



IS – Intelligence Specialist

Intelligence Specialist's work military information, particularly classified information about enemies or potential enemies, is called "intelligence." Intelligence specialists analyze intelligence data. They break down information to determine its usefulness in military planning. From this intelligence data, they prepare materials that describe in detail the features of strategic and tactical areas all over the world.

Opportunities

Opportunities in the intelligence specialist rating are limited to highly motivated and qualified people. At present, about 2,200 men and women are assigned to the IS rating.

Qualifications and Interests

Teamwork, speaking and writing skills, the ability to do detailed work, keep records and perform mathematical calculations are important attributes for people interested in the IS rating. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and meet eligibility requirements for continuous access to sensitive compartmented information (SCI). Eligibility for a top secret clearance is determined by the results of a Single Scope Background Investigation followed by a reinvestigation every five years. ASVAB (VE+AR=108). IS's immediate family members must be U.S. citizens. Other helpful characteristics are resourcefulness, curiosity, an interest in ideas and information and the ability to make analytical decisions. Vision correctable to 20/20 and normal color perception is required.

What They Do

- analyzing intelligence information;
- identifying and producing intelligence from raw information;
- assembling and analyzing multi-source operational intelligence;
- preparing and presenting intelligence briefings;
- preparing planning materials for photographic reconnaissance missions; analyzing the results, preparing reports.
- preparing graphics, overlays and photo/map composites;
- plotting imagery data using maps and charts;
- providing input to and receive data from computerized intelligence systems ashore and afloat;
- maintaining intelligence databases, libraries and files.

Earn College Credit



Working Environment

Intelligence specialists perform most of their duties in an office or watch environment. They usually work closely with others, doing mostly analytical work, but must have the capability to work without supervision and to support the intelligence mission of the Navy on land, undersea at sea and in the air. IS's serve on board ships, aircraft squadrons and various intelligence production centers located in the United States and overseas.

The American Council on Education recommends that semester hour credits be awarded in the vocational certificate and lower-division bachelor's/associate's degree categories for courses taken in this rating on office machines and general clerical procedures. To see the college credits available via a **Joint Service Transcript** for this rating:

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https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/is_jst.pdf

Career Path After Recruit Training

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of this rating through on-the-job training or formal Navy schooling. Advanced technical and operational training is available in this rating during later stages of career development.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Class "A" Technical School	Dam Neck, VA	13 Weeks	Intelligence administration, maps and charts, operational intelligence, briefing, basic computer software operating skills to include typing tests, and other basic skills required for the rating.	Group and individualized
Class "C" Advance Training	Dam Neck, VA	5 Weeks to 13 Weeks.		

After "C" school, most intelligence specialists are assigned to large ships, aircraft squadrons, staffs, intelligence facilities and Joint Commands in the United States and overseas. Some "A" school graduates go directly into the pipeline for advanced training in intelligence procedures and equipment. A typing test is required sometime during training. During their Navy careers, IS's usually spend 50 percent of their time assigned to fleet units and 50 percent to shore facilities.



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Earn Department of Labor (DOL) Nationally Recognized Apprenticeships



The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) is a formal military training program that provides active duty and Full Time Support (FTS) Service members the opportunity to improve their job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while they are on active duty. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides the nationally recognized "Certificate of Completion" upon program completion. Visit United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) for LS apprenticeships.

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<https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/navyRates.htm>

Earn Industry Recognized Credentials



Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL) Navy COOL catalogs and defines comprehensive information on occupational credentials - including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships - correlating with every Navy rating and some collateral duties. It provides "how to" instructions for pursuing these credentials, links to credentialing organizations, and cross-references to programs that help Sailors pay for credentialing fees. Shortly following the initial rating technical training (Class "A" technical school), Sailors may be able to take advantage of earning civilian/industry certifications & licenses (credentials), funded through Navy COOL. Visit the Navy COOL website to view these opportunities. See the link below.

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<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/itht.htm>

Manage a Navy Career with Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap)



To see the Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap) for this rating:

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https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/is_e1_e9.pdf

Earn Skill Sets Towards Civilian Related Occupations



The skill sets for this rating crosswalk to civilian related occupations listed by the U.S. Department of Labor. To see Related Civilian, Federal, and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating, see the link below.

IT

<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/it.htm>

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