Acclaimed Online Bachelor of Science Degree for Members and Retired Members of the U.S. Special Operations Forces
Norwich University Online Bachelor’s Degree Completion Program

You have many choices when deciding where to pursue an online degree, but only one of them comes with the history and national prestige of Norwich University. At Norwich, you choose the area of focus that interests you most within your degree. Norwich students benefit from the school’s decades-long leadership in education, expert instruction and tradition of excellence.

Less than Two Years to Achievement
We are committed to helping you complete your bachelor’s degree in 18-24 months. At Norwich, each student’s prior learning will be evaluated individually, and you may be able to transfer up to 84 semester credits into the program.

Online Classroom
Norwich University has built a cutting-edge online learning environment that facilitates individual engagement, deep learning, networking, peer support, and one-on-one contact with faculty and student support staff. Our curriculum incorporates coursework specifically designed to help students succeed in the online learning environment. Classrooms are highly interactive, linked to extensive online learning resources, and accessible anywhere and anytime.

Convenience and Flexibility
Norwich provides 24/7 access and technical support to its online learning platform, enabling students to engage with program content and contribute to class discussions at any time from any location each week.

Career Preparation
Norwich’s online bachelor’s degree programs offer the knowledge, skills and credentials you need to help achieve your professional goals. Whether you are looking to advance in your current career or transition into a new field, a bachelor’s degree from Norwich can help prepare you for exciting opportunities.

As a Norwich student, you can:

✓ Experience a high degree of interaction with faculty and fellow classmates in small classes.
✓ Receive up to 84 credits toward the completion of your bachelor’s degree for prior education and career training.
✓ Learn with a flexible online platform where you can complete classwork around your busy schedule.
✓ Incorporate work and life experiences into the classroom to enhance theoretical and practical learning objectives.
✓ Access our library’s 100 online databases, 54,000 full-text electronic journals, and hundreds of thousands of e-books.
Strategic Studies & Defense Analysis Program Details

Bachelor of Science in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis
online.norwich.edu/ssda

Minimum Transfer Credits Required for Entry: 60 credits
Other Entry Requirements: Current or retired member of the U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF) community

Program Content
The Bachelor of Science in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis program focuses on strategies for improving the defense, security, external relationships, and overall well-being of communities and countries. Students gain the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to develop these strategies through a comprehensive curriculum that builds on military education and experience, enabling them to apply what they learn to initiatives and field exercises related to their current or past areas of deployment.

Academic Structure
Courses are offered year round on a trimester schedule. Each trimester is divided into two eight-week sessions, with two courses administered during each session. Three start dates per year (January, May, September) allow you to begin the program when it is convenient for you.

Capstone Project
Research, critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and leadership skills are fostered and woven throughout the curriculum, and are designed to give students the tools they need to help advance within the military or transition to a new career. Coursework culminates in a capstone project during which students analyze and synthesize their learning with a focus on ethics and leadership.
Inspiring and Committed Faculty
Norwich faculty members embody the spirit of combining academic theory and practical application. With extensive academic credentials and career experience, our faculty members include nationally renowned research experts, published authors, high-ranking retired military officers, and accomplished professionals throughout numerous industries and sectors.

Because all of our courses are taught online, there are no geographic limitations in finding the best, most qualified faculty to teach them. In fact, like our students, many of our instructors offer an international perspective as they have lived, or are currently living, outside of the U.S. This adds a depth of perspective to discussions and contributes to the understanding of complex, global issues that impact concepts studied in all of our programs.

Just as important as our faculty’s qualifications is their genuine commitment to students. They are available to students throughout the course, providing personalized mentorship and often collaborating with students on professional, academic, and research work. Last but not least, Norwich faculty members help connect students to a broad professional and academic network and often remain involved in students’ careers and lives long after graduation.

A Motivating Force
At Norwich, we understand the dynamics of being both a student and a working adult. That’s why we provide an extensive support system of staff and faculty whose principal focus is to help you succeed academically, professionally and personally.

Whether you need someone to walk you through the financial aid or Military Tuition Assistance process, help you locate sources for a research paper, or tell you how to proceed if you have to step out, we are ready, willing and able to serve.
Career Outlook

Due to our nearly 200-year affiliation with the U.S. military and long track record of developing leaders, a bachelor’s degree from Norwich University is highly regarded within the military community. Equally rigorous and rewarding, our Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis (SSDA) bachelor’s degree completion program can help students distinguish themselves from their Special Operations Forces (SOF) peers and gain access to career opportunities both within and beyond the military.

