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## Call for Applications!

DL Master's Degree Program

### Master of Systems Analysis

curriculum 363

[Navy subspecialty 3210P](#)

### Operations Research Analysis

and DL Certificate Program

### Systems Analysis Certificate

curriculum 281

[Navy subspecialty code 3210L – Operations Research Analysis](#)

***NPS mission-funded (tuition-free) for active duty Navy and Marine Corps Officers***

***Open enrollment for other military, Federal civilians, and defense contractor civilians  
(with sponsor-funded tuition)***

## Commencing Week of 25 September 2017

*Programs Delivered via Distance Learning*

The Naval Postgraduate School's Department of Operations Research is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications for the distance learning Master of Systems Analysis (MSA) degree (curriculum 363), and the distance learning Systems Analysis Certificate (curriculum 281) offered in partnership with the Chief of Naval Operations. Both the degree program and the certificate program begin the week of 25 September 2017. The class sizes are limited to 25 students. The programs are primarily targeted to Navy Unrestricted Line Officers (URL), and are also open to other uniformed officers, federal civilians, and defense contractor civilians when space is available. These programs are designed to prepare students to apply critical thinking and analytical skills to support key decisions in both operational and staff assignments. The curriculum sponsor is CNO N81, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Assessment Division.

### Master's Degree Program

The MSA program (363) is a 24-month, part-time program delivered using a blended mix of distance learning methods. Students take two courses per quarter for eight consecutive quarters. One course is delivered asynchronously using web-based instruction (online) and one course is delivered synchronously mostly using video tele-education (VTE). The web-based courses are paced week-to-week but students have great flexibility to do coursework at times of their choosing during each week. The first online class will start Monday, 25 September 2017. The synchronous classes for this cohort

of students will meet for a 3-hour session on Fridays from 0800 to 1100 (Pacific Time) each week. The first synchronous course uses VTE and the first class meeting will be Friday, 29 September 2017. Some of the synchronous classes will meet using web-based conferencing known as Collaborate in lieu of VTE.

The Master of Systems Analysis is a professional master's degree awarded for completing a curriculum focused on *practice* of the Operations Research / Systems Analysis profession. Students who successfully complete the program earn the MSA degree plus the Certificate in Systems Analysis. **Navy officer graduates receive a 3210P subspecialty code, Operations Research Analysis.** This enables graduates to fill subspecialty-coded billets to conduct and supervise analysis to support major Chief of Naval Operations decisions needed to turn strategy and guidance into the fleet that delivers the right capabilities within the resources available to the Navy with a balance of risk across capability areas. The skill set also applies to analytical thinking and decision making in operational assignments.

## Certificate Program

The SA Cert program (281) is a 12-month, part-time program, one course per quarter for four consecutive quarters, delivered asynchronously using web-based instruction (online). The web-based courses are paced week-to-week by the instructors, but students have great flexibility to do coursework at times of their choosing during each week.

The SA Cert is designed to broadly expose students to systems analysis tools that they can immediately apply in current assignments requiring critical thinking and analytical skills. **Navy officer graduates receive a 3210L subspecialty code, Operations Research Analysis.**

The SA Cert is a stand-alone non-degree program, which also feeds into the NPS distance learning Master of Systems Analysis (MSA) degree. The SA Cert fulfills 25% of the MSA degree requirements. Students who complete the SA Certificate as a stand-alone may subsequently apply for enrollment in the MSA degree program and receive full credit towards the MSA for having completed their four SA Cert courses.

## Program Starts

A new MSA class and new SA Cert class is scheduled to begin each Spring and Fall quarter. The programs can be delivered virtually anywhere to any qualified applicant.

MSA VTE site locations have included Washington, DC at the Pentagon and other nearby sites, Norfolk, San Diego, Millington, Newport, Jacksonville, Pearl Harbor, Lemoore and Whidbey Island. Other sites will be considered. A VTE-equipped conference room, classroom or portable system is required at each site. For online courses and Collaborate courses, students need high speed Internet access only.

## Applications ONLINE

To apply, applicants should visit the [MSA Webpage](#) or [SA Cert Webpage](#), select Eligibility and Application Process, select Admissions Package Completion and then select Student Application Form. The MSA program is Curriculum 363; the SA Cert is Curriculum 281. For the next start, this coming Fall quarter, candidates are applying for Academic Year 2018, Quarter 1 (2018Q1). Apply [online](#) by 5 July 2017. Follow-up with official transcripts and a signed Participation Agreement.

## **NPS Mission-funded Tuition**

NPS is mission-funded to provide tuition-free graduate education to active duty Navy and Marine Corps officers. Students are required to purchase their own textbooks.

## **Sponsored Tuition**

Seats not filled by active duty Navy and Marine Corps officers will be made available for open enrollment to other uniformed officers, Department of the Navy and other federal government civilians, and defense contractor civilians under tuition sponsorship by their organization or agency. The open enrollment tuition for other-service military, government civilians, and defense contractors is \$2,250 per course. Students are required to purchase their own textbooks. NPS is required to have a Support Agreement (DoN Form 7600A or DD1144) in place with each government funding sponsor prior to acceptance of funding documents. For questions about funding transfers and tuition due dates, or to inquire if a Support Agreement is already in place, contact Mary Anne Egan, CED3 Administrative Officer at [ced3bursar@nps.edu](mailto:ced3bursar@nps.edu).

## **More Information**

See the MSA webpage:

[http://www.nps.edu/Academics/DL/DLPrograms/Programs/degProgs\\_MSA.html](http://www.nps.edu/Academics/DL/DLPrograms/Programs/degProgs_MSA.html), or the SA Cert

webpage: [http://www.nps.edu/Academics/DL/DLPrograms/Programs/cert\\_SA.html](http://www.nps.edu/Academics/DL/DLPrograms/Programs/cert_SA.html)

for course lineups for each curriculum. For more information contact the NPS Student Coordinator at [CED3StudCoord@nps.edu](mailto:CED3StudCoord@nps.edu), the Systems Analysis Academic Associate, Dr. Steve Pilnick at [spilnick@nps.edu](mailto:spilnick@nps.edu), or the NPS Distributed Program Office in San Diego, CAPT Craig Turley, USN, Ret. at [cwturley@nps.edu](mailto:cwturley@nps.edu).