


United States Naval Academy

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Motto	Latin : <i>Ex Scientia Tridens</i>
Motto in English	From Knowledge, Seapower
Type	U.S. service academy
Established	10 October 1845
Academic affiliations	APLU
Superintendent	VADM Walter E. Carter Jr. USNA Class of 1981
Dean	Andrew T. Phillips
Commandant of Midshipmen	CAPT Robert B. Chadwick II USNA Class of 1991
Academic staff	510
Students	4,576 midshipmen
Location	Annapolis , Maryland , United States
Campus	Urban – 338 acres (136.8 ha)
Colors	Navy blue  and gold 
Nickname	Midshipmen NCAA Division I – Patriot League American Athletic Conference CSFL EARC EIGL EIWA
Sporting affiliations	
Mascot	Bill the Goat
Website	www.usna.edu

U.S. Naval Academy
U.S. National Register of Historic Places
U.S. National Historic Landmark District

[United States Naval Academy](#)
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Location	Maryland Ave. and Hanover St., Annapolis , Maryland
Built	1845

Architect	Ernest Flagg
Engineer	Severud Associates
Architectural style	Beaux Arts ^[2]
NRHP reference No.	66000386 ^[1]

Significant dates

Added to NRHP	15 October 1966
Designated NHL	4 July 1961 ^[3]

The **United States Naval Academy** (also known as **USNA**, **Annapolis**, or **Navy**) is a four-year [coeducational federal service academy](#) in [Annapolis, Maryland](#). [Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft](#) began it in 1845. It is the second-oldest of the United States' five [service academies](#). It educates officers mostly to join the [United States Navy](#) and [Marine Corps](#). The 338-acre (137 ha) campus is on the former grounds of [Fort Severn](#) where the [Severn River](#) flows into [Chesapeake Bay](#). It is about 33 miles (53 km) east of Washington, D.C. and 26 miles (42 km) southeast of [Baltimore](#), Maryland. The entire campus is a [National Historic Landmark](#). The campus has many historic sites, buildings, and monuments. One monument is the [Herndon Monument](#), once a year the upper three classes add grease and challenge the freshmen to reach the tip (usually unsuccessfully).

Candidates for admission generally must both apply directly to the academy and receive a nomination, usually from a [congressman](#). The candidates lacking in academics can potentially receive a nomination to the Naval Academy Preparatory School located in [Newport, Rhode Island](#). Students are officers-in-training and are called *Midshipmen*. The Navy pays for the Midshipmen's college expenses in exchange for the students serving in the military upon graduation. About 1,300 *plebes* enter the Academy each summer for the orientation program, this class consists of not only high school students but also enlisted Sailors and Marines. Only about 1,000 Midshipmen graduate after the four years. Graduates are usually [commissioned](#) as [Ensigns](#) in the Navy or [Second Lieutenants](#) in the Marine Corps, and occasionally as officers in the US [Air Force](#), US [Army](#), and U.S. [Coast Guard](#). The academic program grants a bachelor of science degree. Midshipmen get grades on a broad academic program, military leadership performance, and mandatory participation in competitive athletics. Midshipmen are required to adhere to the Academy's [Honor Concept](#).

On 3 June 1949 Wesley A. Brown became the first [African-American](#) to graduate. On 8 August 1975, Congress authorized women to attend service academies. The class of 1980 was inducted with 81 women midshipmen.

Sports

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[Annapolis](#) has a very broad sports program. All students must play at least one sport each semester, either at intramural (within the school) or intercollegiate (against other schools) level.

The intercollegiate sports teams are known as the Navy Midshipmen. Most of the Academy's teams play in the [Patriot League](#). The [football](#) team plays at the top level, known as Division I FBS, in the [American Athletic Conference](#).

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Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Arundel Community College • Anne Arundel County Public Schools • Saint John's College • United States Naval Academy
Neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central ◦ Annapolis Neck ◦ Bestgate ◦ Colonial Annapolis Historic District ◦ Highland Beach ◦ Hillsmere Shores ◦ Naval Academy ◦ Tyler Heights ◦ Westport • East ◦ Arnold ◦ Cape St. Claire ◦ Winchester-on-the-Severn • West ◦ Heritage Harbor ◦ Parole ◦ Riva • North ◦ Crownsville ◦ Epping Forest ◦ Sherwood Forest • Eastport
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