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Retirement Points for Joint Professional Military Education Completion

The Reserve Affairs Office has no purview over academic affairs, retirement point eligibility, or retirement point credit.

For questions or documentation concerning course completions, please contact either the Dean of Students at DeanOfStudents@usnwc.edu or the College of Distance Education cde@usnwc.edu.

To update your record, please contact your local Navy Reserve Center or your command Admin department. An example of the process to follow, all eligible correspondence courses and references are available on the Navy Reserve Homeport website under the N7 Department (https://private.navyreserve.navy.mil/cnrfc/N-Codes/N7/correspondence_courses/Pages/courses.aspx).

Naval Command & Staff Online Program

The Naval Command & Staff (NC&S) Online Program allows students to take courses on a computer from anywhere with consistent internet. Students will interface with the professor and each other using online discussion boards, group projects, individual essays, and other assignments.

NC&S version 3.0	Course Length	Study Hours per Week	Total Hours Credited	Retirement Points Awarded	Notes
Total Program	46 weeks / 230 days	Varies	481.6	121	*
Fundamentals of Strategy	10 weeks / 50 days	11	110	28	
Leadership in the Profession of Arms	2 weeks / 10 days	12.3	24.6	6	
Theater Security Decision Making	10 weeks / 50 days	10.7	107	27	
Operational Art	6 weeks / 30 days	10	60	15	
Joint Capabilities	10 weeks / 50 days	10	100	25	
Joint Planning Process	8 weeks / 40 days	10	80	20	

***Please Note:** Students receive retirement points at the completion of the Naval Command & Staff Online Program; not incrementally. If students have earned [credit for prior coursework](#), they will be awarded retirement points for all courses taken on the last day of the final course needed to complete JPME-I. Reserve members cannot be awarded retirement points for correspondence courses completed while in an Active or Inactive duty status, for which retirement point credit is awarded.