

Academic Advising
& Registration
Class of 2023





Welcome!

- Introductions

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Goals for Today

- Learn about your fall semester schedules
- Review Key Academic Dates
- Introduce the *Midshipman Information System*
- Discuss academic expectations
- Review strategies for academic success
- Discuss where to go for help
- Closing Thoughts
- Questions



Your Schedule

Schedule

May say
STAFF

Title	Course	Section	Meeting Time	Bld Room	Primary Instructor
RHETORIC AND INTRO TO LITERATURE I	HE111	1002	MWF1	SA004	ARREOLA
AMERICAN NAVAL HISTORY	HH104	6002	MWF6	SA113	GETWAY
PREPARING TO LEAD	NL110	6102	TR6	LU106	DIETRICH
FUNDAMENTALS OF SEAMANSHIP	NS101	2004	M4,F34	LU304	KAMM
4/C BOXING/WRESTLING (MALE)	PE101	0324	T3	MD_BOXING	MCNALLY
FOUNDATIONS OF CHEMISTRY I	SC111	5331	MTR5,W34	MI104,MI015	YATES
CALCULUS II	SM122	2042	MTWF2	CH102	MCCOY

Records 1 to 7 of 7

Total Credits: 18

Free Periods: M 37 T 147 W 57 R 12347 F 57 S 1234567

Class Time

Lab Time

Class Room

Lab Room

No scheduled classes



Schedule Codes

Days of the Week

- M=Monday
- T=Tuesday
- W=Wednesday
- R=Thursday
- F=Friday

Buildings

- CH = Chauvenet
- LC = Levy Center
- LJ = Lejeune
- LU = Luce
- MD = Macdonough
- MA = Mahan
- MI = Michelson
- MT = Mitscher (Laboon Center)
- MU = Maury
- NI = Nimitz
- RI = Rickover
- SA = Sampson



Daily Schedule

50 min periods

75 min periods

Pd	Duration	Pd	Duration
1	0755-0845	8	0755-0910 *or 0830 - 0945
2	0855-0945		
3	0955-1045	9	0955-1110
4	1055-1145		
5	1330-1420	10	1330-1445
6	1430-1520		
7	1530-1620 . . .		

7th period rarely used
(some long labs)



Weekly Schedule (Table View)

Schedule Matrix

Period	Day					
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	HE111		HE111		HE111	
2	SM122	SM122	SM122		SM122	
3		PE101	SC111		NS101	
4	NS101		SC111		NS101	
5	SC111	SC111		SC111	XS111	
6	HH104	NL110	HH104	NL110	HH104	
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Midn may also see an XS, XX, XP, or XM course in their daily schedule.

XS and XX blockers are supplemental instruction courses and will be discussed later in this brief.

XP designators are time blockers for an approved sport or ECA.

XM100 is a music blocker.

Please notify your adviser if you believe that you've been incorrectly assigned a blocker.



Typical 4/C Weekly Schedule

How many hours should I be studying?

Guideline: 2 hours for each hour in class.

19 hours in class. Need ~ 38 study hours.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
0600	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille			
0700	MQF	MQF	MQF	MQF	MQF			
0755	FP130		FP130		FP130	Training	Yard Liberty	
0845	SC111		SC111		SC111			
0855								
0945		SC111			NS101			
1045								
1055	NS101	SC111			NS101			
1145						Home Football Game		
1205	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF			
	Noon Meal	Noon Meal	Noon Meal	Noon Meal	Noon Meal			
	BO/CO/SEL	Lects/Mtgs	BO/CO/SEL	BO/CO/SEL	Lects/Mtgs			
1330	SM131	NL110	SM131	NL110	SM131			
1420	HE111		HE111		HE111			
1430								
1520								
1530	Physical Mission Period							
1620								
1700								
1800	EMF	EMF	EMF	EMF	EMF		EMF	
1900		Activity Period		Activity Period	Pro Quiz		Activity Period	
2000			Forrestal Lecture					
2100	Study Period	Study Period		Study Period	Study Period		Study Period	
2200								
2300	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights (2400)		Lights Out	

Will there be competition for my time?

Free Periods (10 hrs)
Study Pds (18 hrs)
Weekends (10 hrs)



Key upcoming Academic Dates

Sept. 19th - 20th. Plebe preregistration. **MANDATORY.** You MUST speak with your academic adviser before you preregister. **RED FLAG! DO NOT** check the box in the MIDS system to indicate that you have spoken with your adviser about pre-registration if you have not.

Sept. 30th - Oct 24rd. Plebe Majors Tours. **MANDATORY.** Plebe Major Tours are briefs given by the senior academic faculty and department heads on all available majors here at the Naval Academy.

- USNA has 25 Majors (41 including honors or different tracks), across three academic divisions, and these briefs were mandated to ensure that Plebe's have a full understanding of all academic majors prior to engaging in major selection during the spring semester. The briefs are held from 1915 to 2000 and a good portion of the faculty will participate in these briefs. **IMPORTANT** because it is inherently difficult to change majors and remain on the 4-year graduation timeline.

Sept 23rd - 27th. Academic Reserve. You can not start your USNA experience wasting time. Your first exams come quickly.

Oct 3rd. MAPRs published. Midshipman Academic Progress Reports are faculty reviews of your progress to date. They are required for any course in which you are earning a "D" or "F" at six-week grades. Your company staff and academic adviser will review MAPRS with you.



MIDS

- <https://mids.usna.edu> ← at USNA
- <https://midsweb.usna.edu> ← off the yard

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Midshipmen Information System (MIDS)

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Maintenance Schedule

- **Sundays:** Unavailable from 0300 to 0500 for Weekly Backups

For assistance contact the [Information Resource Center \(IRC\)](#) at syshelp@usna.edu, call 410-293-3500 or click [here](#) to submit a SysHelp Request.

