

National Defense University Fact Sheet

Under the direction of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the National Defense University is the country's premier center for joint professional military education, providing an educational and research environment to prepare future leaders of the armed services, State Department, other U.S. government agencies, and other nations for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities.

NDU is an internationally recognized and accredited graduate-level university with four colleges, one school, and 15 centers of excellence focused on education, research, and outreach in national security matters. With campuses in Washington, D.C., and Norfolk, VA, the University's reach and influence extends to U.S. and international constituents with students from more than 60 countries worldwide attending annually.

The four colleges and one school are the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), Information Resources Management College (IRMC), Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC), National War College (NWC), and the School for National Security Executive Education (SNSEE). The research centers are the Institute for National Strategic Studies, Center for Technology and National Security Policy, and Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction. Other programs are the National Security Gaming Center; Interagency Transformation, Education, and Analyses Program; and Secretary of Defense Strategic Policy Forum for Members of Congress and Senior Executive Branch officials. Special components are Capstone/Pinnacle/Keystone, Center for Strategic Communications, Joint Reserve Affairs Office, NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course, International Student Management Office, National Security Education Program, and the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellows Program.

Masters degrees are awarded to students who complete studies at ICAF, NWC, JFSC, or SNSEE. Up to 15 hours of graduate credit can be earned through various IRMC courses.

Educating National Security Leaders

One of the university's three core missions is to educate national security leaders. At NDU, students are taught how to think – not what to think. Students actively learn through seminar discussions, case and field studies, exercises, and lectures. The curriculum combines information technology, classroom experience, and experiential learning. State-of-the-art technology such as streaming video and virtual reality simulations add a dimension of realism to learning.

Student Profile

- ◆ Average age: 42 years old
- ◆ Average rank: senior lieutenant colonel/Navy commander, junior colonel/Navy captain with 20 years of service or civilian equivalent
- ◆ 66 percent of students are military officers representing all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, the remainder being from other USG agencies, industry, or international students

Enrollment

- ◆ ICAF: 320 students (includes 24 IFs)
- ◆ NWC: 223 students (includes 32 IFs)
- ◆ JFSC: 1,500 students complete the 10-week Joint and Combined Warfighting School and 32 complete the 10-month Joint Advanced Warfighting School annually
- ◆ IRMC: 3,000 students attend Chief Information Officer, Advanced Management Program, and numerous short intensive and distributed learning courses each year
- ◆ SNSEE: 32 full-time Counterterrorism Fellows and 300 part-time seats annually
- ◆ Other: More than 1,000 students attend the university on any given day

Educational Programs

The thrust of NDU's educational programs includes:

- ◆ National security strategy and policy
- ◆ National resource management
- ◆ Information strategy, warfare, and resource management
- ◆ Joint and multinational campaign planning and warfighting
- ◆ Acquisition
- ◆ Interagency

International Fellows

NDU offers one-year fellowships to select senior officers who have demonstrated leadership potential within their own military from over 60 countries to study and conduct research at ICAF, NWC, and SNSEE. Approximately 15 international officers attend IRMC's Advanced Management Program each year. Over 140 international students attend other courses at both NDU and JFSC.

NDU Outreach Efforts

- ◆ More than 500 conferences, symposia and workshops annually
- ◆ 20,000 visitors
- ◆ 120 faculty and staff publications
- ◆ 350 conference presentations

NDU Press

The award-winning NDU Press publishes the quarterly national security journal for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, *Joint Force Quarterly*. Its product line includes six hard and soft cover formats from McNair Papers and Defense Horizons to the Strategic Forum series and scholarly books addressing national security issues. NDU Press proctors the annual CJCS and SECDEF essay contests, now in the 25th year.

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