ABOUT US
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. International graduates receive a 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 school has a world-class faculty of more than 300 educators, approximately 200 civilians and more than 100 active-duty military officers.

About 600 students graduate each year from in-residence programs, and more than 1,000 from distance education programs.

OUR MISSIONS
The primary mission of U.S. Naval War College since its inception in 1884 has been to educate and develop leaders.

This education is accomplished through the development of strategic perspectives and multi-cultural thinking and enhancing the capability of students to advise senior leaders and policy makers, and to serve in leadership positions across the Joint Force.

CONNECTING WITH THE FLEET
The College supports the Fleet, working to operationalize the educational and research efforts through wargaming, modeling, and simulations.

The College continues to expand the navalization of its curriculum to best maximize understanding of sea control, which is more critical today than ever before.

The school’s other missions in support of educating and developing leaders include the following:

• helping to define the future Navy and its roles and missions
• supporting combat readiness
• strengthening global maritime partnerships
• promoting ethics and leadership throughout the force
• contributing knowledge to shape effective decisions through our John B. Hattendorf Center for Maritime Historical Research
• providing expertise and advice to the international legal community through the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law

To accomplish these missions, the College must preserve a current and relevant curriculum, hire and retain a world-class faculty and staff, and educate the best and brightest joint student body both during the students’ time at the college and afterward through a robust alumni program of lifelong learning.

Through futurization initiatives, the college will inculcate an understanding of future operating environments, technologies, and operational concepts to prepare students for the ever-increasing scope and pace of change.

The college strives to further internationalize sea services as it expands as the hub of international maritime cooperation through educating foreign students, holding alumni events around the world, and hosting the biennial International Seapower Symposium.
EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
The Naval War College is home to six 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 issues that, in turn, inform and stimulate the faculty and students in the classroom. The Center works closely with the teaching departments and is a center of both scholarship and original 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.