

Advanced Studies Program

New for AY12-13

The new Advanced Studies Program (ASP) provides students with the opportunity to explore critical subjects much more deeply than is feasible with the core curriculum. The ASP replicates the best practice of many civilian postgraduate universities by incorporating an Oxford-style, small-group learning environment wherein students undertake expanded reading requirements, much more intense seminar discussions, and multiple, tightly focused writing assignments. The ASP incorporates a variety of learning techniques and environments, including role plays, off-site instruction, case studies, and field trips. Student assessment is more rigorous, with higher expectations regarding seminar preparation, written and oral communication requirements, and student critical thinking and synthesis. The program is fully integrated with the core curriculum, with each lesson providing a more in-depth exploration of the same topics, Learning Outcomes, and MCWAR Recurring Themes covered by core courses. For AY12-13, the ASP will include coursework to extend the following core courses: 1) Leadership & Ethics; 2) War, Policy & Strategy; 3) National Security & Joint Warfare; and 4) Regional Studies. The program is also fully integrated with the existing Independent Research Project (IRP) in that students may elect to fulfill their IRP requirement via the ASP coursework in the Spring semester.



Advanced Studies Program Framework:

- (5) Base Program Modules (Fall Semester)
 - All students participate
 - Assignments based on student preference, background/experience and seminar size/mix
- (5) IRP Extension Modules (Spring Semester)
 - Optional extension for students who elect to fulfill the IRP requirement via the ASP