

The Naval War College Digital Curriculum

Dear Incoming NWC Student,

Congratulations on your selection to attend the Naval War College. This is to advise you of some recent efforts by the college to digitize the curriculum and what it will mean to you as a student.

Based on extensive research and evaluation, the Naval War College is digitizing a majority of the curriculum with the intent to provide an improved educational experience for our students, save printing costs, and do our part to help save the environment by reducing our use of paper. After evaluating a number of different “eReader” devices, the College completed a year-long pilot using the Apple iPad. Based on positive feedback from participating students and faculty, the college has expanded the program to include use by all students in all classes.

What does this mean to me? The NWC is no longer issuing all curriculum materials in print form. Students will now be provided digital copies (in lieu of printed materials) for all curriculum materials that can be digitized. When you arrive at the NWC, all students that do not have a personally owned tablet device will be provided an Apple iPad to use during the academic year. On the iPad, you will have the ability to fully annotate the readings - highlight, underline, make marginal notes, etc. which are preserved on the readings for future reference.

Can I use my own iPad or other tablet device? Yes. If you have a personally owned iPad (or Kindle, Nook, Android tablet, Sony eReader, or other tablet device) the college will provide you with the formatted readings and instructions on how to load them onto your device along with the app needed to read and annotate your readings. By using your own device, you will be able to retain all the selected readings on your tablet for future professional reference. More importantly, you will not be constrained by government regulations on use and security of your device.

To expedite this process, bring your device with you when you check-in.

Do I need an Apple iTunes account to use the iPad? Yes. If you already have an iTunes account- no further action is required. If you do not have an iTunes account, simply go to <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht2731> and follow the directions. Setting up an account is easy and free.

Which model iPad did the NWC buy? The college bought the iPad Air (1st gen) with 16GB of storage and are Wi-Fi capable. They do NOT have 3G/4G (cellular) capability. With the exception of “Controlled Access Areas” (the war-gaming center) where no wireless devices are permitted, virtually all academic buildings on campus are covered with the NWC Academic Wi-Fi network.

Can I use the iPad for anything other than my NWC readings? Yes. You will have the full functionality of the iPad: read/send email (including your NWC email), access the internet, download apps, books, music, etc. You can even use it as a word processor.

Can I get ALL my readings in digital format? Not yet. Required readings for your courses are either "Selected Readings" (articles and the like) or books. We have been successful in converting 95% of the Selected Readings to digital format and they will be available for loading onto your tablet devices. Regarding books, most of those used in our curriculum are not yet available digitally; however, the College is working with publishers to make them available in the future. In the meantime, students will be issued the print version of books that are not yet available in digital format.

Will the NWC support/service my personally owned iPad? No. NWC personnel are not authorized or trained to provide servicing of personal devices. The NWC can only provide the formatted readings and instructions for you to load the readings onto your personal device.

Can I buy an iPad from the NWC? No. If you wish to purchase your own iPad, they are available directly from Apple or at military exchanges and other retail outlets.

Can I retain all of the readings and my notes prior to turning the NWC iPad back in? Yes. Instructions for uploading your information to the iCloud are available at the IRD HelpDesk and on Blackboard. Please do not wait until the last day of iPad turn in to back up your files! The HelpDesk can assist if needed.

What should I do now- before arriving in Newport? If you are not familiar with the iPad, go to <http://www.apple.com/ipad/> to learn about some of the functions and capabilities. Also, if you do not have an iTunes account, we recommend you get one prior to arrival. Go to <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht2731> for directions.

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