INFORMATION PAPER

4 April 2024

FOR: U.S. Army War College Distance Education Program Class of 2026

SUBJECT: Department of Distance Education Orientation Weekend

1. PURPOSE: Provide students with Orientation Weekend instructions
2. POSITION:
	1. The U.S. Army War College (AWC) [Department of Distance Education](https://ssl.armywarcollege.edu/dde/index.cfm) (https://ssl.armywarcollege.edu/dde/) will conduct a voluntary two-day orientation for the Class of 2026 at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania on 19-20 April 2024. Students can attend either in-person or virtually.
		1. Orientation weekend complements the course “Orientation to Strategic Leader Education” (DE2300) hosted on Blackboard. The course officially starts 15 April 2024.

* + 1. The course and weekend provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with enabling enterprise resource planning tools, critical thinking, and scholarly writing standards (e.g., biography, forum, essay).
	1. The uniform for orientation weekend is business casual. Students are scheduled to take head-shot photographs after lunch for their Compass biography; hand-carry Service equivalent uniform (no headgear, shoes, or bottoms required).

* + 1. Business casual is defined as:
			1. Gentlemen can wear slacks, dress shirt or collared polo shirt/buttoned shirt, and/or sweater; leather shoes, boat shoes, or loafers (no sneakers).

* + - 1. Ladies can wear skirts or slacks with top or casual dress and casual shoes.
		1. Seminars 1-12 should bring Service equivalent uniform 19 April (Day 1) and students in seminars 13-24 should bring their uniform on 20 April. Seminar assignments are reflected in both Blackboard and Compass.
	1. Access and parking available on Carlisle Barracks.
		1. Students can use the Main Gate (Claremont) twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to access post. However, the Ashburn gate is open only during weekdays from 0630 until 1730. Students must have a current DoD or interagency card to access post; if not, stop at the Claremont Gate Visitor Center to register.
		2. On Friday, parking is limited. It is recommended you park at Anne Ely Hall (primary) and walk to Root Hall. The Commissary/AAFES complex provides overflow parking. See map posted on the orientation website. Allocate 10-15 minutes to walk from the parking lot to Root Hall.
1. POINTS OF CONTACT:
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