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CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The aim of this School is to provide the educational benefits of the War College to those officers currently unable to attend the resident Schools. To this end, all correspondence courses are continually reviewed and updated to keep them in consonance with the resident courses.

These courses are available to all officers of the United States military services and the Coast Guard of the grade of Navy Lieutenant (or equivalent) and above in active service, or in the inactive reserve. Additionally, courses are also available to selected government employees of the grade of GS-10 (or equivalent) and above. The waiver of rank or grade requirement may be granted for qualified individuals in lower grades. Applications from active duty officers should be by letter via Commanding Officer or the enrollment card provided in this issue. Applications from inactive duty officers should be by letter via Commandant Naval District or command maintaining record. Listed below are courses currently available. Reserve Officer retirement and promotion points are indicated.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION, NWC 14. 2 Installments—18 Points.

A study of the National Security Council; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Office of the Secretary of Defense; Headquarters of the Military Departments; Unified, Joint, and Combined Organizations; International Security Organizations; and Foreign Aid Programs.

COMMAND LOGISTICS, NWC 15 . 3 Installments—27 Points.

A study of basic logistic considerations, logistic elements and functions; interrelationships of strategy, tactics, and the basic elements and functions of logistics; the impact of future developments and trends of warfare upon the field of logistics; and the impact of future developments in the field of logistics upon the concept of warfare from the command viewpoint.

INTERNATIONAL LAW, NWC 16. 6 Installments—54 Points.

This course is designed to provide the student with the means to gain an understanding of principles of international law having to do with the organization of the world community, with emphasis on areas of naval interest and with specific application of these principles to the Naval Officer's profession.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NWC 17. 6 Installments—54 Points.

This course is designed to provide the student with the means to gain an understanding of the fundamental elements and basic principles of international relations and the relationship of these elements and principles to the formulation of national strategy.

MILITARY PLANNING, NWC 18. 2 Installments—18 Points.

A study of the systematic techniques of logical analysis as applied to military planning using a problem situation; and an introduction to staff organization, functions, staff studies and planning directives.

NAVAL OPERATIONS, NWC 19. 2 Installments—18 Points.

A course comprising a study of the characteristics of four major weapons systems and considerations for their employment: submarine, antisubmarine, attack carrier, and amphibious forces. The student need select and complete only two of the four installments; however, a combination of the submarine and anti-submarine installments may not be selected.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, NWC 20. 4 Installments—36 Points.

A National Security Council level study of national objectives, interests, and policies, and their relation to national strategy; Soviet interests, objectives, and likely courses of action; strategic planning at the level of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and strategic considerations at a Unified/Specified Command level.

COUNTERINSURGENCY, NWC 21. 4 Installments—36 Points.

To provide a means for the student to prepare himself for positions of responsibility which involve the planning and conduct of counterinsurgency programs and to acquire an understanding of the possible contributions of all governmental departments and the need to integrate their available capabilities into effective programs to attain our national objectives.



Recognition of successful completion of individual courses is afforded by the award of a certificate and issuance of a letter of completion. Notification of successful course completion is forwarded to the Chief of Naval Personnel, or other appropriate authority, for inclusion in the student's selection jacket.

In addition, the President of the Naval War College will award a special diploma to those officers who successfully complete a "Package Plan" of correspondence courses. This nonresident program of studies closely parallels those offered at the Naval War College's resident courses of Naval Command and Staff and Naval Warfare, and is organized accordingly:

The Correspondence Course of Naval Command and Staff. The special diploma awarded for graduation from this course indicates successful completion of the following four correspondence courses: National and International Security Organization, Military Planning, Naval Operations, and Command Logistics.

The Correspondence Course of Naval Warfare. The special diploma awarded for graduation from this course indicates successful completion of eight correspondence courses, the above-listed four courses required for the Correspondence Course of Naval Command and Staff, plus the following: Counterinsurgency, Strategic Planning, International Relations, and International Law.