ABOUT US
The U.S. Naval War College is a regionally accredited, graduate-level institution offering master’s degrees in National Security and Strategic Studies, and in Defense and Strategic Studies to U.S. military members and federal government officials. The College offers a master’s degree to a select group of about 110 international students from our partner nations each year. International graduates receive a U.S. Naval War College diploma.

The College offers courses for both intermediate and senior level professionals as well as several distance education options for students around the world.

The College has a world-class faculty of more than 300 educators (about 200 civilians and 100 active-duty military officers).

About 525 students graduate each year from in-residence programs and more than 1,000 from distance education programs.

HISTORY
The U.S. Naval War College began educating leaders in 1884 as a small institution primarily offering summer courses. The first class in 1885 had just nine students.

The school is now the oldest institution of its kind in the world, boasting more than 50,000 graduates. The College counts among its alumni nearly 300 of today’s active-duty Admirals, Generals, and Senior Executive Service Leaders.

OUR MISSIONS: We deliver excellence in education, research and outreach
• Educate and develop leaders
• Support defining the future Navy and associated roles and missions
• Support the Navy during an era of great power competition
• Strengthen global maritime partnerships
• Promote ethical leadership across the force

PROGRAMS
The College’s Professional Military Education programs prepare leaders for the challenges of operational and strategic-level leadership during their careers as decision makers and problem solvers. In addition to our graduate-level programs, the College has graduated more than 2,300 students from the Maritime Staff Operators Course, more than 300 from the Executive Level-Operational Level of War Course, and more than 500 U.S. and international Flag and General Officers through a variety of executive level courses.

The College also performs research and analysis efforts that are conducted by the Center for Naval Warfare Studies. Through war games, conferences, workshops, and publications, the Center provides direct curriculum support to the College’s educational programs. The Center also provides focused, task-driven analysis for Fleet customers and government agencies across the national security spectrum.

OUR LINES OF EFFORT
The Naval War College creates an enduring strategic advantage by excelling in our education, research, and outreach initiatives. We do so by:
• Delivering an education that integrates rigorous and relevant curricula with world-class research and analysis. Our in-residence and distance learning modes align with our students’ learning requirements and their full-time or part-time availability to engage in scholarly pursuits.

We expand our students’ capacity for strategically-minded critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and creative problem solving.

• Engaging in cutting-edge research and analysis of concepts, plans and mature and emerging technologies. Our data-driven approach to developing, testing, and validating concepts strengthens cognitive power in the face of uncertainty and complexity. Our interdisciplinary environment attracts scholars and experts from across the military, academia, government, and private industry and promotes original and applied research for scholarly publication, policy and doctrine review, and advancement of knowledge in the Profession of Arms.

• Conducting outreach and engagement with naval, joint, interagency, and international alumni, partners, and stakeholders to incorporate diverse perspectives, enhance interoperability, build partner capability and capacity, and foster a network of enduring relationships.
EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
The Naval War College is home to seven individual colleges, and two specialized learning entities. Each of these units contributes to our mission of developing future leaders, whether through rigorous academics, practical learning experiences, or professional development opportunities.

- College of Naval Warfare
- College of Naval Command and Staff
- College of Distance Education
- College of Maritime Operational Warfare
- College of Leadership and Ethics
- Naval Command College
- Naval Staff College

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP
CENTER FOR NAVAL WARFARE STUDIES
The Center provides a place for researching important military and strategic issues that support the College’s missions of informing leaders and educating students. The Center works closely with Navy and Joint Force leaders and the teaching departments and is a center for both scholarship and operational research.

NWC PRESS
The Naval War College Press publishes the quarterly Naval War College Review, and occasional books, including the Newport Papers and the Historical Monograph series. The press also provides editorial and production support for college departments.

NWC LIBRARY
The Naval War College has adopted the Learning Commons model that centralizes the library, writing center, Information Resources Department, and other services to support and enhance teaching, learning, and research.

NWC MUSEUM
The museum educates the Naval War College community and all visitors on the history of naval warfare, particularly as studied at the college, and the naval heritage of Narragansett Bay, which stretches back to the nation’s colonial roots.

Our Guiding Vision: We Inform Today’s Decision-makers and Educate Tomorrow’s Leaders
We provide today’s decision makers and tomorrow’s leaders with educational experiences and learning opportunities that develop their ability to anticipate and prepare strategically for the future, strengthen the foundations of peace, and create a decisive warfighting advantage.