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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

The Naval War College conducts correspondence courses in Strategy and Tactics, Logistics, and International Law. The scope of each course is briefly described in the following pages. Enrollment is open to officers of the Regular Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and officers (active duty or inactive duty status) of Reserve components of these services, of the grade of lieutenant (junior grade), or first lieutenant, and all grades senior. The Naval War College Catalog of Correspondence Courses, available upon request, contains outlines of the courses and information pertaining to the procedure for making application for enrollment. It is requested that commanding officers who receive the Naval War College Review bring this notice to the attention of officer personnel within their commands.

LOGISTICS

Restricted

8 Assignments

48 Points

Recommended for all officers.

SCOPE: Operational logistics is emphasized in this course. Following an introduction to logistics, the subject of organization is examined and its practical application studied in the form of these subjects: National Security Organization, Military Services, Military Staff. This provides the foundation for a discussion of logistics planning and the theater of operations, followed by a thorough consideration of each of the principal functions of operational logistics; supply; maintenance, repair, and salvage; medical; personnel; transportation; and base development. The concept and functioning of mobile logistic support is stressed throughout.

This course is evaluated as advanced in comparison with the Logistics NavPers 10902 which is basic in approach.

TEXTS: Memorandum Texts are prepared by the Naval War College, using material gathered from all service sources. Reference texts are: U. S. Naval Logistics in the Second World War, 1949, Ballantine; and Military Management for National Defense, 1950, Beishline.

STRATEGY AND TACTICS

Restricted

8 Assignments

48 Points

Recommended for all officers.

SCOPE: This course emphasizes the first three steps of the naval planning process; The Estimate of the Situation, The Development of the Plan, and The Directive. Strategic and Tactical exercises of progressively increasing complexity are used to familiarize the student with these three steps and to demonstrate the strategic employment of naval forces; the role of sea power in national strategy; command and organization principles; the integration of logistics with strategy and tactics; the employment of land, sea and air forces in joint operations. In addition, through the medium of short essays students can present their thoughts on naval subjects. Throughout the course, particular emphasis is placed on the development of sound and logical reasoning processes.

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A Guide to Naval Strategy—Brodie
The Battle of the Atlantic—Morrison

INTERNATIONAL LAW (Regular)

Unclassified

8 Assignments

48 Points

Recommended for all officers.

SCOPE: This course provides a comprehensive coverage of the international law of war and peace. Special emphasis is placed upon an analysis of current developments, e. g., collective security arrangements, changes in the rules regulating the conduct of warfare, recent treaties of peace, etc. Each assignment includes questions dealing with a defined area of international law and requires the solution of a specific problem situation that may confront an officer in the performance of his duties.

TEXTS: Air Power and War Rights, Spaight

The Law and Custom of the Sea, Smith

Naval War College Annual "Blue Books"

(International Law Situations and
International Law Documents)

Charter of the United Nations—Commentary
and Documents, Goodrich and Hambro

International Law of the Sea, Higgins
and Colombos

Other special texts and pamphlets

INTERNATIONAL LAW (Advanced)

Unclassified

4 Assignments

24 Points

Recommended for all officers (Prerequisite: The completion of the regular course with a mark of excellent)

SCOPE: Research on current problems of international affairs in which the Navy has an active interest; fundamental tenets of U. S. foreign policy that are related to the principles of international law through custom conventions, treaties, and the works of jurists.

TEXT: Text books on International Law such as Fenwick, Hyde, Hall, Wilson and Tucker, and Oppenheim

Digests and Casebooks such as Hackworth's Digest, Moore's Digest, and Hudson's Cases on International Law

The Law and Custom of the Sea, 1948, Smith

Prize Law during the World War, 1927, Gamer

Collections of sources such as the Charter of the United Nations, Atlantic Defense Pact, and League of Nations Treaty Series

Periodicals such as the Department of State Bulletin and the American Journal of International Law