

FY14-16 Educational Skill Requirements
Naval Strategy
Subspecialty 2301
Curriculum 688

1. Curriculum Number: 688
2. Curriculum taught at: NPS
3. Students are Fully Funded or Partially Funded: Fully Funded
4. Curriculum Length in Months: 15
5. APC Required: 265
6. The officers must have the following knowledge/skills:

ESR I. Basic Graduate Level Skills:

- (1) Conduct Research: Assemble information from the full range of data sources to understand international political, economic, and military issues. Culminating master's level Thesis is required upon completion of degree.
- (2) Analyze Problems: Frame issues as research questions; logically combine evidence and theory to analyze and explain international political, economic, and military developments; and formulate innovative solutions to strategic problems.
- (3) Communicate Information: Clearly summarize large quantities of information and persuasively present positions and courses of action using a broad range of verbal and written communications formats, including short oral arguments, visual briefs, policy memos, and position papers, and comprehensive student theses.

ESR II. General Political Science, International Relations, and Security Studies:

- (4) International and Comparative Politics: Understand international relations theories, including realist, liberal, and cultural paradigms; the conditions and worldviews that shape state interactions in the international system; the history of modern nationalism and the state system; and the roles of domestic politics, non-state actors, and transnational social movements in shaping international politics.
- (5) International Economy: Understand the economic factors that shape the international security environment, including the economic dimensions of national security

- policy and the ways in which economic policies and interests affect military strategy and force structure.
- (6) International and Military History: Grasp the principal causes of war in the modern era, and understand the political, technological, economic, and other influences that have governed its conduct; understand the social, political, economic, and cultural forces that have contributed to periods of stable peace; and analyze relations between states, including negotiations of peace settlements, military alliances, arms limitation agreements, economic arrangements, and human rights accords.

ESR III. National Security Defense and Military Strategy:

- (7) US National Security Policy: Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of US national security policy, military history, and defense, military, and naval strategy.
- (8) International Environment: Assess the international strategic environment, have knowledge of politico-military affairs, and understand the inner workings of the highest levels of government. Draw policy-relevant conclusions and formulate actionable recommendations.
- (9) Strategic Guidance and Policy: Demonstrate ability to write strategic-to-operational-level vision and guidance documents calculated to relate the ends of policy to the ways and means of strategic action. Understand the relationship of DIME elements to naval power and joint and maritime strategy. Differentiate and define Service, COCOM, and Naval Component Command roles at the national and theater levels.
- (10) Strategic Theory and Concepts: Demonstrate ability to evolve concepts and strategy to employ forces at the national and theater levels. Understand how joint and maritime forces may influence the future global security environment. Develop strategic- and theater-level concepts of operations based on higher-level policies and strategies.
- (11) Coalitions and Alliance Politics: Analyze the principal alliances and international organizations that shape the current security environment, including their role in U.S. national strategy, coalition building, and military missions from peace operations to major wars.
- (12) Regional Security: Understand the basic security dynamics of at least two major world regions.

Enclosure 3

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