Naval Command and Staff Program & JPME Phase I

The Naval Command and Staff (NC&S) online program educates students on the fundamentals of U.S. national security policy, military strategy, and the relationship between them. The program is organized into five educational blocks and all blocks must be completed to earn Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase I credit.

Eligibility

- Active and reserve officers in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard must be in the grade of O3 and above. Active and reserve officers in other military services must be in the grade of O4 and above. In addition, defense-related civilian applicants (GS11 and above) are eligible for enrollment. All applicants applying for this program must possess a Baccalaureate Degree.

Location & Duration

- Classes are taught using Blackboard, the Learning Management System, and students can take these classes anywhere using a compatible computer or mobile device. The duration of this program typically lasts 41 weeks.

Learning Format

- Courses are primarily taught using online discussion boards, group projects, individual essays, and other assignments.

Outcome

- Students that complete the Online Program are awarded JPME Phase I credit.

General Program Overview

Block 1: Operating within the National- and Theater-level Security Arenas | Core Course, Required
Students will learn what it means to be a professional serving in today's rapidly evolving national and international security environment.

Block 2: Fundamentals of Strategy | Core Course, Required
Disciplines of history, political science, and international relations, along with military factors from the profession of arms are integrated into a coherent approach that provides students with a conceptual frame of reference to analyze and formulate military strategies to address them.

Block 3: Operational Art | Core Course, Required
Provides the student a disciplined, cognitive foundation for solving military problems: Operational Art.

Block 4: Joint Capabilities | Core Course, Required
Students will learn the proper employment of naval and joint capabilities at the operational level of war.

Block 5: Joint Planning Process | Core Course, Required
Students will address the topics and processes necessary for understanding and planning today's military security challenges.