

Defense Organizational Climate Survey (DEOCS) 5.1 – Military Service Academy Version

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This is a master version of the Defense Organizational Climate Survey (DEOCS) 5.1 that presents the core questions asked of all Military Service Academy (MSA) participants. Questions that are irrelevant to cadets and midshipmen and asked only of other populations (e.g., civilian personnel, non-MSA military personnel) are grayed out. This document does not include additional questions selected by the Service or by MSA leadership.

<u>For survey administrators:</u> Unit-level information provided during registration about your MSA is piped into questions throughout the survey. It is important to keep this in mind, as inaccurate or overly generic information entered during survey registration may confuse participants. For example, participants will be asked "What is your affiliation to: [Academy Title]?", with the custom text placeholder shown in **red**.

Academy Experience

1. What is your affiliation to: [Academy Title]?

Some people may have multiple affiliations (for example, a Reservist who also works as a civilian at the DoD). We are interested in your affiliation to the organization conducting this DEOCS.

- Active duty military member
- Reserve military member
- National Guard member
- Civilian employee
- Military Service Academy (MSA) cadet/ midshipman
- MSA Preparatory School cadet candidate/ midshipman candidate

2. What is your Class year?

- Foreign exchange student
- 4/C (First Year)
- 3/C (Second Year)
- 2/C (Third Year)
- 1/C (Fourth Year)
- 3. When did you join: [Unit/Organization Title]?
 - Less than three months ago
 - Three or more months ago

The following questions ask about your beliefs and experiences at the [Academy Title].

4. Overall, how would you rate...

| | Very high | High | Moderate | Low | Very low |
|---|-----------|------|----------|-----|----------|
| a. the current level of morale among [cadets in your company midshipmen in your company cadets in your squadron]? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. your own current level of morale? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

5. Thinking about the past three months, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your work?

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. I am proud of my work. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. My work has a great deal of personal meaning to me. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| I am committed to making the military my career. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about [Academy Title]?

6. [Cadets in my company | Midshipmen in my company | Cadets in my squadron]...

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. Work well as a team. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Trust each other. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Thinking about the past three months, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

- 7. I can easily balance the demands of Academy life.
 - o Strongly agree
 - o Agree
 - o Neither agree nor disagree
 - o Disagree
 - o Strongly disagree

| 8. | If you have any additional thoughts about your experiences at the [Academy Title], you |
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| | may share them in the space below. |

| Please do not include personally identifiable information (for example, a personal story |
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| containing specific details that could be used to identify you or others). |

The following questions ask about your experiences at the [Academy Title]

9. How often does someone from your Military Service Academy...

| | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often |
|--|-------|--------|-----------|-------|
| a. Intentionally interfere with your work performance? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Take credit for work or ideas that were yours? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Use insults, sarcasm, or gestures to humiliate you? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. Yell when they are angry with you? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

10. How often does someone from your Military Service Academy...

| | | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often |
|---|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|
| a. Mistreat, exclude because of you | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Tell sexual joke uncomfortable, | es that make you angry, or upset? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| suggesting that | ger, or upset you by you do not act how a an is supposed to act? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| materials (such | or send sexually explicit as pictures or videos) uncomfortable, angry, or | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| appearance or | omments about your body that make you angry, or upset? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| f. Intentionally too sexual ways? | uch you in unwanted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

11. How often does someone from your Military Service Academy make you uncomfortable, angry, or upset by...

| | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|
| a. Telling racial/ethnic jokes? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Expressing stereotypes about racial/ethnic groups? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Using offensive racial/ethnic terms? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. Excluding you because of your race/ethnicity? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e. Showing you a lack of respect because of your race/ethnicity? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 12. | How often does someon | ne from your Milita | ry Service Ad | cademy use dero | gatory slurs, |
|-----|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | make comments, or tell | jokes concerning | sexual orient | tation? | |

- o Never
- o Rarely
- Sometimes
- o Often

| 13. | If you have any additional information that you would like to provide about your |
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| | experiences with hostile, harassing, and/or discriminatory behaviors, you may share |
| | them in the space below. |

Please do not include personally identifiable information (for example, a personal story containing specific details that could be used to identify you or others).

