)
- ☐ 1 Each Tension rod and solid-color, flame-retardant curtain to use as a closet door (optional)

## Professional Materials

- ☐ 1 Each Computer (see [compreg.vt.edu](http://compreg.vt.edu) for specifications by major)
- ☐ 1 Each Printer, Printer ink (It is not recommended to share with roommate)
- ☐ 1 Each Black backpack, small or no visible logo (see Corps Pinterest board for examples)
- ☐ 1-2 Reams Printer paper
- ☐ 1-2 Each USB drive
- ☐ 1 Set Software (Purchased through the university: Undergraduate Software Bundle and other college specific requirements)
- ☐ 1 Set General school supplies (notebooks, binders, folders, pens, pencils, highlighters, calculator, stapler, scissors, etc)
- ☐ 1 Each \*5-inch pointed scissors
- ☐ 1 Box Pens, retractable, black (Required for all cadets)
- ☐ 1 Each 3x3 Post-it-notes, yellow
- ☐ 1 Each 3x5 index cards, ruled (Required for all cadets)

## Cleaning Supplies

- ☐ 1 Each Sponge
- ☐ 1-4 Rolls Paper Towels
- ☐ 1 Each Disinfectant Spray (i.e. Lysol brand)
- ☐ 1-2 Each Disinfectant Wipes (i.e. Clorox brand)
- ☐ 1 Each Old toothbrush (for shoes)

- ☐ 1 Set      Dusting tools (Pledge, rags, Swiffer, etc.)
- ☐ 1 Each      White laundry bag (one is issued, can also bring a second one if desired)
- ☐ 1 Bottle      High efficiency (HE) laundry detergent
- ☐ 1 Bottle      Laundry stain remover (OxiClean, Shout, etc.)
- ☐ 1 Each      Iron
- ☐ 1 Each      Ironing board, full size (may coordinate with roommates for only one per room, if desired)
- ☐ 1 Bottle      Ironing starch (i.e. Faultless Heavy Starch)
- ☐ 1 Bottle      Multi-surface cleaner
- ☐ 1 Bottle      Dishwashing soap
- ☐ 1 Bottle      Window/glass cleaner
- ☐ 1 Each      Broom (may also opt for an additional Swiffer WetJet + pads)

## All Cadets

A majority of these items are sold together in a "Cadet Box" through the VT Bookstore (marked by an \*). It is optional to purchase the box from the VT Bookstore, or you can buy the items individually. But make sure you have all of these items.

- ☐ 1 Can      Shoe polish, black (Kiwi brand)
- ☐ 1 Kit      \*Shoe shine kit (brush, shine cloth, etc)
- ☐ 1 Bottle      Edge dressing (optional, Kiwi Brand is popular)
- ☐ 1 Set      \*Manicure Set (tweezers, nail clipper, etc., also used for uniform maintenance)
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Door Stop (sturdy, wood or hard rubber)
- ☐ 2 Each      \*Dry erase marker, fine, black
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Dry erase eraser (optional)
- ☐ 1 Bottle      Dry erase cleaning spray (optional)
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Sewing kit (small)
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Portable stain remover (i.e. Tide To Go pen)
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Mini or regular size lint roller
- ☐ 1 Each      \*China marker/grease pen
- ☐ 1 Bottle      \*Metal Polish (Brasso and Mothers Mag & Aluminum are popular brands)
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Bic mini lighter
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Umbrella, black
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Memo (fit in pocket) notebook, black, waterproof
- ☐ 1 Bag      \*Cotton balls (non-synthetic)
- ☐ 1 Pack      \*Safety pins
- ☐ 1 Each      \*Marker, permanent, black
- ☐ 1 Set      \*Shirt stays (for examples and where to buy, see Corps Pinterest boards)

- ☐ 3 Sheets    \*Hat plastic (available individually or in Cadet Box; sold exclusively at VT Bookstore)
- ☐ 1 Each    \*Storage box, cardboard (Cadet box that the kit comes in, not necessary to buy individually)
- ☐ 2 Rolls    \*White/Light Tan Masking Tape (1.88" or 2" x 30 yds)
- ☐ 1 Rolls    \*White/Light Tan Masking Tape (1" x 54 to 60 yds)
- ☐ 1 Each    Pool Noodle (any color). To protect your head from the metal edge of the bed when you stand up
- ☐ 1 Each    Water bottle
- ☐ 1 Box    Q-tips (Required, for cleaning shoe edges)
- ☐ 1 Bottle    Baby powder (optional, for chafing)

## Women

- ☐ 1 Kit    Hair supplies for bun and ponytail, matching hair color (ties, pins, barrettes, spray, gel, etc.)
- ☐ 7 Each    Sports bra, white
- ☐ 2 Each    Nylons, skin-tone (will need for paletot)
- ☐ 1 Supply    Feminine hygiene products
- ☐ 1 Pair    1/8-inch gold, silver, or pearl ball earrings (optional)
- ☐ 1 Set    Professional business attire (optional for religious services; required for Citizen-Leader Track)
- ☐ 3 Each    Compression shorts, black (optional)
- ☐ 1 Each    Plain, black purse (optional)
- ☐ 1 Set    Cosmetics, skin-tone, conservative (optional)

