

# Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JCWS)

MASL P171014      Duration: 10 weeks  
ECL 85              O-4 to O-6 or equivalent  
Offered 4 times per year  
Prerequisite: Joint Transition Course (P171016)



## Overview

The JCWS provides study in joint and combined organization, planning, and operations, and in related aspects of national and international security to enhance the preparation of selected U.S. and international military officers and interagency civilians for duty in all echelons of joint and combined commands. JCWS is taught in a small (16-18 students) seminar format that uses exercises, case studies, and active student participation.

## Learning Areas

- National Strategic Security Systems and Guidance, and Command Structures
- Joint, Interagency and Multinational Capabilities
- Information Operations
- Joint Planning

Each international fellow should be prepared to present a 2-hour briefing on the missions, capabilities, and experiences of his/her armed forces.



## Course Emphasis

- Characteristics, organization, and employment of the U.S. Armed Forces, including capabilities and limitations.
- Principles of the U.S. Unified Command structure and its strategic foundation.
- Organization, composition, and functions of joint and combined commands including strategic guidance, operational, planning, and logistic responsibilities of the commander.
- Emphasis on operational level planning to include the Joint Operational Planning Process, and the requirements and tools associated with the Joint Operational Planning and Execution System.
- Role and capabilities of the U.S. agencies, non-governmental organizations, international organizations and coalition military forces in an uncertain operating environment, and the challenges and opportunities this presents.
- Military, political, geographic, historical, economic, cultural, ideological, and other factors affecting U.S. national strategy and U.S. and Allies' security environment.



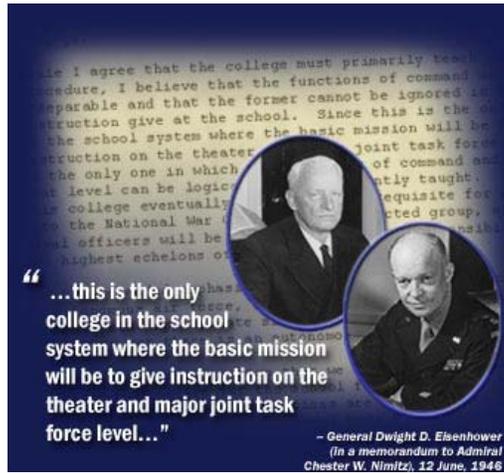
U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates at NATO Defense Ministers meeting in Krakow, Poland 20 Feb 09

The complex, fast-paced, and uncertain environment that defines modern military operations requires leaders who are strategically minded, critical thinkers, and skilled joint war fighters.

### Relationships

Out-of-class activities, a sports program, and shared student lodging significantly enhance the educational experience and seek to build lasting personal and professional relationships among the graduates.

These relationships are further strengthened through the Field Studies Program, which help our students gain a better understanding of our country; its beliefs, and the people that make it unique.



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