Please report how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

14. I trust that my well-being is supported by...

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. Academy faculty. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Academy coaches and staff. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

15. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your [company | squadron]?

| | | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|----|--|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. | Training opportunities, awards, recognition, and other positive outcomes are distributed fairly. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. | Discipline and criticism are administered fairly. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Leadership

[Immediate Supervisor: the individual to whom you directly report in your unit, [Unit Title]. | Immediate Supervisor: the individual to whom you directly report in your organization, [Organization Title].]

- 16. Your current immediate supervisor is...
 - Military member (e.g., Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard)
 - Civilian
 - Don't know

[Immediate Supervisor: the individual to whom you directly report in your unit, [Unit Title]. | Immediate Supervisor: the individual to whom you directly report in your organization, [Organization Title].]

17. What paygrade is your immediate supervisor?

If you are not sure, please proceed to the next question.

- o E-1 to E-3
- o E-4 to E-6
- o E-7 to E-9
- W-1 to W-3
- o W-4 to W-5
- o O-1 to O-3
- o O-4 to O-5
- o O-6 or above

[Immediate Supervisor: the individual to whom you directly report in your unit, [Unit Title]. | Immediate Supervisor: the individual to whom you directly report in your organization, [Organization Title].]

18. What DoD civilian pay plan/category is your immediate supervisor?

If you are not sure, please proceed to the next question.

- General Schedule (GS)-like pay plan (GS/GG/GM/GL/GP/GR)
- Federal Wage System pay plan (WG/WS/WL/WD/ WK/WU/WA/WO/WN/WQ/WR/XG)
- Senior Executive Service (SES)
- Title 10 tenured or tenure-track faculty
- o Title 10 non-tenure-track faculty
- Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF)
- o Demonstration/Alternative/Other pay plans

[Immediate Supervisor: the individual to whom you directly report in your unit, [Unit Title]. | Immediate Supervisor: the individual to whom you directly report in your organization, [Organization Title].]

19. What is your immediate supervisor's paygrade?

If you are not sure, please proceed to the next question.

- o 1 to 4
- o 5 to 8
- o 9 to 12
- o 13 to 14
- o 15 or above

[First Cadet in Chain of Command: the cadet immediately above you in your cadet chain of command. | First Midshipman in Chain of Command: the midshipman immediately above you in your midshipman chain of command.]

- 20. What Class year is the first [cadet | midshipman] in your chain of command?
 - 3/C (Second Year)
 - 2/C (Third Year)
 - 1/C (Fourth Year)

[First Cadet in Chain of Command: the cadet immediately above you in your cadet chain of command. | First Midshipman in Chain of Command: the midshipman immediately above you in your midshipman chain of command.]

21. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about [the first cadet in your chain of command | the first midshipman in your chain of command]?

| | | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|----|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a | I have trust and confidence in [the first cadet in my chain of command the first midshipman in my chain of command] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b | [The first cadet in my chain of command The first midshipman in my chain of command] listens to what I have to say. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. | [The first cadet in my chain of command The first midshipman in my chain of command] treats me with respect. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d | [The first cadet in my chain of command The first midshipman in my chain of command] cares about my personal well-being. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e | [The first cadet in my chain of command The first midshipman in my chain of command] provides me with opportunities to demonstrate my leadership skills. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| f. | I would not experience reprisal or retaliation from [the first cadet in my chain of command the first midshipman in my chain of command] if I went to them with concerns. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

[First Cadet in Chain of Command: the cadet immediately above you in your cadet chain of command. | First Midshipman in Chain of Command: the midshipman immediately above you in your midshipman chain of command.]

22. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[The first cadet in my chain of command | The first midshipman in my chain of command]...

