

Fleet Seminar Program 2019-20 Information Sheet

Overview

The Naval War College (NWC) Fleet Seminar Program (FSP) offers joint intermediate level professional military education (JPME-I) through a set of three core courses: Strategy and War (S&W), Theater Security Decision Making (TSDM), and Joint Maritime Operations (JMO). These courses are offered in seminar format at multiple locations in keeping with efforts of the Chief of Naval Personnel to foster a deliberate and flexible learning environment. Each course normally requires one academic year to complete, which runs from September through the following May; the courses may be completed in any order.

Once a student completes their first FSP course, they can apply for acceptance into the Graduate Degree Program (GDP) and complete additional coursework to earn a Master of Arts degree in Defense and Strategic Studies. More information of the GDP can be found at <https://usnwc.edu/college-of-distance-education/Graduate-Degree-Program>

Seminars and locations for academic year 2019 – 2020 are planned for the following locations:

California, Port Hueneme – JMO (Thu)

California, San Diego

- Training Support Center (TSC) - JMO (Thurs), S&W (Tues), and TSDM (Wed)
- Defense Acquisition University (DAU) - JMO (Wed), S&W (Thurs), and TSDM (Tues)

Washington, D.C.:

- Capitol Hill – JMO (Mon), S&W (Mon), TSDM (Mon)
- GAO – JMO (Tues), S&W (Tues, Wed), TSDM (Wed)
- Navy Yard – JMO (Wed, Thurs), S&W (Tues, Thu), TSDM (Tues, Thurs)
- Pentagon – JMO (Wed), S&W (Thurs), TSDM (Tues)
- Henderson Hall – TSDM (Wed)
- Center for Naval Analysis – JMO (Tues), S&W (Thurs), TSDM (Wed)
- Note: All S&W lectures in DC are on Tuesdays at the Navy Yard

Florida, Jacksonville – TSDM (Tues) and JMO (Wed)

Florida, Mayport – S&W (Thurs)

Florida, Pensacola (Whiting Field) – S&W (Tues)

Hawaii, Pearl Harbor – JMO (Thurs), S&W (Wed), and TSDM (Tues)

Illinois, Great Lakes – JMO (Tues)

Louisiana, New Orleans – TSDM (Tues)

Maryland, Annapolis – JMO (Thurs), S&W (Tues, Wed), and TSDM (Tues, Wed)

- Note: All S&W lectures in Annapolis are on Wednesdays

Maryland, Patuxent River – JMO (Thu)

Rhode Island, Newport – JMO (Thurs), S&W (Tues), and TSDM (Wed)

Tennessee, Millington – JMO (Wed)

Texas, Fort Worth – TSDM (Tues)

Virginia, Dahlgren – TSDM (Wed)

Virginia, Norfolk – JMO (Tues), S&W (Tues, Thurs), and TSDM (Wed, Thurs)

- Note: All S&W lectures in Norfolk will be on Thursdays

Washington, Everett – TSDM (Wed)

Washington, Kitsap – JMO (Thurs)

Washington, Whidbey Island – S&W (Tue)

Applicants are enrolled in seminars consisting of no more than 18 students. Each academic year is a separate enrollment event and continuing students must apply for enrollment in subsequent courses.

Enrollment is open to eligible active and reserve officers in the Sea Services (Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) in the grade of O-3 and above. Active and reserve officers in other military services must be in the grade of O-4 and above to be eligible. Federal civilian employees in the grade of GS-11 and equivalent or above are also eligible. Contracted personnel are not eligible. Through CNO agreement, selected staff members in the federal Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary branches are also eligible. All applicants must possess a Baccalaureate Degree (preferably from a regionally accredited institution).

Seminars meet one evening per week (34 times per year) for 3 hours per night from the first week in September through mid-May, under the direction of a Naval War College adjunct faculty member. From time to time, formal

presentations are delivered by resident faculty members from Newport and by visiting professors from colleges and universities around the world. The seminars are conducted at the graduate level and require appropriate initiative, research, writing, and oral commentary on the part of each student.

Students must coordinate and arrange for absences and delays with the faculty member in advance. Student who are absent from four classes will be evaluated for continuation in the course. If they are allowed to continue, students will be disenrolled upon a fifth absence. Students with written assignments 30 days overdue will be disenrolled. Students are advised that all delinquencies must be resolved prior to the end of the academic year. Students unable to meet that deadline must request an extension, in advance, from the Dean, College of Distance Education. All work not completed before classes end must be submitted to the College of Distance Education for processing in Newport. In no event will an extension be granted beyond 1 August. No student with an "Incomplete" grade will be allowed to reenroll until the "Incomplete" is eliminated. A student unable to complete a course may receive credit for that work successfully completed. On a case basis, students may be enrolled in a subsequent academic year at the point at which they were previously withdrawn from a course as long as they maintain eligibility.

All graduating students are invited to attend graduation and other related events that week in June in Newport, Rhode Island.

