

MSOC Need to Know Information

COVID-19 ALERT!

(Updated as of 3 May 2021)

All Students **MUST** contact MSOC ADMIN prior to attending for latest check-in and course Need-to-Know information updates!

- Email at MSOCadmin@usnwc.edu and/or Phone (401) 841-3685/1483
- Keep MSOC Admin abreast of your current contact information (email and phone).
- **During this COVID-19 outbreak timeframe only**, the course is being conducted in a hybrid format with the first 2-weeks online **locally****, and the last 3-weeks of the course will be conducted in Evans Hall (bldg. 1284). **Note:** Once word has been received that all inbound students are now immunized, ensuring a 10-day ROM is not required for any single student; and all COVID-19 social distancing restrictions are lifted, the course will return to normal operations with all 5-weeks in the building. Thus, the call to return to normal operations is still TBD.
- **All** attendees will require a personal Microsoft Teams account. It is recommended that you set up a free Microsoft Teams account at: <https://www.microsoft.com/en/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software> and then provide MSOC Admin with the corresponding email address to be provided access to the online portion of the course. This can be a work or personal email address. It is highly recommended to use an email address that you will have access to during the course, as meeting invites and other notifications may be sent to that address.
 - **Note:** Students who are already using Office 365 at home may have an MS Teams account established with their personal email address.
- ****Students are required to check in locally to receive on the morning of first day of class from in front of Evans Hall the following:**
 - IPAD with course materials (readings, student sessions guides, scenario, templates)
 - Laptop (with below specifications) with CAC reader if unable to bring your own
 - Please advise prior to arrival if you need a laptop with CAC reader, or just a CAC reader.
 - Course ADMIN folder with Check-in paperwork, Class schedule, course handouts/worksheets, and latest NWC COVID-19 guidelines, etc.
- Recommend you bring own Wi-Fi capable laptop device with CAC reader if able. Minimum PC laptop (or MAC equivalent) specifications required to support online course:
 - Processor: i3 8th GEN or greater (e.g., i5 or i7)
 - Memory RAM: 8GB or greater
 - Hard Drive: 128GB or greater
 - Operating Systems: Windows 10
 - Web Cam / Microphone: Yes
 - Full size keyboard recommended
 - 15.6" Screen Size recommended
 - MS Office Suite: 2016
 - MS Teams App installed
- **Students must bring their own masks**
- **All on-base** billeted students **will receive CMR rate** due to lack of on-base subsidized eating option.
- **All off-base** billeted students will **receive an endorsement to purchase premium Wi-Fi service** at commercial billeting (if offered) in order to support course Online Curriculum requirements.
- **Students will require a rental car or POV.** Non-immunized students are subject to an initial 10-day ROM (see exception below), that includes not being authorized to access base facilities (i.e., commissary, dining options), as well on-base eating options. In fact, due to forced COVID-19 closures/restrictions, there are no dining options within timely walking distance from Evans Hall and most billeting locations, for immunized or post-ROM students.
- Please check with your current command, gaining command, and BUPERS to **determine** if you require a waiver to travel to Newport based on current DON policies. If waiver is required, ensure NWC is info'ed on the waiver message.

COVID-19 VACCINE update as of 19 Apr 2021

1. To schedule your first OR second dose of the COVID vaccine you may do so using the following DHA link: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/COVAX>
 - a. *****This is also applicable to personnel who received their first doses at a different MTF and**

to dependents***

2. Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE) is currently transitioning from Moderna to Pfizer.
3. Please note that if you will be in the local area for less than 28 days you may consider contacting your gaining command to see if (1) they require you to be vaccinated and (2) can support providing the second vaccine.
4. Please direct all inquiries to NWC's Independent Duty Corpsman: HM1 Gordon (401-841-2099) and HM1 O'Brien (401-841-7489) for the latest information; they can be reached by email at NWC.Medical@usnwc.edu

What are my ROM requirements coming to MSOC?

1. **Answer:** If you are immunized, you do not need to ROM
2. **Answer:** If you are not immunized, you are required to ROM for 10-days. Your quarantine period may be reduced to seven (7) days if you receive a negative result on a COVID-19 **PCR** test taken on Day 5 of quarantine (or later). Negative test results shall be provided to your Teaching Team Lead Faculty who will forward up the NWC chain of command for approval prior to reducing your quarantine period. You should continue to self-monitor for COVID symptoms for 14 days following your ROM start date.

Family Separation Allowance (FSA)

All Students **except those noted below** must submit a copy of their updated/ signed **Page 2** upon check-in in order to have their FSA processed and paid while attending MSOC. Of note, Reservists (non-mobilized) FSA is processed through the Naval War College OSO's office. Those who fail to submit on time, will be required to process their FSA at their ultimate duty station. **MSOC is unable to process FSA for the following students:**

- IA MOB (any student coming via ECRC): Must submit request through gaining command or inquire at ECRC if you can submit it through them.
- US Air Force, US Army, US Coast Guard, US Marine Corps students: parent service/command will process upon return
- Civilians: Not authorized FSA
- On TAD orders: Student will process upon return to their parent command.

Quota Information

Course capacity: 30 Quotas per class. **Students without confirmed quotas will not be allowed to attend. No exception!** Email MSOCadmin@usnwc.edu and/or Phone (401) 841-3685/1483 to confirm you have a quota before traveling to Newport.

Active Duty personnel planning to attend MSOC enroute to their next command should contact their detailer or major staff placement. PERS-442B (901-874-4123, DSN 882-4123) to incorporate this TEMDUINS period into PCS orders. Commands desiring to send assigned personnel to MSOC should make quota requests directly to MSOC POC listed below.