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor I disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. Ridicules people in my [company squadron]. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Acts only in the best interest of their own advancement. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Ignores input from people in my [company squadron] that they do not agree with. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 23. | If you have any additional t | houghts that you would like to provide about [the first cadet |
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| | in your chain of command | the first midshipman in your chain of command], you may |
| | share them in the space be | low. |

| Please do not include personally identifiable information (for example, stating your |
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| name or the name of [the first cadet in your chain of command the first midshipman in |
| your chain of command]). |

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The following questions ask you about [your company permanent party command team | your squadron permanent party command team].

[Company Permanent Party Command Team: the officer and enlisted personnel responsible for your company. | Squadron Permanent Party Command Team: the officer and enlisted personnel responsible for your squadron.]

24. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[My company permanent party command team | My squadron permanent party command team]...

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. Communicates a clear and motivating vision of the future. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Supports and encourages the professional development of people in my [company squadron]. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Encourages people in my [company squadron] to think about problems in new ways. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Will not take action until negative behaviors become bigger problems. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e. Does not address problems brought to their attention. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

[Company Permanent Party Command Team: the officer and enlisted personnel responsible for your company. | Squadron Permanent Party Command Team: the officer and enlisted personnel responsible for your squadron.]

25. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| | | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|----|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. | I have trust and confidence in my [company squadron] permanent party command team. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. | My [company squadron] permanent party command team listens to what I have to say. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. | My [company squadron] permanent party command team treats me with respect. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. | My [company squadron] permanent party command team cares about my personal well-being. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e. | My [company squadron] permanent party command team provides me with opportunities to demonstrate my leadership skills. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| f. | I would not experience reprisal or retaliation from my [company squadron] permanent party command team if I went to them with concerns. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

[Company Permanent Party Command Team: the officer and enlisted personnel responsible for your company. | Squadron Permanent Party Command Team: the officer and enlisted personnel responsible for your squadron.]

26. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

My [company | squadron] permanent party command team...

| | | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|----|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. | Ridicules people in my [company squadron]. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. | Acts only in the best interest of their own advancement. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. | Ignores input from people in my [company squadron] that they do not agree with. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Senior NCO/SEL: your senior NCO/SEL is the highest-ranking non-commissioned officer or enlisted person in [Unit/Organization Title].

- 27. Is [Senior NCO/SEL Rank] [Senior NCO/SEL Last Name] your senior NCO/SEL?
 - o Yes
 - o No

Senior NCO/SEL: your senior NCO/SEL is the highest-ranking non-commissioned officer or enlisted person in [Unit/Organization Title].

- 28. Does your unit or organization have a senior NCO/SEL?
 - o Yes
 - o No
 - o Don't know

The following questions ask you about your unit's senior NCO/SEL.

Senior NCO/SEL: your senior NCO/SEL is [the highest-ranking non-commissioned officer or enlisted person in [Unit/Organization Title] | [Senior NCO/SEL Rank] [Senior NCO/SEL Last Name]].

29. [How | Thinking about the past three months, how] much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

My [unit | organization]'s senior NCO/SEL...

| | | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|----|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. | Communicates a clear and motivating vision of the future. | | | | | |
| b. | Supports and encourages the professional development of people in my [unit organization]. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. | Encourages people in my [unit organization] to think about problems in new ways. | | | | | |
| d. | Will not take action until negative behaviors become bigger problems. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e. | Does not address problems brought to their attention. | | | | | |

Senior NCO/SEL: your senior NCO/SEL is [the highest-ranking non-commissioned officer or enlisted person in [Unit/Organization Title] | [Senior NCO/SEL Rank] [Senior NCO/SEL Last Name]].

30. [How | Thinking about the past three months, how] much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

My [unit | organization]'s senior NCO/SEL...

| | | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|----|--|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. | Ridicules people in my [unit organization]. | | | | | |
| b. | Acts only in the best interest of their own advancement. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. | Ignores input from people in my [unit organization] that they do not agree with. | | | | | |

31. If you have any thoughts that you would like to provide about people in leadership roles at your Military Service Academy, please share them in the space below.

