

Maritime Security & Governance Staff Course

The Maritime Security and Governance Staff Course is an unclassified five-month course designed to provide officers from small navies and coast guards the knowledge and skills necessary to more effectively promote and achieve maritime security and good maritime governance in their national and regional waters.

Eligibility

- This course is designed for mid-grade international officers but is open to all uniformed military officers, O3-O5 or NATO OF2-OF4. Students must obtain a minimum score of 80 on the English Comprehension Level test.

Location & Duration

- The twenty-two-week curriculum for students is divided into ten modules and is taught at U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Learning Format

- The course is conducted in a seminar format with substantive presentations by leading international experts, augmented by team planning exercises, tabletop discussions, case studies, and on-site visits.

Outcome

- Students will gain an in-depth, operational-level understanding of the topic of maritime security and its associated missions. They will also examine and understand the overriding importance of compliance with international and domestic legal and policy requirements, as well as the criticality of effective regional, bilateral, and intra-government collaboration to achieve their maritime security and governance goals.

General Program Overview

- Orientation for New Students | Required
New students are welcomed to the college, including a tour of the campus, the Newport Naval Station, and city of Newport.
- Course Introduction | Required
Lectures and discussion on the operational level of war, U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard organization, and a structured approach to conceptualizing maritime security missions and their interrelationships.
- Examination of Cross-Cutting Substantive Topics | Required
Lectures and discussion regarding concepts of overriding importance to maritime security missions.
- Examination of Maritime Security Missions (Core Curriculum) | Required
Operational-level expert presentations and moderated discussions regarding the most common maritime security missions conducted by small navies and coast guards.
- Field Studies Programs & Curriculum Field Trips | Required
The course will offer a mix of trips that are designed to show how governments, militaries, and citizens have the responsibility to protect, preserve, and respect the rights of every individual.