

College Name/Program: National War College, JPME II, MS in National Security Strategy

Mission: Educate future senior leaders of the Armed Forces, Department of State, and other civilian agencies, as well as international fellows, for high-level policy, command and staff responsibilities by conducting a senior-level course of study in national security strategy.

Program Learning Outcomes - Academic Year 2022/23

PLO 1 – Analyze international and domestic context (for example, the interplay of actors, structures, drivers, and trends) to evaluate threats and opportunities to/from identified national interests and assess context relevant to the development and implementation of national security strategy

- SLO 1a: Analyze the evolving context of Strategic Competition with detailed focus on China and Russia
- SLO 1b: Critically analyze and differentiate between multiple sources of information (including direct engagement and on-the-ground experiential material) to consider motivations, test assumptions, and understand biases
- SLO 1c: Identify and assess national interests involved with specific security challenges

PLO 2 – Evaluate current and future warfare based on historical understanding of war’s enduring nature and changing character in combination with insight into ongoing institutional, societal, and technological change

PLO 3 – Evaluate the utility and orchestration of all instruments of power to address significant national security strategy challenges across the spectrum of cooperation, competition, conflict, and war

PLO 4 – Employ strategic leadership and interpersonal skills necessary to succeed in high-level policy, command, and staff positions within the joint, interagency, and multinational environment

- SLO 4a (ILO 1): Foster collaborative relationships across joint, interagency, international, and cultural boundaries
- SLO 4b: Evaluate the role of ethics and norms in national strategy development and implementation
- SLO 4c (ILO 2): Demonstrate critical and creative thinking in support of national security decision-making
- SLO 4d (ILO 4): Communicate effectively [written & oral] to provide clear and concise military and policy recommendations

PLO 5 – Conceptualize and develop national strategies, revise existing strategies, and understand how strategies evolve and are implemented to viably address national security challenges (includes coverage of ILO 3)

- SLO 5a: Determine viability of strategies and plans through contextual assessment gained through direct engagement and on-the-ground experiential material

Emerging Faculty Skill Requirements:

National security practitioners with terminal degrees in related subject matter. Desired academic backgrounds: Great Power Competition, China, Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change, and Civ-Mil Relations.

Curriculum Overview:

- **NWC 6000, Foundations of Strategic Logic (5 Credit Hours).** Provides students a strong foundation in the key aspects of strategic theory, strategic logic, and strategic leadership, specifically targeting strategic (critical and creative) thinking.
- **NWC 6220, Statecraft and the Evolving Character of War (5 Credit Hours).** Provides students with a detailed analysis of the theories, history, current perspective, and future of war and warfare, focusing on how the character of war and warfare is currently evolving and will continue to evolve over the next 20 – 50 years.
- **NWC 6310, Statecraft in the Modern Era (5 Credit Hours).** Provides students with a detailed analysis of the nature, character, utility, and orchestration of the instruments of power and statecraft below the level of armed conflict.
- **NWC 6400, The U.S. Domestic Context (4 Credit Hours).** Builds on course 6500 by focusing on the domestic context and how the US national security enterprise works bureaucratically and culturally to develop and implement strategies.
- **NWC 6500, The Global Context (4 Credit Hours).** Provides students in-depth instruction on assessing the strategic context, focusing on the international context.
- **NWC 6600, National Security Strategy Practicum (5 Credit Hours).** Provides students a practicum in which to test, develop, and finalize their understanding of strategic logic, building to full development of a strategy.
- **NWC 6601, Applications in National Security Strategy (2 Credit Hours).** Builds on Course 6600 taking individual student strategies developed in 6600 and simulating an interagency group to collaboratively develop and present a final group strategy.
- **NWC 6710, Strategic Capstone Exercise (1 Credit Hour).** Provides a final reinforcement across all elements of strategic logic and an assessment of joint and interagency acculturation as well as strategy implementation down to the COCOM level (Commander's Initial Planning Guidance).



NWC Academic Calendar

Tentative NWC Academic Curriculum. AY 2022-23



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| <p>6600 (National Security Strategy Practicum) 9 Sep 2021 – 11 Apr 2023 (4 CH)</p> <p>6601 (Applications in National Security Strategy) 16 Dec 2021 – 27 May 2023 (2 CH)</p> <p>NDU Elective Program - 6 CH</p> | In-processing and Convocation | | 1 Aug – 5 Aug 2022 |
| | NWC 6000 (Strategic Foundation Course) | 5 CH | 8-Aug – 23 Sep 2022 |
| | NWC 6500 (The Global Context) | 4 CH | 26 Sep – 8 Nov 2022 |
| | NWC 6220 (Statecraft and the Evolving Character of War) | 4 CH | 14 Nov – 16 Dec 2022 |
| | Holiday Break | | 19 Dec – 2 Jan 2023 |
| | NWC 6220 (Statecraft and the Evolving Character of War)(Cont.) | //// | 3 Jan – 20 Jan 2023 |
| | Mid-Year Orals | | 23 Jan – 27 Jan 2023 |
| | NWC 6310 (Statecraft in the Modern Era) | 5 CH | 30 Jan – 17 Mar 2023 |
| | NWC 6400 (The U.S. Domestic Context) | 4 CH | 20 Mar – 12 May 2023 |
| | Spring Orals & Senior Leader Briefs | | 15 May – 19 May 2023 |
| | NWC 6710 (Strategy and Implementation/Exercise) | 1 CH | 22 May – 26 May 2023 |
| | Out-processing and Graduation | | 31 May 9 - June 2023 |

Total Credit Hours (CH) - 36