

## **College of Naval Warfare**

U.S. Naval War College

<b>Eligible Grades</b>	GS-14s and GS-15s High-potential GS-13s, by exception
<b>Program Length</b>	10 months (Aug through Jun), or 12 months (Nov through Nov, or Mar through Mar, with a summer break)
<b>Location</b>	U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island
<b>Funding</b>	Travel and per diem is the responsibility of the nominating organization. No tuition fee.
<b>Course Dates</b>	August 2013 through June 2014 (10-month session)
<b>Course Description</b>	<p>The College of Naval Warfare is a multi-disciplinary program designed for U.S. Naval and Coast Guard officers in the grades of captain or commander, U.S. Marine Corps, Army and Air Force officers in the grades of colonel or lieutenant colonel and civilians of equivalent seniority from various Federal agencies. This senior level professional military education program provides students with executive-level preparation for higher responsibilities as senior captains/colonels and flag/general officers.</p>

College of Naval Warfare students pursue studies in each of the Naval War College's three core subject areas in the following order of presentation: National Security Decision Making, Policy and Strategy, and joint Military Operations. During the first two of these trimesters, College of Naval Warfare students will be joined in lectures and in seminars by international students of the Naval Command College. Each College of Naval Warfare student is also required to enroll in one Elective Program course of his or her choice per trimester. A limited number of students in each class may, with selection committee approval, forego up to one trimester of the core curriculum to participate in the Center for Naval Warfare Studies' Advanced Research Program.

The goal of the National Security Decision Making Department curriculum is to educate Naval War College students in the effective selection and leadership of military forces within the constraints of available national resources. In support of this primary objective, the department provides instruction in the strategic planning and selection of future military forces, and their potential use as a tool of national power, the nature of economic, political, organizational, and behavioral factors that affect the selection and command of military forces; and in using expanded critical thinking skills to formulate and execute strategy to achieve desired outcomes within complex national security organizations.

The Strategy and Policy course is designed to teach students to think strategically and to prepare for positions of strategic leadership. Strategy is the relationship between war's purpose, objective, and means. The aim of the course is to sharpen the student's ability to assess how alternative strategic courses of action best serve to achieve overall national objectives. Students will be asked to think in a disciplined, critical, and original manner about the

international strategic environment, about a range of potential strategies, and about the strategic effects of joint and interagency operations. For policy makers, strategists, and operational planners, the task of translating operational outcomes into enduring political results is never easy or straightforward. The Strategy and Policy course examines how the overall international strategic environment shapes strategies and outcomes. In turn, the course also examines the strategic effects of operations, exploring how battlefield outcomes change the strategic environment. In addition, this course shows the critical importance of non-military instruments of national power for setting the conditions for success in war and sustaining the resulting settlement. Of course, adversaries always seek to frustrate the best-laid plans in war and overturn the peace imposed upon them. A good strategic leader must anticipate and master the dynamics of interaction with an adversary. A skillful enemy that employs asymmetric strategies or an adversary from a different culture may prove especially daunting to defeat. The skilled strategist and war planner thus understand that the enemy has a vote in determining the war's outcome.

The Joint Military Operations curriculum is designed to prepare U.S. and international military officers and civilians to (1) meet national security challenges as senior leaders in naval, joint, interagency, and multinational arenas, (2) enable students to . . . conduct maritime and joint operations applying sound operational art, (3) develop advanced . . . operational concepts for employment of naval, joint, and multinational forces." Once grounded in operational art, students learn to identify joint battlespace objectives to achieve national and theater strategic aims, as well as develop joint operational design. In addition, students will become well versed in campaign planning based on U.S. Naval and joint doctrine.

### **Additional Information**

- **Education Requirement:** Bachelor's Degree
- **Experience Requirement:** 5 or more years of managerial experience
- **Security Clearance Requirement:** Top Secret security clearance based on a current Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI), or at least have an SSBI initiated for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information, 3 months prior to the beginning of the program.
- **Graduate Credit or Degree Earned:** Master of Art degree in National Security and Strategic Studies (30 credits)
- Lodging is not available at the Naval War College. Participants are responsible for making local lodging arrangements.
- DoD-level Continued Service Agreement (CSA) is required for three times the length of training—30 months

### **Nomination Process**

Please refer to guidance on the [EDP home page](#). In addition to the DLA nomination and executive sponsorship endorsement documents, the following items must be included in your nomination package to receive consideration:

- 1) Résumé
- 2) Current biography
- 3) Letter of recommendation to the U.S. Naval War College
- 4) Security clearance verification
- 5) Copy of unofficial college transcripts  
Note: If selected, official transcripts will be required at a later time.
- 6) Copy of most recent Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action

- 7) [SF 182](#), Authorization, Agreement, and Certification of Training). This training form must accompany the nomination package but will only be processed if the nominee is selected to attend the course.

**Selection Decision**

The DLA Executive Resources Board reviews nominations and makes selections at the DLA level. The U.S. Naval War College makes the final selection decision.

**Web Site**

For additional information, please refer to Naval War College web page at <http://www.nwc.navy.mil/academics/colleges/cnw.aspx>