



# COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND CYBERSPACE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY

## *"The Cyber War College"- Fact Sheet*



**Mission:** The College of Information and Cyberspace educates joint warfighters, national security leaders, and the cyber workforce on the cyber domain and information environment to lead, advise, and advance national and global security.

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**Vision:** CIC is the premier senior national security educational institution focused on the information environment. CIC is the desired educator of leaders who perform national and military actions within the cyberspace domain using the information instrument of national power.

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**History:** CIC has a rich history that highlights the generational transformation from a largely analog society to a more digital one. Established as the Department of Defense Computer Institute (DODCI) in 1964 and housed at the Washington, D.C. Navy Yard, the institute initially trained the military and government personnel in the fundamentals of computers. During these years, the legendary Rear Admiral Grace Hopper was not only an instructor at the college, but also was one of its most well-known proponents. With a growing enrollment, DODCI moved to the National Defense University in 1982 by then Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. In 1988, DODCI was renamed the Information Resources Management College (IRMC), but was commonly referred to as the “iCollege” because of its robust distance education programs. In 2016, IRMC was renamed again to the CIC to reflect the national prioritization of information and cyberspace. Since its founding, the CIC continues to update its curriculum, organization, relationships, and activities to meet the national security needs of the nation. The current Chancellor is Dr. Cassandra C. Lewis.

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**About:** CIC is known for its thought leadership, prestigious educational experience, close cooperation with senior public and private sector partners, and hosting events of national strategic importance. It is our nation’s only strategically oriented and joint (all military services) graduate institution focused on information and cyberspace, earning the nickname “Cyber War College.” Our faculty is comprised of world-class experts with terminal degrees, as well as practitioners such as senior military officers, industry professionals, and visiting chairs from government agencies. CIC is currently organized into two departments: Information Strategy & Disruptive Technology and Cyber Strategy & Infrastructure. The CIC curriculum is designed to prioritize the needs of the DoD Cyberspace Workforce in coordination with the DoD CIO (and other stakeholders including US Cyber Command and Congress) and in accordance with DoD Directive 8140.01.

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**Graduate Education:** The National Defense University is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) with initial accreditation granted in 1997. CIC is within the scope of National Defense University’s accreditation by the MSCHE and includes both unclassified as well as classified Top Secret-Sensitive Compartmented Information courses. Courses are offered in-person, online, and hybrid. CIC offers a 36-credit hour Master of Science (MS) in Government Information Leadership with a concentration in National Security and Cyberspace Studies, as well as multiple graduate certificates in Cyber Leadership, Chief Information Security Officer, Chief Information Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Data Officer. A full-time 10-month in-residence version of our MS program confers Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase II (War College / Senior Service College) credit for eligible US military officers.

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**Students:** CIC currently has hundreds of students enrolled that come from diverse organizations across the US military (US Cyber Command, Marine Corps, etc.), interagency (Department of Homeland Security and others), ally, and partner nations, as well as from the private sector. The CIC maintains thousands of alumni that are senior leaders in the national security, diplomatic, intelligence, and technology communities. Admissions: <https://cic.ndu.edu/students/admissions/>.

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