

## **FY26-28 Educational Skill Requirements**

### **680 – Naval Strategy (2300)**

1. Curriculum Number: 680
2. Curriculum Length in Months: 15
3. GRE/GMAT Required: Yes
4. The Officers 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.
  - b. ESR-2. Analyze Problems and Demonstrate Critical Thinking: 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: 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.
  - 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 origin 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 International Relations and Pacific Studies, Master of Arts in International Affairs (MAS-IA) (One year program).
- b. University of Washington, Seattle. Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, Executive Masters in International Studies (EMIS) (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, 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) (Two 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) in International Relations (One year program).
- i. Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. Master of Arts in Public Policy (MPP), International and Global Affairs (IGA) (Two year program).
- j. Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR) (Two year program).

- k. Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Master of Arts, Security Studies Program (SSP) (Two year program).
  - l. Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service. Master of International Affairs (MIA), National Security and Diplomacy (Two year program).
  - m. New York University (NYC), Master of Arts in International Relations (Two year program).
  - n. Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. Master of Arts in International Studies (Two year program).
  - o. Stanford University, School of Humanities and Sciences. Master of Arts, Ford Dorsey Program in International Policy Studies (Two year program).
  - p. Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology. Master of Science in Security, Technology, and International Relations.
  - q. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Master of Science in Political Science.
6. Major Area Sponsor and Subject Matter Expert:
- a. Sponsor: VADM Yvette M. Davids, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, Strategy, and Warfighting Development (N3/N5/N7)
  - b. Subject Matter Expert: Mr. Patrick Kay, Strategy and Concepts (N57)

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 Director, Warfare Development Date  
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Approved:  01-21-26  
 Director, Warfighter Development Date  
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 Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Date  
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 Warfighting Development (N3N5N7B)