Please do not include personally identifiable information (for example, a personal story containing specific details that could be used to identify you or others).

Behaviors and Personal Experience

The following questions ask about your thoughts and behaviors.

32. In the past three months, how often have you...

| | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | |
|--|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--|
| a. Felt nervous or stressed? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| b. Found that you could not cope with all of the things you had to do? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

33. Thinking about the past three months, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor I disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| a. I feel like I belong. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. I feel that there are people I can turn to in times of need. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. I think I make things worse for the people in my life. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. My future seems dark to me. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

34. Thinking about your alcohol use in the last three months, how often have you...

| | | Never | Less than monthly | Monthly | Weekly | Daily or almost daily |
|----|---|-------|-------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|
| a. | Had five or more drinks on one occasion? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. | Been unable to remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Please respond how much you agree or disagree with the following statement.

Secure Storage Container/Device: a lock box, commercial gun safe, trigger lock, or chamber-style gun lock

- 35. If I had a firearm in my living space, I would store it unloaded or use a secure storage container/device.
 - o Strongly agree
 - o Agree
 - o Neither agree nor disagree
 - o Disagree
 - Strongly disagree

| 36. | If you have thoughts that you were not able to express while answering this survey, you |
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| | may share them in the space below. |

| Please do not include personally identifiable information (for example, a personal sto |
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| containing specific details that could be used to identify you or others). |

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- 37. What branch of Service are you in?
 - o Army
 - Navy
 - o Marine Corps
 - Air Force
 - Space Force
 - Coast Guard

38. What is your current paygrade?

- o E-1 to E-3
- o E-4 to E-6
- o E-7 to E-9
- o W-1 to W-3
- o W-4 to W-5
- o O-1 to O-3
- o O-4 to O-5
- o O-6 or above

39. What is your current pay plan/category?

- o General Schedule (GS)-like pay plan (GS/GG/GM/GL/GP/GR)
- Federal Wage System pay plan (WG/WS/WL/WD/WK/WU/ WA/WO/WN/WQ/WR/XG)
- Senior Executive Service (SES)
- Title 10 tenured or tenure-track faculty
- o Title 10 non-tenure-track faculty
- Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF)
- o Demonstration/Alternative/Other pay plans

40. What is your paygrade?

- o 1 to 4
- o 5 to 8
- o 9 to 12
- o 13 to 14
- o 15 or above

41. Are you a supervisor?

To be a supervisor, you must have at least one subordinate who directly reports to you.

- o No
- o Yes

42. What is your position at the Military Service Academy?

- o AD-1: Instructor
- o AD-3: Assistant Professor
- AD-5: Associate Professor
- o AD-7: Professor
- o AD-9: Admin Faculty
- AD-11: Supervisory/Professor Dean/Academic Dean

43. Are you a member of an intercollegiate athletic team?

- o No
- o Yes

44. Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

- No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican
 American, Chicano, Puerto
 Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish,
 Hispanic, or Latino

45. What is your race?

Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian (for example, Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese)
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (for example, Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)
- White

46. Are you...?

- o Male
- Female

Foreign National Employee: an employee who is a citizen or permanent resident of a country other than the United States.

- 47. Are you a foreign national employee?
 - o No
 - o Yes

The DEOCS administrator registered your [unit | organization] as affiliated with the installation, base, ship, or location: [Installation/Base/Ship/Location]

- 48. Are you assigned to this installation, base, ship, or location: [Installation/Base/Ship/Location]
 - o Yes
 - o No
- 49. What is your assigned installation, base, ship, or location?

Service Customized Section

The following questions were chosen by your Service or Military Service Academy.

Leader Customized Section

The following questions were chosen by your leadership specifically for your Military Service Academy.

Contacting the DEOCS Help Desk

If you have questions about DEOCS content, purpose, or participant privacy, please contact:

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