

JPME Phase II & Master's Degree

The Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies is a 10-month curriculum for resident students divided into trimesters with core teachings and electives. Core courses are primarily taught in seminar format but include capstone exercises, wargame participation, and writing assignments.

Eligibility

- Students are selected to attend the College of Naval Warfare by each service based on professional performance. Candidates are senior officers (O5-O6) that are selected for promotion to Commander and Captain. In addition, selected departments and agencies are invited to nominate civilian applicants (GS14-GS15, or equivalent) for admission. A limited number of Lieutenant Commanders can attend CNW, if JPME I requirements are completed, rank waiver is approved by the Navy Personnel Command.

Location & Duration

- The 10-month curriculum for resident students is divided into trimesters and is taught at the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) in Newport, Rhode Island.

Learning Format

- Core Courses are primarily seminar format but include capstone exercises, wargame participation, and comprehensive writing assignments.

Outcome

- U.S. resident students in CNW are awarded a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies degree, graduates are also eligible for JPME Phase II certification.

General Program Overview

Leadership in the Profession of Arms | Once Per Academic Year, Required

This course allows students to recognize their impact on those they lead and enhance their thinking and ethical decision-making for their future leadership roles.

Perspectives on Modern War | All Trimesters, Required

Students take lessons from their core curriculum and apply them to emerging challenges in the international security environment. Major themes vary by trimester and are connected to the annual symposium within the trimester.

Student Selected Elective | All Trimesters, Required

The elective program offers graduate level courses that expand on subjects not in the core curriculum, enhance your regional expertise, or examine core subjects in greater detail.

Joint Military Operations | Fall Trimester, Required

Engages students in an in-depth study of the theater-strategic and operational levels of war across the spectrum of conflict.

Strategy and Policy | Winter Trimester, Required

Emphasizes grand strategy. Students will examine case studies to consider the long-term effectiveness of all instruments of national power, the importance of the ability to adapt in strategic leadership, and the strategic success and failure of great and regional powers as well as non-state actors over long periods of time.

National Security and Decision Making | Spring Trimester, Required

Focuses on strategic-level issues, including the effective selection and leadership of military forces in the context of constrained national resources, strategic planning and selection of future military forces, and their potential use as an instrument of national power.