

NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE WASHINGTON DC 20319-5066

Office of the Dean of Students

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Dear Member of the Class of 2025,

On behalf of the National War College "Warriors", congratulations on your selection to the National War College (NWC). Your selection for and attendance to this distinguished institution places you in the footsteps of several historical strategic leaders. Your term here will be professionally and personally rewarding, representing what many graduates say was "the best year of their career."

The NWC Faculty and Staff are looking forward to your arrival! Your class is comprised of more than 200 students spanning the United States Government and Armed Forces as well as International Fellows from over 30 countries. NWC is the only military service college whose focus is National Security Strategy. While your overall experience will be memorable, it will not be without challenges. Whatever your mentor has told you, this is not the college of old. NWC is a fast-paced, academically rigorous, 10-Month program that will prepare you to think more strategically, but due to its accelerated schedule, does not allow for a great deal of down time.

As one of five colleges under the National Defense University (NDU), your NWC faculty knows that success here depends on thorough in-processing and orientation. You need to take an active role in this process and manage your specific entrance requirements. To this end, please read your National Defense University (NDU) welcome package. Your Service/Agency chairs here at the college are your primary POCs for initial information. Many of your in-processing tasks must be personally coordinated between you and your parent Service/Agency and Chairs. If you have questions on a specific requirement, please talk with me or your Service/Agency Chair here at the college. Chairs can be found here Chair Emails.

Two public websites will help prepare you for arrival. NDU's public website for incoming students is located here Incoming-Students and provides the most up-to-date data for in-processing. Of note, Information Technology and Security requirements, which are unique to NDU and must be completed prior to your arrival, are detailed there. The NDU campus is a Bring-Your-Own-Device environment, with a government-provided wireless network. Government furnished computing equipment is very limited, so it is imperative that you arrive at NWC with a personal laptop computer. Tablets and phones can also be used to augment your learning, but some applications require a laptop.

NWC's public website, https://nwc.ndu.edu, contains an in-coming students page. Here you will find NWC specific information and two electronic forms that helps us prepare for your arrival.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at <u>jon.c.eisberg.mil@ndu.edu</u> or at 202-271-5651 until June 15, 2024. You may also contact Ms. Damaris Figueroa, Business Support Specialist for Students at (202) 685-3674 or via email <u>damaris.figueroa.civ@ndu.edu</u>.

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