Reserve Component personnel interested in obtaining an MSOC quota must coordinate with their Supported Command's Operational Support Officer (OSO) and CNRFC N72. With 050 approval, CNRFC N72 will secure a quota with MSOC staff by providing the Fleet HQ coded billet position along with billet description, designation and rank the prospective student is currently filling. CNRFC N72 will then provide prospective students with NROWS funding from ADT-Schools fund. MSOC staff will then provide additional information and reporting instructions once orders are routed in NROWS.

Primary CNRFC N7 POC: Tel: (757) 322-6592, Fax: (757) 444-1061

Personnel assigned to Numbered Fleet/JFMCC/JFACC/HQ Units may attend via ADT schools funding as authorized by COMNAVRESFOR N7.

Non-Navy personnel requesting MSOC quotas may be admitted on a space available basis. Quota requests should be worked through the MSOC POC listed below.

- PHONE (401) 841-3685/1483
- FAX (401) 841-1446
- EMAIL: MSOCadmin@usnwc.edu

CIN/CDP

MSOC CIN: H-2G-1001, MSOC CDP: 04RF

Information / Read Ahead

Located at <https://usnwc.edu/college-of-maritime-operational-warfare/Core-Curriculum/ Maritime-Staff-Operators-Course>

Daily required readings and reference publications will be accessible via locally issued iPad.

Security Clearance

MSOC attendance requires a SECRET clearance for access to NWC facilities at Evans Hall. MSOC attendees must have a valid SECRET clearance to attend. Your clearance will be verified by the administrative department prior to your course start date. If there are concerns related to a clearance, please feel free to contact us. For non-Navy attendees, a security clearance verification/visit request must be submitted from the member's security officer to the Naval War College security office (JPAS users SMO code is 001244). For non-JPAS users please submit your clearance information via fax (401) 841-3004. Include in your fax, the member's name, type of clearance, closed date, IT level and NATO read-in information if any. This form must be on a company letterhead and signed by the security manager. For more information, please contact us at (401) 841-3685/1483.

Attire / Uniform Policy

Military:

Officers NWU Type III/Service Khaki or service equivalent.
Enlisted NWU Type III/Navy Service Uniform.

Civilian:

Business Casual attire is the service khaki equivalent and includes a dress quality collared shirt or turtleneck and dress slacks for men and either a dress or dress blouse and pants/skirt for women. Turtlenecks are acceptable but do not include collarless shirts or flight deck jerseys and do not contain logos on the collar or extreme logos elsewhere on the garment. Denim and dock side shoes and sandals are prohibited.

For the online portion of the course (Weeks 1 and 2), in lieu of wearing service khaki/service uniform equivalent/NWU Type IIIs, students are authorized to wear "casual summer attire" which is collared shirt (polo or similarly relaxed style), or blouse equivalent, or flight suit. In all cases no tee-shirts, gym shirts, tank tops, sports bras, tops with exposed midsections.

Fleet Attire may be worn only on authorized "Fleet Attire Fridays" as listed in NWC Plan of the Week. **Green flight suits are authorized for wear only on fleet attire days.**

Seasonal dress uniforms (service dress blue/white, summer white, and winter blue) and civilian professional attire are not required however, if you anticipate attending a special event at NWC or another local command (SWOS, NAPS, etc.), it is recommended you check on the dress code as many commands prescribe dress uniforms for specific events. Dress uniforms are usually required to attend distinguished visitor (Service secretaries, etc.) lectures. Civilian Professional Attire consists of coat or sweater and tie, dress-quality collared shirt and dress slacks for men and either a dress or sport coat, dress blouse, and pants or skirt for women. Shoes are of a dress quality with both closed toe and heel. Sling back shoes are an acceptable alternative for women.

Mail and E-mail

Your mailing address at the College is: (example)
ATTN: CDR JOHN Q. SMITH (MSOC XX-XX)
US NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
EVANS HALL
686 CUSHING ROAD
NEWPORT, RI 02841-1207

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there is limited access for MSOC Students to on campus facilities, and NMCI is not available at the Naval War College.

Schedule and Other Information

- **CHECK with ADMIN** prior to arrival for latest Check-in requirements due to COVID-19.
- **Day 1 of Class COVID-19 Operations: Report to Evans Hall (Bldg. 1284) for the "no contact check-in" process as outlined in the email your Faculty Teaching Team Lead and/or ADMIN will send to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to class start.**

- Classes are scheduled for all workdays, including the days immediately ahead of and following Federal holidays.
- No watches or other duties are assigned during the MSOC training period.
- There are no specific provisions for spouses due to the short duration of this course, but the NWC Student Guide has helpful information for those whose spouses are also traveling to Newport.
- [Directions](#) to NWC from TF Green Airport (Providence - PVD)
- The Newport Shuttle (Orange Cab affiliate) runs daily from the Providence Airport to the Naval Station (Gate 1). Reservations are recommended. Call (401) 841-0020. Additionally, Rainbow Cab (401) 849-1333 and Orange Cab (401) 841-0030 provide transportation to and from the airport.
- Personnel with NMCI accounts are advised that in order to remotely access NMCI, they must consult their systems administrator to obtain the necessary OWA privileges. Due to the absence of NMCI at the NWC, personnel are encouraged to ensure successful remote access prior to arriving at MSOC.
- **Returning flights: do not schedule departure from T.F. Green Airport (PVD) before 1400, or 1600 from Logan Airport (BOS) on last day of the course.**

Parking

Please park in the large lot across the street from the Chalet and BOQ. If staying off base, park in the lots marked "student parking" while on the NWC campus. Admin will provide a placard at check-in.

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The Naval War College staff and student UICs are 00124 and 30486, respectively.