

Information about the USNA Class of 2027 Academic Background System (ABS)

The online USNA Academic Background System (ABS) for the class of 2027 will be available beginning on or about April 1st, 2023. Information about your background and prior coursework is used to place you in appropriate classes and determine your eligibility for validation exams.

To access ABS you need a computer with a current web browser and an internet connection. You must ensure cookies are enabled. You must also have an *active* email account to communicate with us.

First go to the website <http://www.usna.edu/Academics/Candidate-Information/index.php> to read general information, then follow the link to the ABS login page. You may reach this website by navigating from USNA's website (usna.edu) -> Academics -> Candidate Information.

To sign in to ABS, your user ID is your candidate number and your password is your date of birth in MMDDYYYY format.

You do not need to finish all sections contained in ABS at once; you may return later to complete or update your entries. **You should finish entering all of the ABS requested information and complete the required exams as soon as possible but certainly before Induction Day.**

Need Help?

- 1. Problems logging in?*** Ensure that you have entered your candidate number exactly as shown in USNA correspondence and your date of birth is in MMDDYYYY format. There may be a database update lag, but if you have waited more than 10 days after your acceptance should have arrived in Annapolis, please email Mr. Isom at isom@usna.edu with your name, candidate number and email address.
- 2. Part of the data submitted gets lost?*** Avoid timeouts by submitting your work within 30 minutes of your last submission; upgrade to the latest version of your browser, or use a computer with a different internet service provider (ISP). Normally, exam attempts will not be reset, but if you wish that your exam attempt be reset due to technical difficulties, please email Mr. Isom at isom@usna.edu for consideration.
- 3. Unable to access the website (USNA and/or ABS) at all?*** Try another computer with a different internet service provider (ISP). Access to USNA's website may be blocked for some ISPs due to past security problems with those ISPs.
- 4. Other problems?*** Please email Mr. Isom at isom@usna.edu with a brief description of the problem for assistance.

Additional information about many aspects of our Academic program is accessible from the USNA Homepage -> Academics.

Of special interest may be our Course Validation Policy, which is available at www.usna.edu/Academics/Candidate-Information/Course-Validation-Policy.php

Requesting Official Advanced Placement (AP) Scores. Official score reports are required to receive validation credit. Go to the AP Score website <https://apscore.collegeboard.org/> and use the "send scores" option. USNA's college code is 5809.