

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;



Modules

Orientation

Student Regional Maritime Capabilities/Challenges

Foundation. Student will receive approximately 45 lectures on topics ranging from an Introduction to Combined Maritime Operations to Operational Law. US doctrine is the predominate focus for the class; however, students will also be exposed to other multinational concepts and planning processes (UN, NATO, and Interagency).

Naval Planning Process (NPP). This portion of the course, which is five weeks long, requires students to work through the steps of the Navy Planning Process developing the same products required for real operations.

Execution Phase During the two-week execution portion of the course students will rotate between typical Maritime Operations Center (MOC) cells. This rotation helps reinforce the knowledge gained in the foundational and NPP portions of the course.



The Field Studies Program (FSP). Designed to ensure students gain an understanding of the responsibilities of governments, militaries and citizens to protect, preserve, and respect the rights of every individual.

Operational Capabilities Workshops (OCW), Norfolk, VA - In support of the core objectives of this course, the OCW consists of a visit to Norfolk Naval Station/Joint Expeditionary Base, where students will tour a major naval ship, and receive briefs on operational planning. This trip includes a visit to the NATO Allied Command Transformation, Combined Joint Operations from the Sea Centre of Excellence, and U.S. Fleet Forces Command MOC.

Other Venues- Students will visit other venues, on an opportunity basis, that support the curriculum.

Course Administrative Details:

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NATO ETOC MOP-MO-35436

CANTRAC CIN H-2G-9066

20 seats/course

Two 12 week courses per year

March – June, August – November

Course classification – unclassified

Student status – unaccompanied

Tuition fees - \$~ 28,000

Accommodation - Available on base, in the Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) at ~\$105 - 135/day

Excellence through collaboration



If you do not seek out allies and helpers, then you will be isolated and weak.

Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*

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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 Operators Course (MSOC).