• Introductions
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

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Total Credits: 18

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

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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.

### Will there be competition for my time?

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

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**Yard Liberty**

**Physical Mission Period**

**Home Football Game**

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**Forrestal Lecture**
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](https://mids.usna.edu) ← at USNA
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**Maintenance Schedule**

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

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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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Midshipmen

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- Matrices - Query Major Requirements
- Midshipmen - Query Photos
- Schedules - Query Midshipmen
- Schedules - Query Potential Mid 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
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
• 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
• **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
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
• 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

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