1. **Curriculum**: National Security Studies.

2. **Institutions**: Curricula are taught at Service staff and war colleges.

3. **Funding**: Students are fully funded.

4. **Curriculum length in months**: 12-15 months.

5. **Month(s) the program starts**: August, November, March.

6. **Academic Profile Code (APC) Required**: N/A.

7. **Billet Coding**: Billets are already coded for National Security Studies (2000); this review has no impact on coded billets.

8. **Specific Educational Skill Requirements for National Security Studies curriculum**: Officers in this subspecialty will be proficient in applying operational art to joint warfighting and planning processes; be able to plan campaigns and operations that integrate and leverage sea power, other military capabilities, and other national instruments of power; and possess clear, concise, and persuasive communication skills. As a generalist, the graduate should have exposure to each of the following areas:

   **ESR 1: Analytical Skills**: The ability to logically combine data and theory to analyze and explain international political, economic, and military events and the skills to formulate a spectrum of innovative solutions to strategic and operational problems.

   **ESR 2: Writing Skills**: The ability to write in a clear, concise manner and to transform large quantities of information into short written summaries which can be used by key decision makers.

   **ESR 3: Briefing Skills**: The ability to present oral briefings in a clear, concise manner, transforming large quantities of information into verbal summaries for key decision makers.
ESR 4: International/Military History: Study of American and world military history, including origins and evolution of current U.S. strategy and policy and the principal causes of war. Analyze through a comparative lens the political, technological, economic and other influences that have governed the conduct of war; understand the social, political, economic and cultural forces that have contributed to periods of stable peace; and analyze relations between states, including negotiations of peace settlements, military alliances, arms limitation agreements, economic arrangements and human rights accords.

ESR 5: National Security Policy and Defense Planning: Study of the formulation and execution of U.S. foreign and national security policy, including the legal and bureaucratic frameworks for interaction among the executive departments/agencies and the legislative branch of government in strategy, policy and critical national security and budget decisions. Study of the political dimensions of defense planning and the budget process; including the mechanisms by which the armed forces interact with various elements of the U.S. government; including Congress and the National Command Authority. Understand the key documents regarding the institutions and processes of defense planning. Analyze defense establishment problems, including manpower, the defense industry base and procurement policy.

ESR 6: Operational and Campaign Planning: Fully understand art, planning, leadership and law at the operational and campaign level; study of operational and campaign levels of warfare across the full spectrum of military operations, involving joint and coalition forces and interagency partners, to achieve military and post-war objectives; demonstrate skill in applying operational art to joint war fighting; and understand the theory and practice of the design methodology for complex problems, with an emphasis on the capabilities of all Services.

ESR 7: Current Issues: Analyze major security issues in the world including political and military conflicts, insurgencies and terrorism, social and economic problems and the evolving world situation.

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