



NATIONAL DEFENSE
UNIVERSITY
Washington, D.C.

The preeminent joint institution for education, research and outreach in national and international security

NDU is...

- *A key leader and national resource for strategic thought and research in national and international security*
- *A national asset with access to national and world leaders*
- *Uniquely positioned to integrate public, private and international partners to address strategic national and global security issues*
- *A center of excellence for interagency education with the means to promote collaborative problem solving across branches of government*
- *An essential tool for public diplomacy and cross-cultural understanding through interaction and partnership with foreign allies and educational institutions*

Our Mission

Prepare military and civilian leaders from the United States and other countries to examine national and international security challenges through multidisciplinary educational and research programs, professional exchanges, and outreach.

*“So it falls to institutions like this – and to individuals like you – to **help** us understand the world as it is, to **develop** the capacities that we need to **confront** emerging danger, and to **act** with purpose and pragmatism to **turn** this moment of peril into one of promise. That’s how we will **find** new pathways to peace and security. That is the work we must do.”*

— President Barack Obama, NDU Abraham Lincoln Hall dedication, March 12, 2009

Our Priorities

- **Achieve** the highest standard of Joint Professional Military Education to meet the needs of the complex and changing global security environment
- **Develop** strategic knowledge and critical thinking, promote cross-cultural understanding, and create operational awareness to prepare graduates to exercise strong leadership both nationally and globally
- **Promote** unity-of-effort across and beyond U.S. Government
- **Invest** in faculty, staff, technology, and facilities to promote our mission
- **Cultivate** national and international relationships
- **Build** lifelong learning communities for graduates that sustain them throughout their professional careers

Colleges

- College of International Security Affairs (CISA)
- Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF)
- Information Resources Management College (iCollege)
- Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC)
- National War College (NWC)

Research Centers

- Center for Applied Strategic Learning (CASL)
 - Secretary of Defense Strategic Policy Forum (SPF)
- Center for Joint and Strategic Logistics (CJSL)
- Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction (CSWMD)
- Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS)
 - Center for Complex Operation (CCO)
 - Center for Technology and National Security Policy (CTNSP)
 - Center for Strategic and Regional Research (CSRR)

Special Components

- CAPSTONE | PINNACLE | KEYSTONE
- Institute for National Security Ethics and Leadership (INSEL)
- International Student Management Office (ISMO)
- Joint Reserve Affairs Center (JRAC)
- NATO Education Center
- Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellows Program

Regional Centers

- Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS)
- Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (CHDS)
- Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA)

Other Programs

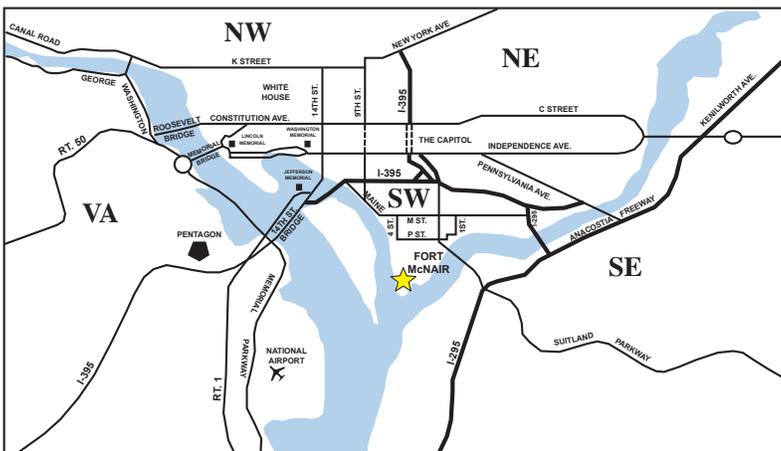
- NDU Conferences and Symposia
- NDU Foundation
- NDU Press
- STAR-TIDES

Key Facts & Figures

- *Established in 1976 and accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools*
- *Provides education, research, and outreach services to U.S. Federal Government Agencies, military Services, Congress, private-sector companies, public and private educational institutions, international defense ministries, and the media*
- *Awards four graduate degrees*
- *Comprised of five colleges and over 20 research centers, institutes, special components, and programs employing more than 800 military, interagency, and private sector civilian faculty and staff*
- *More than 5,000* students, including more than 250** international students representing at least 65 countries, were enrolled in NDU full-time, part-time and certificate programs in AY 2008-09*

NDU Resources for Congress

- Academic and subject matter expertise on strategic national and regional security issues
- Access to world class research resources, including the Military Education Research Library Network (<http://merln.ndu.edu>)
- Strategic experiential learning and crisis decision making exercises for members of Congress and key staff
- Education and graduate degree programs for congressional staff, including nearly 100 master's degree candidates



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*Excludes Joint Forces Staff College online certificate program

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