Can I complete JPME Phase I by completing courses from a variety of different programs?

Yes. Students can complete JPME Phase I by completing the three core courses (JMO, S&W, TSDM) through any of the four programs (Fleet Seminar, NWC-at-NPS, Web-Enabled, CDROM-Based) or by mixing courses completed in any of the four programs. However, to earn the NWC MA degree in Defense and Strategic Studies, all three core courses must be completed through the Fleet Seminar Program.

What are the time requirements?

- **Fleet Seminar Program**: Completion of the three core courses are required to fulfill the requirements of the College of Naval Command and Staff Diploma. Each course runs from September through May.
- **Web-enabled Program**: Command & Staff (three courses): There are four modules in the Strategy & War course, two modules in the Theater Security Decision Making course, and five blocks in the Joint Maritime Operations course. It takes approximately 18 months to complete all requirements for this diploma with JPME Phase I certification.
- **CD-ROM Program**: Command & Staff (three courses): There are three modules in the Strategy & War course, three modules in the Theater Security Decision Making course, and five blocks in the Joint Maritime Operations course. It takes approximately 12 months to complete all requirements for this diploma with JPME Phase I certification.

Do I have to buy the books?

Not for the core courses. The books are issued to each student to be returned at the completion of the course or module. Students can purchase books either online or through the Naval War College Book Store. For elective courses, students are required to purchase books.

Can I take a core course underway?

Yes. The CD-ROM program requires email connectivity only. You can take a web-enabled course provided you have weekly web connectivity, usually 30 minutes per week at your choice of time.

Do I get a Master’s Degree?

The Naval War College has been accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for Fleet Seminar students to earn a Master of Arts degree in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. More information can be found on the [Graduate Degree Program webpage](https://www.nwc.navy.mil/). 

Can I transfer credits to a civilian institution?

A number of students each year apply their NWC course-work toward a Masters Degree at a civilian institution. Since the courses in the NWC Nonresident Program have been accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), many colleges and universities will accept transfer credit for successful completion of each core course.

Does the Naval War College have a distance education senior (command) level program for JPME Phase II?

No, NWC does not offer any distance-based JPME Phase II coursework.