



honor code. If a cadet admits to violating the code, they face consequences such as academic penalties, disciplinary actions, or dismissal from the academy in more severe cases. The specific outcomes depend on the nature and severity of the violation and any mitigating factors. The process is designed to be fair and focused on individual development, and is designed to help cadets learn from their experiences.



Essential to West Point's Mission

Despite its demands, living under **the Cadet Honor Code** is very rewarding for cadets. Others take cadets at their word, and they enjoy a trustworthy barracks environment, an honorable reputation, and the internal satisfaction of living with integrity. Building trustworthy character is essential to West Point's mission because trusted leaders are much more effective, especially in the demanding, morally ambiguous environments of war.

Beyond the Academy, the effects of **the Cadet Honor Code** resonate throughout a graduate's military service and beyond, unifying the "Long Gray Line" in a shared commitment to personal integrity and unwavering professional responsibility.