

Graduate Certificate in Maritime History

The Graduate Certificate in Maritime History is a specialized track for students who are looking to deepen their expertise in maritime history and naval warfare. During the academic year, students will develop and produce a professional, publishable quality paper on maritime history. Paper topics and research will draw from unique resources of the Naval Historical Collections under scholarly supervision of the Hattendorf Historical Center (HHC) and affiliated historians at the U.S. Naval War College (NWC).

Eligibility

- This graduate certificate program gives enrollment priority to U.S. Military resident students. As resources permit, applications will also be considered from locally-based military spouses, civilian federal employees (GS14-GS15, or equivalent), and international students who have been selected for the International Master of Arts Program.

Location & Duration

- This 10-month specialized elective track is completed in conjunction with the College of Naval Warfare curriculum. Students are taught at NWC in Newport, Rhode Island.

Learning Format

- Courses are conducted in seminar format. Students also complete a faculty-mentored professional paper during the academic year.

Outcome

- Students in this specialized program are awarded a certificate, along with four additional graduate credits. Also completed is a professional paper that may be submitted for publication and for the Chief of Naval Operations Naval History Essay Contest. This work may also serve as the basis for applications to complete additional graduate studies with other academic institutions affiliated with the HHC.

General Program Overview

- Professional Paper or Article | Ongoing, Required
A professionally-written paper or article of publishable quality based on archival research on a selected topic of maritime history. Students will work in consultation with an HHC faculty supervisor.
- Course Requirement | Student Selected Elective, Required
Students are required to choose between the “War at Sea in the Age of Sail” or “War at Sea in the Age of Steam” courses.
- Elective in Maritime History Concentration | Student Selected Elective, Required
Students must enroll in two electives pertaining to a maritime history concentration.