

## THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**The School:** Founded as the Naval School in 1845, the United States Naval Academy today is a four-year service academy which prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the Naval service.



**Location:** The Academy is set on 338 acres between the south bank of the Severn River and historic downtown Annapolis, the state capital of Maryland. Annapolis is 33 miles east of Washington, D.C., and 30 miles southeast of Baltimore.

**Campus:** The Yard, as the campus is called, features tree-lined brick walks, French Renaissance and contemporary architecture and scenic vistas of the Chesapeake Bay. The Bancroft Hall dormitory complex, the Naval Academy Chapel and other 90-year-old buildings make the Academy a National Historic Site. Facilities such as the multi-purpose Alumni Hall for brigade activities, Nimitz Library with more than 500,000 volumes, Rickover Hall engineering complex and Hendrix Oceanography Laboratory give the Academy ultra-modern educational resources.

**Students:** About 4,000 men and women represent every state in the nation and more than a dozen foreign countries.

**Academics:** In addition to a core curriculum of academic and professional courses, majors are offered in 19 subject areas: eight in engineering; six in science, mathematics and computer science; and five in the humanities and social sciences.

**Professional:** Subjects such as small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering, naval weapons, leadership, ethics and military law are taught during the four-year program. In addition, midshipmen train at naval bases and on ships in the fleet each summer.

**Athletics:** Midshipmen can choose from 21 men's and nine women's intercollegiate varsity sports, 12 intramural sports and 14 club sports.

**Extracurricular:** More than 100 extracurricular activities are offered including music, drama, parachuting, scuba diving, debate, religious groups and local volunteer groups.

**Graduation:** Bachelor of Science degrees specifying a major field are awarded to midshipmen upon graduation. They are commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Navy or second lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps and will serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as Naval officers.

