Course Title Introduction to Naval Science

Course Number NSC 1110

Time/Location Monday & Wednesday, 0725-0815, Van Fleet Hall Classroom

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Course Overview This course is designed to provide Midshipmen with a broad overview of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, with a focus on mission, organization, rank structure, customs, and courtesies. It will also provide each Midshipman with the basic knowledge needed for CORTRAMID and their first cruise aboard a Navy ship by imparting basic information concerning shipboard procedures, safety, damage control, and shipboard organization. Finally, this course will expose the student to the professional competencies required to succeed first as Midshipman and later as Naval Officers. The material and lectures will strive to impart to the student the sense of importance and tremendous responsibility that their appointed position in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps will give them. Course material will be available on the Canvas online learning platform.

[Grading](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/) Exams 60%

Quizzes 20%

Presentation 10%

Participation 10%

A 93 or better B- 80 – 82.9 D+ 67 – 69.9

A- 90 - 92.9 C+ 77 – 79.9 D 60 – 66.9

B+ 87 – 89.9 C 73 – 76.9 E Below 60

B 83 – 86.9 C- 70 – 72.9

Here is a [link to the university grades and grading policies](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/). Grades will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number from the tenths decimal place as such: 93.49 will be rounded down to a 93, while a 93.50 will be rounded up to a 94. Submit regrade requests via email to the instructor within 24 hours of grades entered in Canvas. No assignments, quizzes, or exams will be dropped.

Required Texts The Naval Officer’s Guide – McComas, L.A. CDR, USN (Ret.) and Kristenson, J.D. CDR, USN (2019). Annapolis: Naval Institute Press. ISBN 9781682474594.

The Bluejacket’s Manual – Cutler, T.J., Hacala, M.T. and Kingsbury, P.A. (2022). Annapolis: Naval Institute Press. ISBN 97816182478431.

The Marine Officer’s Guide – Haliday, C.N. Col, USMC (Ret.) (2017). Annapolis: Naval Institute Press. ISBN 9781612518268.

Honor Concept “A midshipman does not lie, cheat, or steal, or engage in any activity which would compromise the integrity and security of his/her conscience, the well-being of the unit, or the values of the United States Navy and Marine Corps.”

*Pursuant to the* [*UF Student Honor Code*](https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/)*, violations of academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, or multiple submissions are considered unacceptable behavior and will result in formal disciplinary proceedings.*

**Class Policies**

1. **Attendance**. Attendance is mandatory. A student who misses class needs to contact the instructor as soon as possible, and it is the student’s responsibility to make-up any material missed in class. Two unexcused absences will lower a student’s grade by one grade level. Each subsequent unexcused absence will lower the student’s grade by one grade level. The fifth unexcused absence will result in a failing grade. Midshipmen can also expect to be referred to the unit chain of command for disciplinary action and/or a Review Board for the second and third unexcused absences or tardiness. These policies are in accordance with [UF Attendance Policy](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/). Inform the instructor prior to a known class conflict or a request to miss a class as soon as the conflict is known.

2. **Classroom Participation.** To develop a proper understanding of Naval Science, it is not sufficient to merely read the assigned material. It is also necessary for the student to attend and fully participate in each lecture to supplement the text material. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and may be handled through formal NROTC channels. Your participation grade will be a combination of your initial class presentations and overall engagement as a member of the class. Food and drinks are authorized in class, but shall not be distracting to others.

3. **Appearance and Military Conduct**. Your personal appearance and conduct, both in uniform and in civilian attire, should be consistent with that of a prospective Naval Officer in line with university policy on conduct. Professionalism is always expected in the classroom. Civilian students are expected to adhere to societal norms for proper and respectable civilian attire. Students will be addressed as MIDN Last Name, and the instructor will be addressed as Sir.

4. **Homework/Reading Assignments**. Reading assignments are to be completed *prior* to the class for which they are assigned. Any material from the reading assignments may appear on the exams or quizzes, even if it is not specifically covered in class. Homework assignments will be due at the beginning of the class, if one is assigned. Late work will not be accepted, subject to [UF Attendance Polic](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/)y. If the student knows about an excused absence, it is the student’s responsibility to turn the work in early. A request for an extension will only be accepted two days or more before the assignment due date for reasons involving illness, family related emergencies, or for an unforeseeable extenuating circumstance.

5. **Quizzes**. Quizzes will be given throughout the course to gauge student preparation and understanding. They will cover either required reading for that day's lesson or an important point from a previous/recent lecture (or both). There will be 10 quizzes of 5-10 questions in length with a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank type, or short answer questions. Quizzes may not be made up unless the instructor has approved the absence or tardiness.

6. **Exams.** An exam review will be conducted the class period preceding an exam. If time permits, the class period following the exam will begin with the graded exams returned and reviewed to ensure proper understanding of the material. The final exam will include all material covered since the prior exam, but any old material is still fair game. Extra credit will only be available in the form of extra credit questions on exams. Exam make-ups will be considered on a case by case basis by the instructor in line with [UF Attendance Polic](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/)y. A request for an alternate date/time for an exam will be accepted in accordance with the university examination policy.

7. **Textbooks**. If you are a midshipman, all required texts and handouts will be provided to you at no cost. If you are a civilian and are local, textbooks will also be provided at no cost. If you are a civilian, and are not local, textbooks can be found online at the above locations. Do not write or highlight in the textbooks! If you did not buy your textbooks, you must return them in as good of a condition as you received them.