Graduate Hour Credits

The Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) and awards graduate credits, indicated below, for successful completion of the following fleet seminar courses (for enrollees subsequent to 1 March 1994):

Strategy and War	7 Graduate Semester Hours
Theater Security Decision Making	7 Graduate Semester Hours
Joint Maritime Operations	7 Graduate Semester Hours

Enrollment Procedures

The application for the Fleet Seminar Program is an online application. The application period for Academic Year 2019-20 opens on 1 April 2019 and closes on 31 May 2019 for classes that begin the week of 2 September 2019. Review the Fleet Seminar Program overview above to ensure you are eligible for the program. **Fleet Seminar Program enrollment is a multi-step process.**

- 1) **New Students**: Initial application submissions are reviewed to determine student eligibility.
- 2) Following initial review, applicants will receive, via e-mail, instructions which will enable them to indicate course preferences. Please note that changes to personal information provided after initial application submission may result in additional eligibility review requirements.
- 3) **New students and continuing students** must submit course preferences by the 31 May deadline.

Enrollment selections will be made by NWC beginning in June. Enrollment selection notifications will be made by the end of June for Fleet Seminar Program classes which will begin the week of 02 September 2019. Applications will remain under consideration for possible enrollment until the end of the add/drop period on 12 September 2019.

FSP students will be enrolled in only one course their first year. It normally takes three years to complete all three core courses. Each course requires 6-12 hours of time each week outside the classroom to prepare for class and complete the written requirements. Students can request to enroll in two courses (dual-enroll) their second year, although it is not recommended due to the heavy academic workload that it entails. Students who did not receive a grade of at least a B in their first course will not be considered for dual-enrollment. Placement in a second course also is dependent on seat availability once all eligible students are seated in a course.

*Note: Effective 15 April 2016, a Federal Government Issued PKI token card or a Common Access Card (CAC) is required to login to the Naval War College Student Information System. Currently only active-duty military and Coast Guard and DoD civilian employees with CACs can access the system.

Students should use the appropriate quick-link to submit an application, request a course, or update their personal information at the Fleet Seminar Program website under Forms and Downloads.

<https://usnwc.edu/college-of-distance-education/Fleet-Seminar>

Questions:

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Note: Enrollment and subsequent administrative forms request certain information from potential students to facilitate enrollment or other processing in connection with program administration. Students are expected to keep the College informed regarding changes in their eligibility status, current address, phone number(s), e-mail address, parent command, and current CO/supervisor contact information.

Materials

The College provides all study materials to the student on a loan basis. Students will receive information on procedures for receipt of materials when they are notified of their enrollment. Students will receive return shipping labels by mail to return their books.

Students will be billed for replacement of unreturned materials and no student will receive credit for a course until all materials have been returned. Many students wish to purchase their course materials, however; regulations preclude direct purchase of this government property. Most books are available online or at bookstores.

Course Withdrawals

Withdrawal may be either voluntary or involuntary.

- Students are encouraged to withdraw voluntarily when the constraints of time and circumstance preclude course completion. Requests should be in writing to the Program Manager in Newport (email is sufficient) briefly stating the reasons for requesting withdrawal. These reasons for withdrawal are helpful in the review of administrative procedures and course content. Such withdrawals are without prejudice.
- Involuntary withdrawals are initiated by the Naval War College as a result of student failure to meet deadlines or academic standards, fulfill attendance obligations, or (on a case basis) maintain eligibility.
- Prompt return of books and compliance with course deadlines is essential to ensure adequate availability of course materials for other students.

Re-enrollment

- A student who voluntarily withdraws will be given consideration for reenrollment upon receipt of a written request (email is sufficient).
- In those cases of involuntary withdrawal, each request will be considered on its own merits. Reenrollment requests in this case must be by letter to the Dean, College of Distance Education, U. S. Naval War College, including an explanation of circumstances involved.
- In either case, credit may be given for satisfactorily completed prior work unless there has been a substantial revision in the interim, or an extensive delay since withdrawal.

Points of Contact

For classroom information only, contact the following:

Annapolis, MD, at (410) 293-6070/DSN 281
Dahlgren, VA, at (540) 653-8032/ DSN 249
JRB Fort Worth, TX, at (817) 782-5040/ DSN 739
Everett, WA, at (425) 304-3130/ DSN 727
Great Lakes, IL, at (847) 688-3869 ext. 387/ DSN 792
Jacksonville, FL, at (904) 542-3082
Kitsap, WA, at (360) 315-5001/ DSN 744
Mayport, FL, at (904) 270-4421/ DSN 270
Millington, TN, at (901) 874-4100/ DSN 882
New Orleans, LA, at (504) 697-5504/ DSN 647
Newport, RI, at (401) 841-1207/ DSN 841
Norfolk, VA, at (757) 822-7702 (Commercial only)
Patuxent River, MD, at (301) 757-4111/ DSN 757
Pearl Harbor, HI, at (401) 841-6519/7677/ DSN 841
Pensacola, FL (Whiting Field), at (850)623-7792/ DSN 459
Port Hueneme, CA, at (805) 228-7120/ DSN 296

San Diego, CA:

- Training Support Center, at (619) 556-8328/ DSN 526
- Defense Acquisition University, at (619) 591-9824/DSN 591

Washington, DC. at (202) 433-6218/ DSN 288

Whidbey Island, WA, at (360) 257-2979/DSN 820