

Maritime Operational Planners Course

The Maritime Operational Planners Course (MOPC) develops planners capable of performing in dynamic, complex, and high-tempo maritime operational environments. The curriculum is based on Navy, naval, and joint doctrine as well as emerging concepts at Fleet Maritime Operations Centers and observations from the U.S. Naval War College's (NWC) Assist and Assess Team fleet visits.

Eligibility

- This course is available to a select group of officers, O3 to O5, en-route or already assigned to a maritime headquarters.

Location & Duration

- MOPC is a 12-13 week course offered twice yearly (Spring and Fall) at NWC in Newport, Rhode Island.

Learning Format

- Core components incorporate seminars and practical exercises using realistic case studies relevant to current global maritime challenges.

Outcome

- Graduates of the MOPC are designated Maritime Operational Planners, acquiring the Additional Qualification Designation of Joint Professional Military Education (JPME). In addition, graduates receive partial JPME Credit for the College of Distance Education's Web-enabled course.

General Program Overview

- Course Overview | Required
Students will examine both the art and science associated with military activities across the range of military operations
- Navy Planning Process Steps | Required
This course is organized in modules that center on the steps of the Navy Planning Process (NPP) and incorporations several staff functions and activities within the NPP.
- Seminars and Practical Exercises | Required
This course incorporates seminars and practical exercises using realistic case studies relevant to current global maritime challenges.
- Operational Planning Team Leadership | Required
Student teams are formed that perform planning and staff processes in support of the mission and planning requirements.
- Crisis Action Planning | Additional Studies, Required
Several crisis action planning evolutions are woven through the course to expose the students to utilization of the NPP in a time compressed environment.