

**2020-2022 EDUCATIONAL SKILL REQUIREMENTS  
NATIONAL SECURITY LAW  
1203 SUBSPECIALTY  
887/883 CURRICULUM**

1. **Curriculum Number:** 887/883
2. **Curriculum Length in Months:** 10
3. **GRE/GMAT Required:** No
4. **Purpose:** The officer must be able to interpret and apply customary international law, state practice, treaties and international agreements, court decisions, and legislation as they impact existing and proposed DON/DOD operations, programs and policies. The officer must understand the fundamental concepts and be familiar with the basic functional areas of National Security Law within the Department of the Navy (DON) and the Department of Defense (DOD). Specific capabilities and requirements include:
  - a. ESR-1: Public International Law
  - b. ESR-2: Law of Armed Conflict
  - c. ESR-3: At least two of the following: (1) International Programs; (2) Law of the Sea; (3) Cyberspace Law; (4) Space Law; (5) Information Operations/Intelligence Law; (6) Admiralty/Maritime Law.
5. **Coursework Requirements:** Officers selected for this track may take a variety of courses within the 1203 subspecialty, but must demonstrate scholarship in Public International Law, Law of Armed Conflict, and at least two of the following areas:
  - (1) International Programs
  - (2) Law of the Sea
  - (3) Cyberspace Law
  - (4) Space Law
  - (5) Information Operations/Intelligence Law
  - (6) Admiralty/Maritime Law
6. **Final Project:** A dissertation, thesis paper, major report, or capstone project required by the program must focus in depth on legal issues involved in at least one of the eight study areas within the subspecialty.

**7. Approved Schools List:**

- a. Columbia University
- b. Emory University
- c. Georgetown University
- d. George Washington University
- e. Harvard University
- f. University of Miami (Maritime Law)
- g. University of Nebraska (Space Law)
- h. University of Virginia
- i. Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
- j. Tulane University

All other schools will be evaluated through the Navy subspecialty review process for other graduate education programs or through the school waiver process for civilian institutions (CIVINS) programs.

**8. Major Area Sponsor and Subject Matter Experts:**

- a. Major Area Sponsor: [REDACTED] JAGC, USN, Judge Advocate General of the Navy
- b. Subject Matter Expert: [REDACTED] Deputy Director, Code 10 (National Security Law)

APPROVED: [REDACTED] 25 Jan 2020  
Judge Advocate General DATE

APPROVED: [REDACTED] 28 Jan 2020  
President NPS DATE

APPROVED: [REDACTED] 3 Aug 2020  
Director, OPNAV N71 DATE