If you are planning for or transitioning to a civilian career or want to advance within the military, the SSDA program gives you the knowledge, skills, and credentials that can help you achieve your professional goals. Exclusively for SOF, your bachelor’s degree can help prepare you for numerous opportunities including military analyst, defense contractor, intelligence officer, security contractor, operations management, key Department of Defense or State jobs, and others.

Alumni Network

The Norwich alumni community provides you with 27,000-plus contacts who can help open doors in organizations around the world. It’s a group of people who value the history and traditions of Norwich, and feel passionately about helping one another. The combined result? Opportunity without end.

Developing Tomorrow’s Leaders

The Norwich online bachelor’s degree completion programs are designed for individuals with an eye to the future and a desire to become leaders in their chosen field.

As a Norwich student, you will learn the theories behind industry practices, and the practical skills needed to excel in your career. Just as important, you will benefit from core courses in history, literature, science and mathematics, specifically designed for students with real world experience.

Financing Your Degree

You know that continuing your education is your next step. Now, here comes the question we hear most often: How do I pay for it? The answer is that you have more options than you probably realize. Deciding on your best financial aid options can be a difficult, but if you have questions, our admissions advisors are here to help provide you with the information you need to make the most suitable choice.

Financial aid options include federal student loans, private student loans, federal work-study program, scholarships, Pell Grants, employer tuition assistance, Military Tuition Assistance, as well as other military payment options.

To speak with someone about financial aid, contact our knowledgeable admissions advisors today.

Call 1-866-684-7237 or email bachelors@online.norwich.edu.
Applying to Our Programs

Contact an admissions advisor to begin the application process. You will need to submit the following items:

• Completed online application: online.norwich.edu/apply
• Admissions essay outlining your experience, prior learning, and educational/career objectives (up to 1,000 words)
• Resume/ERB
• Official copies of all college and/or military training transcripts
• Documentation of accredited non-college learning (CLEP, etc.)

Admission Criteria

• Proficiency in basic math and writing (the equivalence of EN 101 and MA 102) or training credit in these areas (through SOC), or CLEP tests.
• Military service as soldier, member of the National Guard, sailor, airman or Marine in the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), its subordinate and sub-unified commands, or NATO Special Operations Forces.

The Norwich Advantage

• Three start dates per year (January, May, September) allow you to begin the program when it is convenient for you.
• You can transfer up to 84 semester credits and complete your bachelor’s degree in less than two years.
• Program content can be accessed and class discussion contributions can be made at times that are convenient for you through our flexible online platform.
• Faculty members bring extensive academic and professional experience into the virtual classroom, giving you uncommon insight into your field of study.
• Norwich understands the challenge of balancing a career with academic pursuits. Whether you need help finding the right research materials or balancing program requirements with work and family responsibilities, Norwich is here to assist and support you.

Admissions Contact Information

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Online Application: online.norwich.edu/apply

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About Norwich University

Founded in 1819, Norwich University is a small, private, not-for-profit university that offers professional and liberal arts programs to military and civilian students. The campus is located in Vermont. The College of Graduate and Continuing Studies builds upon nearly 200 years of Norwich University traditions, while offering a variety of online degree programs in a rigorous academic environment. By enrolling in our online programs, you’ll become part of a long tradition of public service education and leadership at Norwich, which goes all the way back to our founding as the nation’s first private military college.

Norwich University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

Norwich University’s online bachelor’s degree programs are recognized as some of the best in the country by U.S. News & World Report.

G.I. Jobs Military Friendly Schools® has recognized Norwich University as a military friendly school as determined by the Military Friendly Schools Academic Advisory Board Committee Members.

Military Advanced Education & Transition (MAE&T) has awarded Norwich University Online the designation of a Top School in its 2016 MAE&T Guide to Colleges & Universities, measuring best practices in military and veteran education.

Getting Started

Norwich is committed to helping you attain your academic and career goals. We can provide information on how to apply, how to manage your time, and how to get the books and materials you need for your bachelor’s degree. We can get you started. Where you go is up to you.

For complete program descriptions, visit our website: online.norwich.edu.

Still have questions? Contact your admissions advisor today at 1-866-684-7237 or via email at bachelors@online.norwich.edu.