



## UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE

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Since its inception in 1972, over 2,500 officers from all branches of service representing 133 countries have graduated from the Naval Staff College (NSC). Bringing together a group of distinguished international officers from diverse cultures and ideologies who share maritime traditions, experiences, and challenges invariably leads to a unique and long-lasting camaraderie among students, staff and faculty. The knowledge gained in the classroom at the Naval Staff College, when combined with the professional development experiences that are offered, produces the finest graduate-level education for mid-grade officers in the world.

Today, Naval Staff College graduates continue to distinguish themselves in positions at the highest levels of their services. To date more than 550 graduates have attained the rank of flag officer and 196 have served as chief of service, with over 35 currently serving in the latter capacity.

The Naval Staff College is vital in expanding understanding and cooperation among the world's sea services. As coalition forces are increasingly summoned to respond to conflicts, disasters and promote peace around the world, the knowledge NSC students take with them is crucial on both national and world stages. The bonds of friendship that develop in Newport lead to trust and confidence that are imperative to maritime security cooperation around the world.

The Naval Staff College is one of four resident colleges of the U.S. Naval War College (NWC). Each year, specific countries are invited by the Chief of Naval Operations to enroll specially selected mid-grade officers in the convening NSC Class.

### MISSION

To assist specially selected international naval officers by developing their professional planning and managerial skills as they prepare for positions of higher responsibility within their own maritime services.

### COURSE

The NSC course is an 11-month program which convenes in July and graduates in June.

### ACADEMIC

The course is a graduate-level curriculum that emphasizes naval planning and decision making, with particular attention to broadening the officer's understanding of the importance and role of sea power in international affairs. The course consists of three major areas of study and an electives program. These include:

- ◀ **Strategy and War** – Acquaints the student with the fundamentals of national policy and military strategy.
- ◀ **Joint Military Operations** – Develops the ability to deploy, employ, and sustain military forces synthesizing military strategy, joint and combined operations, and military planning and decision making.
- ◀ **National Security Decision Making** – Focuses on factors that influence the management of a defense organization, and develops the decision-making capabilities of the defense manager.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

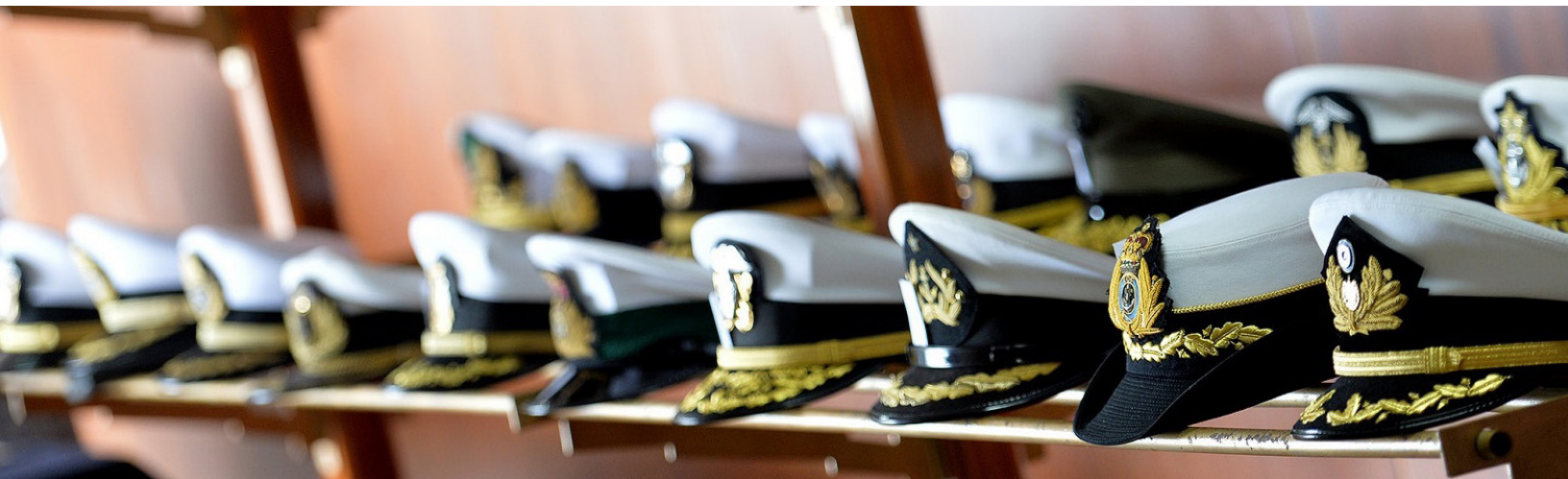
Numerous aspects of the Naval Staff College curriculum contribute to the professional development of NSC students:

