

USNA Order Of Merit

A Midshipman's overall standing in their class is called the Order of Merit (OOM). The OOM is used to establish their relative seniority for commissioning. The OOM is determined by performance in academics, aptitude for commissioning, conduct, physical education, and athletics. Grades are assigned in each of these areas and weighted to calculate a total score for each of the eight regular semesters at the Naval Academy.

The academic component of the OOM is based on the semester QPR's with bonuses for semesters with greater than 19 credit hours, Trident projects, VGEP, and extra courses. Semesters below 15 credit hours are penalized. Grades earned during summer school do not affect the OOM. These grades do affect the overall QPR.