FY16-18 Educational Skill Requirements
Naval Strategy
2300
Curriculum 680

1. Curriculum Number: 680

2. Curriculum Length in months: 12-24

3. GRE/GMAT Required: Yes

4. The officer must understand the fundamental concepts and be familiar with the basic functional areas of Naval Strategy and National Security Affairs within the Department of the Navy (DoN) and the Department of Defense (DoD) including:

a. ESR-1. Conduct Research: Assemble information from the full range of data sources to understand international political, economic, and military issues. A Master's level thesis is required upon completion of degree.

b. ESR-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.

c. ESR-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, position papers, and comprehensive student theses.

d. ESR-4. International Relations: Fundamentals of relations between states, including theories of international politics, causes and consequences of wars; origins of alliances, and the roles of international organizations.

e. ESR-5. Diplomatic History: Origins and development of diplomatic relations between countries of the world, including negotiations of peace settlements, military alliances, arms limitations agreements, economic arrangements, and human rights accords.

f. ESR-6. International Economy: 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.

g. ESR-7. International Law: Rudiments of international law including the Law of the Sea and Laws of War.

h. ESR-8. U.S. Security Policy: Formulation and execution of U.S. foreign and national security policy, including interaction among the Executive departments/agencies, and between them and the Legislative branch of government in strategy, policy, and budget decisions.

i. ESR-9. Military History and Defense Policy: Study of American and world military history, including origins and evolution of current U.S. strategy and policy.

j. ESR-10. Public Management and Organization: Theory and practice of management in the public sector, including strategies and tactics of Executive branch management and reorganization and problems of leadership in civilian agencies, including Congress.

k. ESR-11. Current Issues: Major security issues in the world, including political and military conflicts, insurgencies and terrorism, social, and economic problems, and the evolving world situation.

5. Approved Schools List:

a. University of California, San Diego: School of Global Policy and Strategy, Master of Arts in International Affairs – MAS-IA. One year program.

b. University of Washington, Seattle: Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, Master of Arts in Applied International Studies – MAAIS. One year program.

c. University of Chicago, The Committee on International Relations, Master of Arts in International Relations. One year program.

d. Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Mid-Career Master of Arts in Public Administration. One year program.

e. Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Master of International Public Policy (MIPP). One year program.

f. University of Virginia, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Master of Arts in Foreign Affairs (International Relations focus). One year program.

g. Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Master of Arts, Mid-Career Program. One year program.

h. Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Master's in Public Policy (MPP) (International Relations). One year program.

i. Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Master of Arts, International Economics/International Relations. Two year program – when funded.

j. Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Master of Arts in Public Policy (MPP), International Relations and Global Affairs (IGA). Two year program – when funded.

k. Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsch School of Foreign Service, Master of Arts, Security Studies Program (SSP). Two year program – when funded.

l. New York University, NYC, Master of Arts in International Relations. Two year program – when funded.

m. Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA., Master of Arts in International Studies. Two year program – when funded.

n. Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Master's Program in International Affairs (MPIA). Two year program – when funded.

o. Stanford University, School of Humanities and Sciences, Master of Arts, Ford Dorsey Program in International Policy Studies. Two year program – when funded.

6. Major Area Sponsor and Subject Matter Experts

a. Major Area Sponsor: [redacted] U.S. Navy, OPNAV N-51, Director, Plans and Policy Division.

b. Subject Matter Expert: [redacted] U.S. Navy, OPNAV N-515, Graduate Education/Fellowships Program Officer.

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