Expeditionary Warfare School educates and trains company grade Marine Air-Ground Task Force officers to serve in the expeditionary environment.
The Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) is a 40-week resident school that provides career-level, professional military education and training to company grade Marine officers and selected officers from other services and countries.
EWS challenges students to think critically as MAGTF officers by providing them with a firm doctrinal foundation, augmented with the exchange of practical experiences, and reinforced with extensive practical application and numerous planning exercises. The majority of learning occurs in the conference group, which consists of approximately 16 captains of various MOSs, military services, and nationalities.
Each conference group is mentored by an experienced Major, who acts as the Faculty Advisor (FACAD). Throughout the academic year, the FACAD models tactical, technical, and professional MAGTF officer skills, mentors and guides students, facilitates conference group discussion, and assesses student performance.
HORIZON AND FOCUS

Rank

General Officer

Col

LtCol

Maj

Capt

Lt

Years Service

5 10 15 20+

Company / Battery Command
Department Head / OIC
05 Level Primary Staff Officer
06 Level “Alpha” Staff Officer

Education and Art

Training and Science

Command & Staff College

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COURSES AND SUBCOURSES

- **Foundations**: History, Organization & Capabilities, Expeditionary Environment
- **Doctrine**: MCDP 1, MCDP 1-0, MCDP 6
- **Planning**: Marine Corps Planning Process
- **MAGTF Operations**: MAGTF Fundamentals, Major Subordinate Element Rotations
- **Amphibious Operations**: Amphib Fundamentals, MEU Ops, Landing Plan, Prepo Ops, Planning Exercise
- **Small Wars**: Small Wars Fundamentals, Planning Exercise
- **Leader Development**: Leadership and Ethics, Professional Communication
- **Occupational Field Expansion Course**: Fall, Winter, Spring
CURRICULUM TIMELINE

AUG  SEP  OCT  NOV  DEC  JAN  FEB  MAR  APR  MAY

Assessment and Transition (1 week)
Foundations (3 weeks)
Doctrine (2 weeks)
Planning (3 weeks)
Fall OFEC Training (1 week)
Holiday Leave (2 weeks)
Amphibious OPS (9 weeks)
Spring OFEC Training (2 weeks)
Small Wars (2 weeks)
Expeditionary Leadership Symposium (1 Week)

Leader Development
Fitness and Wellness
Occupational Field Expansion

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## TYPICAL STUDENT BODY MAKE UP

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METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- Directed Readings
- Interactive Multi-media Instruction (IMI)
- Classroom Presentations
- Case Studies
- Staff Rides
- Guest Speakers
- Director’s Time
- Planning Exercises
- Feedback on Written Work
- Conference Group Discussion
- Practical Application
- Tactical Decision Exercises
- Student Battle Study Presentations
- Quizzes and Exams
- FACAD Counselling/Mentoring
EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS

Events
- Family Day (Aug)
- Halloween Party (Oct)
- Marine Corps Ball (Nov)
- Student Christmas Party (Dec)
- Mess Night (May)
- US vs IMO Soccer (May)

EWS Social Fund
- Warrior Room
- Mess Night
- Cruise book
- Mugs
ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT

• **Basic Professional Knowledge**
  – Timed, closed-book, multiple-choice test covering USMC history, organization, and capabilities; and Marine Corps Doctrine Pub 1 (MCDP 1) *Warfighting*

• **Writing**
  – Timed essay testing knowledge of a specified book from the Commandant’s Reading List assigned as pre-reading.
  – *First to Fight* by LtGen Krulak was this year’s book.

• **Grammar Assessment**
  – Multiple choice exam. Refinement of version used for AY 14.

• **Physical Fitness Assessment**
  – All students will be administered a fitness test and will be measured for compliance with height/weight standard.
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