

Fact Sheet for Eisenhower School Students NDU-Wide Electives Program

The Eisenhower School degree program includes participation in the National Defense University electives program, in which faculty from across NDU offer electives in the fall and spring on a variety of topics. The electives program provides students the opportunity to tailor their academic experience by exploring topics beyond the core curriculum or by investigating specific elements of the curriculum in greater detail.

Each elective is worth two credit hours, and at a minimum, Eisenhower students must complete one elective in the fall and one elective in the spring, for a total of four credit hours. Students are authorized to take an additional elective in the fall or spring, with the concurrence of the faculty. Please note that an elective must attract a minimum number of students to take place. Also, electives will be closed once they reach max class size. Elective courses convene on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons over a 12-week period in the fall and in the spring.

Elective Open Houses: Details about specific electives, including course descriptions and class dates & times, will be included in the NDU Electives Catalogue, which NDU will post to the NDU web site prior to the start of classes. Moreover, students will be able to obtain a better more info on courses being offered during the NDU Electives Open House, where students can meet professors and obtain detailed course information. The fall Electives Open House will occur on August 16, and the spring Electives Open House will occur on October 18. Immediately following the Open House, the course selection process opens, and students will have five days to submit electronically a prioritized list of preferences for fall electives. For spring electives, students will have five days to electronically submit their preferences list.

As you can tell, the electives program moves fast, especially in the fall. More info regarding the Open House and electives selection process will be provided during the Eisenhower School new student orientation. Your Primary Faculty Advisor (PFA) will be your initial POC for follow-on questions, and you can pose questions to your fall course instructors.

Electives Concentrations: Certain electives are packaged together to form a concentration, offering deeper study into a subject area. Students may elect to pursue a concentration program to meet individual interests, specific career needs, or broadening professional development. Some Eisenhower students are required by their service or agency to complete a particular concentration (e.g., the Senior Acquisition Course, or SAC). Almost all concentrations are open to students across all NDU colleges, though there are a small number of “closed” elective concentrations. The Eisenhower School offers two closed concentrations—available only to Eisenhower students—SAC and the Global Supply Chain and Logistics concentration (GSL).

More information about concentrations will be available in the online NDU Electives Catalog.