## Men

- ☐ 1 Each    Razor, electric or disposable (package of 10 or more for razors or replacement heads)
- ☐ 1 Bottle    Shaving cream
- ☐ 1 Each    Professional business attire (optional for religious services; required for Citizen-Leader Track)
- ☐ 3 Each    Compression shorts, black (optional)

## Share With Roommates

- ☐ 1 Each    Refrigerator (no more than 4.5cu.ft., 120 Volts, 2 amps)
- ☐ 1 Each    Microwave (less than 1000 watts)



# Items Not Authorized

The decor of a cadet's room is limited within the privileges of each class. First-year cadets are not allowed to move furniture or add significant items to the room. Specific items that first-year cadets are NOT authorized include, but are not limited to:

- A desk chair (other than the chair provided by the university)
- Towels any other color than white
- Posters
- Floor lamps
- A personal bathrobe (other than the robe issued by the Tailor Shop)
- Rugs
- Sheets any other color than white
- Alarm clocks that play music
- Curtains
- Extension cords
- Televisions
- Shoe Racks (that hang outside of cabinet)
- Hammocks

## Footwear Guide

You will be issued one (1) pair of Coyote Brown Combat Boots and one (1) pair Black Leather Low Quarters by the Tailor Shop. If you decide to drop the Corps of Cadets, understand that you will be billed by the Virginia Tech Accounts Receivable Department for the boots and shoes. The amount will be approximately \$70 for the boots and approximately \$100 for the shoes. Virginia sales tax will be added.

Important notes:

1. Once boots and shoes have been worn, it is not feasible to swap sizes. Therefore, it is important that the sizes you have selected fit correctly. Replacements will be at the cost listed above.
2. Proper fit and break-in are required to prevent blisters.

You will sign a form stating this when you are issued the footwear.

## Uniform Shoes & Boots

The boots you will be issued are lightweight jungle style boots. This style will help reduce foot problems from the start. The low quarters you will be issued are black leather dress shoes. If you follow the suggestions below, you will reduce your chances of major problems.

Find the style of socks that you are most comfortable wearing. These should provide cushioning between your foot and the boot while keeping your foot snug inside the boot. The heel is a common problem area for blisters, and you should ensure that you have a proper fit here. Boot socks can be black or olive drab. Dress socks must be black.

As a precaution, bring moleskin/molefoam. This will help relieve some of the discomforts of blisters in the event they occur. You will receive instructions on care and maintenance during New Cadet Week. When wearing the shoes, do not drag the heel and wear it down as you walk.



# Packing Lists FAQs

For more examples and links to where to purchase items on the packing list, check out the [Corps Pinterest Boards](#).

## Clothing

### ■ Dress Shoes, Brown (with laces)

Worn with “Hokie Bag,” the maroon polo is issued.

Common brands for oxfords are L.L. Bean, Eastland, Bostonian, Nordstroms, etc.



### ■ Belt, Brown

### ■ Belt, Black

### ■ Khaki Trousers, Tan (must have belt loops)

Common brands for the khaki trousers: Dockers, GAP, Land’s End, J Crew, Department stores

Tan/Sand khaki (no green khaki).



### ■ Dress Socks, Black (mid-calf)

### ■ Boot Socks, Black (mid-calf to knee)

Worn regularly with cadet uniforms. Brand does not matter. Hiking, work, and box stores, online retailers all carry boot socks.



### ■ Athletic Socks, White

Worn with Corps/ROTC physical fitness uniforms, color on the toe or heel is fine, as long as the visible part of the sock above the shoe is all white and free from logos. No calf or no-show socks. Goal is ankle socks.



■ Underwear, at least 3 must be white or nude colored

White, beige, or nude color underwear are worn under the issued uniform white dress pants. Underwear can be of any style (boxers, briefs, etc.) Bands can be any color. Females do not need male underwear.



■ Shoes, athletic/running

Must fit well to reduce blisters, no restrictions on color.



■ Wristwatch, professional with black band

*After New Cadet Week*, a wristwatch is a must for all cadets to be on time. It can have an athletic, metal, or leather band, but the band must be black and the watch conservative. Apple Watches or other smart watches are allowed.



■ Shower Shoes

Shower are used by many cadets in a hallway, so shower shoes are a must.



## Personal Hygiene & Well-Being

■ Cloth face masks

Plain, no artwork. Must be washable.



# Room

## ■ Linens

Towels and sheets must be white with no pattern or distinctive markings. Cadets prefer the snug fit to make it easier to prepare their beds for inspections. Cadets don't prefer lumpy/egg crate-style mattress toppers because it is difficult to pass inspection with them.

