



Officer of the Deck Phase I (OOD-I) Course

The Officer of the Deck Phase I (OOD-I) Course is the second course in the Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) Training Pipeline. Junior officers attend this course following Basic Division Officer Course (BDOC). OOD-I provides future SWOs with foundational bridge (pilot house) watchstanding and shiphandling skills, and reinforces shipboard communication in high-stress situations, as well as during watch. In OOD-I, students learn to work safely and effectively as a bridge team, utilizing established procedures, proven principles, and best practices in an effort to prevent mishaps at sea.

The surface fleet implemented this course in July 2021. After completing OOD-I and their first division officer tour, junior officers will attend Officer of the Deck Phase II (OOD-II) as a refresher after their tour at sea. OOD-II will be implemented into the SWO Training Pipeline in October 2021.

Course Overview

OOD-I takes place in a hybrid setting with classroom instruction and case studies complemented by simulator practice. Students are trained in electronic classrooms known as Conning Officer Virtual Environment (COVE) simulators and laboratories during this six week course. They start off in a classroom setting with training and discussion, then transition to practical training in the simulators. This affords junior officers the opportunity to show what they have learned in the classroom in a practical way that prepares them for the adjustment to a ship.

As a junior officer progresses in the course, the scenarios become more complex, testing both the individual's and the bridge team's knowledge and skillset in a high-stress environment.

This course also provides knowledge and understanding of Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA) theory, which is an advanced radar system used to judge the distance of a ship from a warship, as well as lessons on how to complete reports required by a ship's commanding officer, understanding operational risk management, and navigation skills.

Course Length:

30 Calendar Days

Class Hours: 102.00

Lab Hours: 122.50

Testing Hours: 14.00

Learning Sites:

1. SWSC Learning Site Newport (CCMM)
2. SWSC Learning Site Norfolk
3. SWSC Learning Site San Diego