Academic Advising & Registration Session
Class of 2027
Goals for Today

• Learn about your fall semester schedules
• Review Key Academic Dates
• Re-introduce the Midshipman Information System
• Discuss academic expectations
• Review strategies for academic success
• Discuss where to go for help
• Closing Thoughts
• Questions
**USNA Academic Term 241 (Fall 2023)**

**Academic Year 2023-2024**

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USNA Academic Term 241 (Fall 2023)
## Your Schedule

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

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50 min periods

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7th period rarely used (some long labs)
Midn may also see an XS, XX, XP, XM, or PA 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. PA010 is the Plebe Advising Seminar.

Please notify your adviser if you believe that you’ve been incorrectly assigned a blocker.
Schedule Codes

Days of the Week

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

Buildings

- CR = Carter
- CH = Chauvenet
- DA = Dahlgren (Boxing)
- HP = Hopper
- LC = Levy Center
- LJ = Lejeune
- LU = Luce
- MD = Macdonough
- MA = Mahan
- MI = Michelson
- MT = Mitscher (Laboon Center)
- NI = Nimitz
- PR = Preble
- RI = Rickover
- SA = Sampson
## Typical 4/C Weekly Schedule

**How many hours should I be studying?**

**Guideline:** 2 hours for each hour in class.

18 hours in class. Need ~ 36 study hours outside of class.

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**Will there be competition for my time?**

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

**Home Football Game**

**Yard Liberty**

**Physical Mission Period**
Oct  Plebe Majors Briefs.  **MANDATORY.**  Plebe Majors Briefs are briefs given by the senior academic faculty and department heads on all available majors here at the Naval Academy.

- USNA has 26 Majors (42 including honors or different tracks), across three academic schools, 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 47 month graduation timeline.

**Sept 25th - 29th.**  **Academic Reserve.**  You can not start your USNA experience wasting time. Your first exams come quickly.

**Oct 5th.**  **MAPRs published.**  Midshipman Academic Performance Reports (MAPRs) are faculty reviews of your progress to date. They are required for any course in which you are earning a “C-”, “D+”, “D”, or “F” at six-week grades. Your company staff and academic adviser will review MAPRS with you.

**Oct 12 - 13th.**  **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.
Accessing your Fall schedule

Same as last time

1) intranet.usna.edu, click on MIDS icon
Same as last time

2) Type m27XXX (your alpha) and password. Then click on the “Midshipman” Tab.
Finding your schedule

3) click on Schedules - Query Midshipmen
Caution

• Again, 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 (Online Web-based Learning) cards from your Calculus and Chem Books
What can I use MIDS for?

- Pre-register for classes
- Find your class schedule
- See your professors’ schedules
- Find your final exam schedule
- Query grades and other academic info
- Provide excusals for absences
- Compare matrices for majors
- Read MAPRs (required “get well plans for grades of a C- or lower) ... and more!
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 - send emails!
  – 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)
Tips for Success at USNA

- Prioritize your time. **Incorporate sleep and rest** so that you’re prepared to be in class.
- Sit in the front row and **participate in class**.
- Start working hard the very first day. Don't fall behind.
- Stay awake. Stand if necessary.
- **Review all the assignments** before going to class; skim for major points then read for details.
- Make sure you grasp basic concepts as you go along. **Ask questions** about what you don't understand.
Tips for Success at USNA (cont.)

- Learn from questions asked by others.
- Take good notes in class. Class notes help you understand what the professor wants. Copy down problem types and examples given in class.
- Organize your notes as soon as possible after class. Fill in the blanks.
- **Arrange for extra instruction (EI)** if you start falling behind or, as you become confused. Go at the first sign of difficulty.
- Ask your adviser if you need additional resources - USNA has help available!
- **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
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?

• Rely on your adviser and PA010 section for advice!
• EI — The first resort! Call, email or visit your professor.

• Department Resources:
  – Speak to your Math instructor about Math Lab (CH 130)
  – Speak to your Chemistry instructor about the Chemistry Lab (MI 100)
  – Writing Center: Nimitz Library
1963 Center for Academic Excellence:

• Supplementary Assistance Classes. Cyber (XS110), Chem (XS111), Calc 1 (XS121), Calc III (XS221), 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**…….
• Check schedules again during reform (15-16 Aug). May change to accommodate other Midn course changes
• **Classes begin 17 August - This is a Monday schedule**
• This is your college education
• You will need to work hard but you can & will succeed
• Your instructors are pulling for you
• Get organized, challenge yourself and have some fun!

Questions?