IMSOC Course Objectives:

The overarching student course objectives are to:
- **UNDERSTAND** the art and science of multinational maritime operations;
- **UNDERSTAND** the impact of the maritime domain on multinational operations;
- **UNDERSTAND** the operational level planning processes as exemplified by the U.S. Navy Planning Process (NPP);
- **UNDERSTAND** the organization and functions of an operational level of war maritime headquarters as typified by the U.S. Maritime Operations Center (MOC);
- **UNDERSTAND** similarities and differences between the U.S. NPP and other planning processes;
- **APPRECIATE** the complexities of operating in a multinational staff;
- **APPLY** the Navy Planning Process to solve complex maritime problems in a simulated scenario;
- **BUILD** enduring professional and personal relationships within the international community;

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International Maritime Staff Operators Course (IMSOC) prepares mid-grade international naval officers to support the planning and execution of complex maritime operations in a coalition environment. The 12-week unclassified course is taught at the Naval War College in Newport, RI and utilizes the U.S. Navy Planning Process (NPP) and Maritime Operations Center (MOC) construct. IMSOC was established in response to maritime partners' demands for a course similar to the U.S. only Maritime Staff Operations Course (MSOC).
If you do not seek out allies and helpers, then you will be isolated and weak.

Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*