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#### FAA Ground School

FAA ground is perhaps the most academically rigorous training in the corps. 12 hour classes everyday for two weeks save the weekends. We studied about twenty hours throughout the entire training to pass the FAA Ground course and FAA knowledge exam. Generally, the ground course is an eight week course but sea cadets have done it in two. If you pass the sea cadet training course, you may take the FAA test after being certified. Passing the sea cadet half, you need to have an 80% average of the daily tests that range from 40 to 100 questions. But after the long, sleep-deprived days and hours of studying before taps, we had fun playing hanger-deck football or shared stories of previous trainings since you have to be 15, have a least a 3.0 GPA and be at least an E-3 we had a lot in common and training experiences to share. And on the weekend, being in San Diego, we went to the beach for the day, playing football n the surf and swimming. But the best part was where we were and what we were on. San Diego was gorgeous and staying on the USS Midway was a wonderful experience. Optional pt on the flight deck (defiantly don't skip PT) and no watch made up for the difficult training but if you really want to complete it, it's defiantly worth it.