8. **Additional Resources**. In addition to the texts that are issued to you as part of this course, there are a number of additional resources that you may find useful during your studies. I will make these resources available to you as the course progresses.

9. **Oral Presentation**. A brief (7-8 minute) oral presentation will be given to the class, with a description of the person(s) or event; and should include a “strategic implications” section. PowerPoint, handouts, and other teaching aids are permitted and *encouraged* for your presentations. You must select from a list of approved topics. No student will be able to duplicate a topic already covered, so sign up early if you want your first choice. At least three sources must be used. You must use at least one non-electronic (may be found online) source (a book, journal, letter etc.). Wikipedia, as with any user-edited online website is not a valid resource. Ensure you validate the credibility of any resource before using it to supplement your research, primary sources are preferred when available. Attached to the outline must be a detailed bibliography Chicago Manual of Style. Only original work is accepted.

The outline due Nov 01 should be a single-page description of what you intend to talk about during your brief. (Approximately 250-500 words.) Template format will be provided on class canvas site.

10. **Course evaluations.** Course and instructor evaluation forms will be made available at the end of the semester for students to fill out for internal NROTC use. You are also expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. [Click here for guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner](file:///C:\Users\lilyrlewis\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\LU96BFUU\gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu\students\). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via [ufl.bluera.com/ufl/.](https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/) [Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students here](https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/).

11. **Statement on Technology Use.** Please note that communication devices such as cell phones, smart phones, tablets, etc. capable of sending and/or receiving electronic communication shall be set to silent mode and all entertainment devices are to be turned off and kept off throughout the class session unless otherwise indicated by the instructor. Receiving or sending communication or entertainment during class disrupts the learning environment and is rude to those around you. AI is a valuable resource, but please properly cite the source if used for any assignment in accordance with university policy.

12. **Software use.** All faculty staff, and students at the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university polices and regulations, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

13. **Student Privacy.** There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. More information can be found [here](https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa.html).

14. **Students with disabilities.** Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center](https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

15. **Miscellaneous.** Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Syllabus will be executed as listed, but subject to change. Additional reference material will be located on the Canvas page. Changes, updates, additions etc. can be made to this syllabus only by the instructor at any time by any method.

16. **Health, Wellness and Academic Resources.**

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-294-2273, or visit umatter.ufl.edu/ to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit counseling.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need or visit shcc.ufl.edu/.

University Police Department: Visit police.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733- 0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL. ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center.

E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e- mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services career.ufl.edu/.

Library Support: cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. teachingcenter.ufl.edu/

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/

Student Complaints On-Campus: sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor- code-student-conduct- code/

On-Line Students Complaints: distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/

**FALL 2023 CLASS SCHEDULE**

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| **Day** | **Month** | **Date** | **Topic** | **Reading** |
| W | Aug | 23 | Introduction, Syllabus Overview, and Correspondence | NOG Ch. 8, BJM (pg. 514-522) |
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| M | Aug | 28 | NROTC Mission, Requirements, and Regulations | NSTCINST 1533.2E "ROD" (skim) |
| W | Aug | 30 | DoD Organization and Mission of Armed Forces | NOG Ch. 11, BJM Ch. 4 (pg 50-74) |
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| M | Sep | 4 | No Class, Labor Day |  |
| W | Sep | 6 | Mission and Organization of USN USNR USMC USMCR | NOG Ch. 12, 13 |
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| M | Sep | 11 | Ranks, Rates, and Uniforms | BJM Ch. 6, Appendix B, C |
| W | Sep | 13 | Ranks, Rates, and Uniforms | BJM Ch. 6, Appendix B, C |
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| M | Sep | 18 | Navy Traditions Customs and Courtesies | NOG Ch. 4, 5, BJM Ch. 8 |
| W | Sep | 20 | Navy Core Values, Ethos, Oath, and Code of Conduct | NOG Ch. 2, BJM (pg. ix-xii) |
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| M | Sep | 25 | Exam 1 Review Day |  |
| W | Sep | 27 | **Exam 1** |  |
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| M | Oct | 2 | CO's Leadership and Ethics Lecture | NOG Ch. 18, 19 |
| W | Oct | 4 | Shipboard Organization and Duties | NOG Ch. 9, 10, BJM Ch. 10 |
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| M | Oct | 9 | No Class |  |
| W | Oct | 11 | Surface Warfare Community | BJM Ch. 12 |
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| M | Oct | 16 | Aviation Warfare Community | BJM Ch. 13 |
| W | Oct | 16 | Submarine Warfare Community |  |
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| M | Oct | 23 | Other Officer Communities | NOG Ch. 17 (pg. 217-219) |
| W | Oct | 25 | Marine Corps MOS, Ground and Structure |  |
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| M | Oct | 30 | UCMJ | NOG Appendix B |
| W | Nov | 1 | Damage Control | BJM Ch. 17 |
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| M | Nov | 6 | Exam 2 Review Day |  |
| W | Nov | 8 | **Exam 2** |  |
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| M | Nov | 13 | Presentations |  |
| W | Nov | 15 | Presentations |  |
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| M | Nov | 20 | Presentations |  |
| W | Nov | 22 | No Class, Thanksgiving |  |
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| M | Nov | 27 | Class Exercise |  |
| W | Nov | 29 | Exam 3 Review Day |  |
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| M | Dec | 4 | No Class, Study Day |  |
| W | Dec | 6 | **Exam 3** |  |