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Midshipmen Exploring the World’s Possibilities

Japan

Vietnam

Jordan

Korea

Antarctica

Tanzania

Australia

Midshipman Attributes
Selfless ★ Inspirational ★ Proficient ★ Articulate ★ Innovative ★ Adaptable ★ Professional
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**Language Immersion Programs**

Midshipmen can pursue programs of education and culture for four to ten weeks to enhance language skills, gain regional expertise, and become more familiar with the local culture. Midshipmen recently have studied in China, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Morocco, Senegal, Spain, and Turkey.

**Professional Programs**

All classes of midshipmen may pursue opportunities for training. Midshipmen have recently participated in foreign exchange cruises with navies of Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Ghana, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, and Uruguay.

“Having a conversation with somebody that actually believed something quite different than me, as far as national values go, was something I’d never had the opportunity to do before. This kind of exposure seems to me to be the ultimate goal of studying abroad, and I am grateful not only to have had the experience, but to recognize its importance while I am still in the country, as there might be more to come.”

2/C, Mechanical Engineering Major

“More than anything, I found it very interesting to learn about such a similar experience to my own from someone who lives thousands of miles away on a different continent...it was nice and somewhat unexpected to speak with someone across the world about it and share a connection.”

2/C, Economics Major and Spanish Minor

**Faculty-Led Cultural Programs**

Faculty lead midshipmen on ten-day to three-week programs to strategic regions around the world. These programs are developed to cultivate a global perspective and increase regional understanding.

**Foreign Exchange Officers**

Foreign Exchange Officers teach classes at the Academy ranging from engineering, leadership and foreign languages to seamanship and navigation. They serve in navies from Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain and the United Kingdom.

**International Midshipmen**

Since 1863, more than 475 international students from 71 countries have studied as midshipmen for four years at the academy.