

DEPARTMENT OF NAVAL SCIENCE

Introduction

The purpose of the NROTC is to provide a source of highly qualified officers to serve on United States Navy ships, submarines, and aircraft, or in the United States Marine Corps. Students (midshipmen) who obtain a baccalaureate degree and who satisfy academic and physical requirements are commissioned as either ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps. Students may participate in NROTC in one of two programs: the NROTC Scholarship Program or the NROTC College Program. NROTC scholarships provide tuition, books, fees, uniforms, and a monthly allowance of \$250 to \$400. Students participating in the college program receive their NROTC books, uniforms, and a monthly allowance of \$350 to \$400 during their junior and senior years. A major advantage of the college program is the excellent opportunity it offers to win two- and three-year NROTC scholarships.

Regardless of enrollment category, many features are common to both programs:

- Naval science courses carry academic credit.
- All students are welcome to join the program and “test the waters” without incurring a military obligation.
- All midshipmen who successfully complete the program and university graduation requirements will receive a commission as an officer in the United States Navy or Marine Corps.
- Applicants are considered without regard to race, sex, creed, sexual orientation, or religion.

Midshipman Life

We are dedicated to ensuring that each midshipman leads a full and productive University life. Midshipmen are encouraged to participate on University athletic teams as well as in campus politics, fraternities, sororities, intramurals, and other organizations. Additionally, midshipmen are provided an outstanding opportunity to examine and experience many alternative career paths, social events, and experiences through field trips, summer cruises, and the midshipman military organization.

NROTC Program

Courses offered by the Department of Naval Science, in conjunction with courses offered in the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, are designed to equip an individual with the necessary tools to succeed as an officer in the naval service.

Information about applications and admissions in the UNC–Chapel Hill Naval ROTC may be obtained by visiting the Naval Armory on campus; by addressing an inquiry to Professor of Naval Science, CB# 3325, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3325; by calling (919) 962-1198; or by email at zachtyra@unc.edu.

Advising

All students pursuing minors have an academic advisor from the Academic Advising Program (<https://advising.unc.edu/>). Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly with their advisor. Departmental academic advising appointments can be made through their respective NROTC instructor or by contacting the department’s director of undergraduate studies, Lieutenant Zach Tyra (see contact information

above). Further information on courses and careers may be obtained from the department’s website (<https://nrotc.sites.unc.edu/>).

Minor

- Naval Science Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/naval-science-minor/>)

Courses

- Naval Sciences (NAVS) (<https://catalog.unc.edu/courses/navs/>)

Professor

Brian Tanaka, Captain, USN

Associate Professor

Matthew Angel, Major, USMC

Instructors

Precious Cuaycong, Lieutenant, USN (Surface Warfare Officer – Nuclear)

Zach Tyra, Lieutenant, USN (Aviation Officer)

Derek McNamara, Captain, USMC (Marine Officer Instructor)

Contact Information

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