Revision Date : May 30, 2013
URL : <https://mids.usna.edu>
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What can I use MIDS for?

- Pre-register and register for classes
- Get your class schedule
- Get your professors' schedules
- Get final exam schedules
- Query grades and other academic info
- Provide excusals for absences
- Compare matrices for majors
- Read MAPRs ... and more!



See Your Schedule in MIDS

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Academic Center



Logistics

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Midshipmen

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- [Matrices - Query Major Requirements](#)
- [Midshipmen - Query Photos](#)
- [Schedules - Query Midship Schedule for Summer School](#)
- [Schedules - Query Midshipmen](#)
- [Schedules - Query Potential Midship Schedules](#)
- [Summer Training - Query Training Schedules](#)
- [USNA Programs - Query Midshipmen](#)

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Caution

- Schedules can change right up to the first day of classes
- Use *MIDS* to check your schedule just before classes begin – With over 3 weeks to go, your schedules **WILL LIKELY** change!
- Do **NOT** discard the WebAssign and OWL cards from your Calculus and Chem Books



Plebe Academic Handbook

- This handbook contains all of the information you've been presented during your orientation and registration sessions. It also includes:
 - The Academic Calendar
 - Academic Organization
 - Course Descriptions
 - Validation Policies
 - Assistance Availability and Options
- USNA Homepage → Academics → Plebe Academic Handbook



Academic Expectations

- Reminder: You are expected to be professional toward and responsive to faculty members.
- **Courteous** in Addressing Faculty members
 - Military and Civilian Faculty
 - Address Faculty by their appropriate title –
avoid generic “Mr.”/”Mrs.”/”Ms.”
 - “Prof”/”Professor” – Assistant/Associate/Full Professors
 - “Dean” – Assistant/Associate/Academic Dean & Provost
 - Military Titles



Academic Expectations

- Effort
 - Be prepared for class (read ahead)
 - Turn in quality work (neat and on time)
 - Show interest (even if it may be difficult)
 - Show respect to professor and classmates
- Communication
 - About how to make up missed work
 - About what to do when you need help



Academic Expectations

- On the first day of class, most faculty members will tell you specific expectations
- Pay attention to stated preferences, pet peeves, etc.
- *Read each Course Policy Statement* for information on:
 - Course objectives, requirements, etc.
 - Homework Policy
 - Test Policy
 - Grading Policy



Academics at USNA will likely differ from your previous experience(s)

- More competition for your time
- Faster pace
- Higher expectations
 - Analytical or critical thinking skills
 - Writing skills
 - Mathematical skills
- Greater personal responsibility
 - More time between quizzes or major assignments
 - Faculty members expect you to be responsible



Tips for Success at USNA

1. Sit in the front row and *participate in class*.
2. Start working hard the very first day. Don't fall behind.
3. Stay awake. Stand if necessary.
4. *Review all the assignments* before going to class; skim for major points then read for details.
5. Make sure you grasp basic concepts as you go along. *Ask questions* about what you don't understand.
6. Learn from questions asked by others.
7. Take good notes in class. Class notes help you understand what the professor wants. Copy down problem types and examples given in class.
8. Organize your notes as soon as possible after class. Fill in the blanks.
9. *Arrange for extra instruction (EI)* if you start falling behind or, as you become confused. Go at the first sign of difficulty.
10. *Study and review*. Begin your review for exams at least one week before the exam date.



Technical/Problem Solving Courses

- Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Navigation....
- Rule 1: Always do your class assignments
 - *Many students don't want to practice; they just want to perform. Our most successful students want to practice a hundred times before their performance is evaluated.*
- Rule 2: Be an active Participant during class

When all else fails, see Rule 1

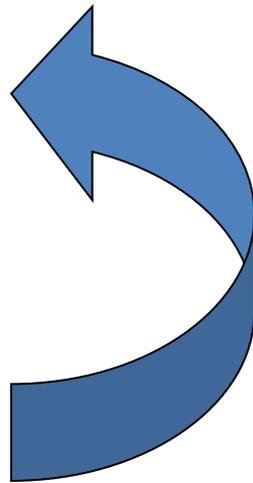


Non-Technical Courses

- History, Political Science, English, Leadership, Ethics, Naval Science

– SQ3R System

- Survey
- Question
- Read
- Recite
- Review



Repeat



Getting Help

- START EARLY — as soon as you think you need it.
 - Remember, *you attend college to learn*. Seeking assistance is NOT a knock on your intelligence, personality, or character.
 - In fact, *why waste time proving over and over again how great you are, when you could be getting better?* Why hide academic challenges instead of overcoming them?
- EI — The first resort! Call, email or visit your professor.
- Department Resources:
 - Math Lab: CH-351
 - Writing Center: Nimitz Library





Assistance is available

1963 Center for Academic Excellence:

- **Applications of Learning Theory (XX104).** Broad review of student success strategies. Students are also linked with a Co. Academic Mentor to focus on what works well here at USNA.
- **Supplementary Assistance Classes.** Cyber (XS110), Chem (XS111), Calc 1 (XS121), Calc 2 (XS122), Calc III (XS221, XS223), Physics (XS211)
- Evening Tutoring

Additional Support:

- MGSP — Group Study led by a mid. A process, not a quick fix.
- Chaplains, MDC, Medical
- Ask other mids — But don't just copy their work.

KEY POINT - At USNA supplementary instruction does not relate to how smart you are, or how well we predict you'll perform here, it only relates to how practiced you are in a certain area. **USNA is about becoming, not being.....**



Closing Thoughts

- Okay, classes begin 19 August
- This is your college education
- You will need to work hard but you can and will succeed
- Your instructors are pulling for you
- Get organized, challenge yourself and have some fun!