## ■ Blanket, comforter, or sleeping bag

A VTCC blanket will be issued to cadets, but many cadets avoid having to re-make their beds every day by sleeping on top of their made bed with a comforter or sleeping bag. Additional bedding will have to be stored away during the day, so be cautious of extra bulk.

## ■ Surge Protector with 6 foot to 9 foot cord

VT does not allow for extension cords, so the longer the cord the better on the surge protector

## ■ Small, desk-side wastebasket, with lid and bags

Trash cans must be at or under 13 gallons. A lid and a foot pedal are for better hygiene.

## ■ Large, plastic storage containers (stored on top of the wardrobes)

Most cadets have two bins stored on top of their wardrobes, but keep the container lightweight. If they are see-through, they can be inspected. Opaque is preferred. Additional medium containers will be useful for inside the wardrobes.



## ■ Desk Lamp

A must. University policies prohibit halogen bulb lamps and high intensity lamps in residence hall rooms.



## ■ Plain Alarm Clock (no radio/CD/audio connections)

First-year cadets do not initially have music privileges.



## ■ Cellphone

Because of the 2-Factor Authentication to access university applications, all students will find their cellphone to be indispensable. While all cadets are highly encouraged to have a cellphone for the school year and the phone is required during check-in, they are not allowed for use during New Cadet Week. They will be sealed in envelopes and stored during New Cadet Week and can be accessed if a new cadet needs it to register for classes, etc. Phones will be returned to all new cadets after the end of the New Cadet Week.

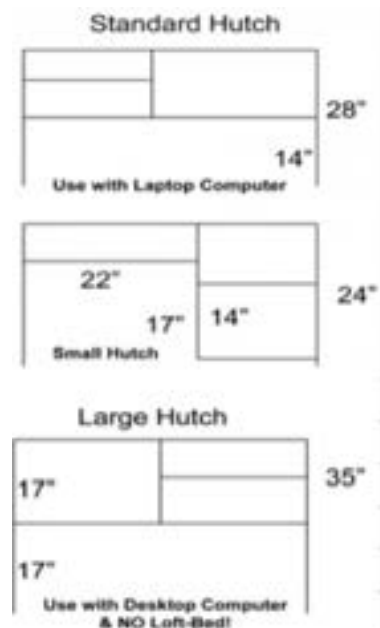
## ■ Black Backpack

No big or white logos. Very limited color accents (small imprints on zippers, for example are OK). Common retailers to check would be L.L. Bean, eBags, Zappos.com, Amazon.com, etc.



## ■ Desk hutch

Purchased online from collegesavers.com or make your own. Dimensions of solid hutches are displayed with a depth of 38 inches.



# Cleaning

- Iron
- Ironing Board, full size
- Ironing Starch

Cadets do a lot of ironing to keep their uniforms clean and inspection ready without having to pay for dry cleaning. Check to see that color from the ironing board cover will not transfer to white clothing.



- Edge Dressing (optional)

A black, glossy, lacquer-type protectant for the visible edges of soles of low quarters (dress shoes). It can be useful for formal inspections.



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- Shoe Polish, black

Shoe polish is critical in shining a cadet's leather low quarters. Parade gloss or regular, your preference.



- Dry Erase Marker, fine, black
- Dry Erase Eraser

First-year cadets earn the privilege of using dry erase on their door cards after the first six weeks.

- Sewing Kit

For small uniform repairs, like a lost button. The Tailor Shop will take care of any alterations.

- China Marker/Grease Pencil

First-year cadets are required to use these to write on their plastic door card to identify their location when they are not in their rooms.



■ Brass Polish

Some of the metal pieces of a cadet's uniform are true brass and need to be cleaned with a metal cleaner. Mother's Mag & Aluminum can be found in car-detailing areas.



■ Shirt Stays

Shirt stays are elastic straps with clasps that are designed to hook shirt tails to your socks, under pants, to keep dress shirts neatly tucked-in.



■ Hat Plastic

These stiff sheets of translucent plastic are used by cadets for everything from door cards to keeping shoulder ranks flat. It is exclusively available from the University Bookstore; it can be purchased individually.



■ Dr. Scholl's Molefoam/Moleskin

Cadets get blisters. It is a fact of life for physically active people on their feet in dress shoes and boots. Moleskin allows blistered skin to heal with a soft cushion, preventing rubbing and pressure.



■ Storage Box (cardboard)

This is the box that all of these items come in if you opt for the VT Bookstore Cadet Box. It is convenient additional storage.

■ White Masking Tape (1.88 inch to 2 inch and 1 inch)

Required. Used to tape your door card to your door in a very specific way.



# Share with Roommate(s)

■ Refrigerator  
( $\leq 4.5$ cu. ft., 120 V, 2A)

First-year cadets are allowed to have mini-fridges and microwaves, but are limited to one of each per room. They can be purchased from stores or rented.

■ Microwave  
( $< 1000$  watts)

Cadets may also have coffee pots or Kuerig machines.