- ◀ **Country Presentations** – In order to broaden the knowledge of the entire class and to develop the student’s public speaking skills, each student must deliver an oral and visual presentation describing his or her country to a large audience of academics, students, and interested guests, and answer their questions.
- ◀ **Field Studies Program** – The Field Studies Program visits provide NSC students with a balanced understanding of U.S. society, institutions, and culture through exposure to various topics, including the U.S. governmental structure, judicial system, economic systems, political party system, press, and other communication media, urban issues, agriculture, and education institutions. Past trips have included:
  - ◀ Washington, D.C., with visits to the Capitol, Pentagon, U.S. Naval Academy, White House and other governmental agencies.
  - ◀ New Orleans and Nashville, with visits to Oak Alley Plantation, a parish courthouse, National WWII Museum, Nissan manufacturing plant, Nashville City Hall, Ryman Auditorium, and other venues.
  - ◀ Columbus, Ohio and Chicago, with visits to The Ohio State University, Ohio State Supreme Court, Amish country, J.M. Smucker’s, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Board of Options, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, and other venues.
  - ◀ Seattle and San Francisco, with visits to The Hoover Institute, University of California at Berkeley, San Quentin Prison, Boeing, Amazon, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and other venues.
- ◀ Salt Lake City and San Diego, with visits to the Temple Square, Utah State Capitol, Olympic training site, San Diego Naval Bases, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, U.S. Customs, and Border Patrol and other venues.
- ◀ Boston and New England with visits to Harvard, JFK Library, EMK Institute, Bath Iron Works, Maine Maritime Museum, and other venues.
- ◀ **American Sports Program** – NSC students are introduced to various sports such as softball, American football, and basketball, in order to build teamwork, maintain fitness, and gain an understanding of popular American sports.
- ◀ **Lectures of Opportunity** – Students are highly encouraged to take part in NWC’s Lectures of Opportunity which bring subject matter experts to the college to speak on a variety of subjects including regional security issues, maritime environmental topics, and technology applications in the military to name a few.
- ◀ **American Studies** – Students are involved in presentations about different aspects of American society to include Immigration, U.S Political System, Constitution and the Supreme Court, Media, Native Americans, Black History, Right to Bear Arms, Protesting in America, and others.

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– Admiral Arleigh Burke, USN (CNO 1955-1961)

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## NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

Albania	Fiji	Malaysia	Saudi Arabia
Algeria	Finland	Maldives	Senegal
Angola	Gabon	Malta	Seychelles
Argentina	Gambia	Mauritania	Sierra Leone
Australia	Georgia	Mauritius	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Germany	Mexico	Slovenia
Bahamas	Ghana	Moldova	Somalia
Bahrain	Greece	Montenegro	South Africa
Bangladesh	Grenada	Morocco	Spain
Barbados	Guatemala	Mozambique	Sri Lanka
Belize	Guinea	Namibia	Sudan
Benin	Guyana	Netherlands	Suriname
Bolivia	Haiti	New Zealand	Sweden
Brazil	Honduras	Nicaragua	Taiwan
Brunei Darussalam	Iceland	Nigeria	Tanzania
Bulgaria	India	Norway	Thailand
Cabo Verde	Indonesia	Oman	Timor-Leste
Cambodia	Iran	Pakistan	Togo
Cameroon	Iraq	Panama	Tonga
Canada	Ireland	Papau New Guinea	Trinidad and Tobago
Chile	Israel	Paraguay	Tunisia
Colombia	Italy	Peru	Turkey
Congo	Jamaica	Philippines	Ukraine
Côte d'Ivoire	Japan	Poland	United Arab Emirates
Croatia	Jordan	Portugal	United Kingdom
Denmark	Kazakhstan	Qatar	United States
Djibouti	Kenya	Romania	Uruguay
Dominican Republic	Korea	Russian Federation	Venezuela
Ecuador	Kuwait	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Vietnam
Egypt	Latvia	Saint Lucia	Yemen
El Salvador	Lebanon	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Yugoslavia
Eritrea	Liberia	Samoa	Zaire
Estonia	Lithuania	São Tomé and Príncipe	
Ethiopia	Madagascar		

