



AY 26-27 Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program Fact Sheet

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NAVADMIN 069/26 announces the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) Fleet Seminar Program (FSP) for academic year 2026-2027. FSP offers intermediate level Joint Professional Military Education (JPME-I) through a set of three courses; each normally requires one academic year to complete and runs from September 2026 through May 2027. There is no tuition fee and course materials are provided on a loan basis at no cost to the students. All applications for FSP must be submitted by 31 May 2026. Please see NAVADMIN and QR for further information.

Who needs to know? All Officers, Training Officers, Executive Officers, and Commanding Officers.

What you need to know – key points

- FSP is comprised of three courses: Strategy and War (S&W), Theater Security Decision Making (TSDM), and Joint Maritime Operations (JMO). Each course takes approximately 34 weeks to complete.
- Completion of all three courses results in the award of a College of Naval Command & Staff diploma and credit for JPME-I.
- FSP is the only NWC College of Distance Education (CDE) Program that offers a path to a NWC master's degree through the Graduate Degree Program (GDP).
- NWC accepts applications from commissioned officers (active & reserve) and civilian employees of the federal government.
- Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard O-3 and above, other service officers O-4 and above, and civilian employees in the grade of GS-11 and above (or equivalent) are eligible to enroll. Limited Duty Officers O-3 and above are encouraged to apply.
- All applicants must have earned a minimum of a bachelor's degree.
- Seminars meet once a week in the evening and will be offered in the following 15 locations for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Annapolis, MD (S&W, TSDM and JMO)
Bangor, WA (TSDM)
Dahlgren, VA (JMO)
Everett, WA (S&W)
Great Lakes, IL (TSDM)
Jacksonville, FL (TSDM and JMO)
Mayport, FL (S&W)
New Orleans, LA (JMO)
Newport, RI (S&W, TSDM and JMO)
Norfolk, VA (S&W, TSDM and JMO)
Patuxent River, MD (TSDM)
Pearl Harbor, HI (S&W, TSDM and JMO)
Pensacola, FL (Whiting Field) (S&W)
San Diego, CA (S&W, TSDM and JMO)
Washington, DC (S&W, TSDM and JMO)



Application window will run from 1 April to 31 May 2026 and is available on the NWC website.

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Sample Plan of the Day/Plan of the Week Notes

- Bullets on POD/POW Notes are not needed.

FAQ

Q. I've heard about Fleet Seminar Full-Time (FSFT), what is this and am I eligible?

A. NAVADMIN 017/26 announced the FSFT pilot opportunity for AY2627. This is a limited pilot for 14 LT (and senior) URL and IWC officers to attend FSP as a full-time, non-resident student in Norfolk, San Diego or Pearl Harbor. This program leads to JPME-I (through FSP) and NWC M.A. (through GDP) in as long as 18 months with no PCS moves! Contact your detailer to apply.

Q. What is the difference between FSP and the NWC Online Program?

A. While both programs satisfy the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff JPME-I requirement, only FSP courses are accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) for the NWC master's degree. The Online Program courses are delivered asynchronously and FSP courses are delivered synchronously, at night, mostly in-person but occasionally in a virtual classroom.

Q. What are the classes like?

A. Classes are comprised of Socratic seminar discussion and some presentations. Required work is essays and some group projects. Overall participation in the class is considered a graded event for each course. Courses may be taken in any order.

Q. Three years is a long time to commit, can I complete the program quicker?

A. Yes. A student may request to enroll in two courses (dual enrollment) in their second year but must have a grade of B or higher in the first course. Please note that the academic workload is very demanding for dual enrolled students.

Q. How long do I have to complete the program once I'm accepted?

A. You can take as long as necessary to complete the program for JPME-I credit and the NWC Naval Command & Staff diploma. All coursework for the NWC master's degree must be completed within a 7-year period.

Q. Can I mix and match NWC education programs for JMPE-I credit?

A. Yes. A student may start with one program and finish with another to earn JPME-I (e.g. start TSDM with FSP then transfer to the Online Program and finish remaining modules). Visit the NWC website to see the latest credit for prior coursework. Please note, the GDP will only accept fully completed FSP courses taken within 7 years for the master's degree. GDP requires the 6 to 9 remaining elective credits to be taken with another regionally accredited university or with available NWC elective courses.