FSEP Degree Selection Process

1. Students receive a welcome aboard letter instructing them to submit a preliminary Education Plan (EP) and course descriptions to CIVINS for review BEFORE applying to any schools. (see enclosure 1).

Education Plan Template located at the link below.

https://nps.edu/documents/103400012/117752313/EducationalPlanSME.pdf/6a630924-fcfe-4140-ba10-545fc6f4dd29?t=1481679612000

2. If a student wishes to pursue any program that does not CLEARLY fit into the identified focus areas, the student shall submit a degree approval request letter to CIVINS with their EP providing a strong argument for how & why their degree relates to one of the focused areas of study specified in the NAVADMIN. (see enclosure 2).

3. Approval of degrees that clearly align with a focus area will be delegated to CIVINS via the EP review flow chart (see enclosure 1). Approval will be communicated via email.

4. Approval or disapproval of a degree outside of the constraints of the NAVADMIN will be made by N71. This will occur only after the student’s EP and degree approval request letter has been fully reviewed by CIVINS. Final approval / disapproval will be made by N71 by letter, and forwarded to the student via CIVINS.

Focus Areas

- Data Science
- Engineering (5XXX)
- Public Policy / Administration
- Technology Innovation / Management
FSEP Degree Approval Flow Chart

Student Submits EP To CIVINS

Grad Ed Specialist Reviews EP

Does EP CLEARLY align with any Focus area?

YES?
Degree Approved. STOP

NO? Forward to CIVINS Dir. / PM for Review

Director / PM Reviews EP

NO? Forward EP & Degree Approval Request Letter to N71

Does EP look similar to approved Focus Area EPs?
-Class selections
-Class Descriptions
-Degree Title

YES?
Degree Approved. STOP

NO? Forward EP & Degree Approval Request Letter to N71

N71 Final Decision
From: Rank & Name, Warfare Community, Designator,
To: Director, Warfighter Development (N71)

Subj: FYXX FSEP DEGREE APPOVAL REQUEST

Ref: (a) NAVADMIN XXX/XX 20XX-20XX FSEP

Encl: (1) Education Plan
      (2) Course Descriptions

1. **(Argument)** Per reference (a), FYXX FSEP selects must attain a degree within one of the areas of study specified in reference (a). The degree I wish to pursue is (degree name) at (school name). The degree I wish to pursue does not clearly align with any of the focused areas of study outlined in ref (a) but does relate closely to...

2. **(Support)** The vernacular in which (school name) decided to title the degree differs from the focus areas identified in ref (a); however, (degree name) relates closely to technology innovation because...

3. **(Summary / request approval)** Although the vernacular of my intended degree does not align with any of the focus areas identified, a Master’s in (degree name) is extremely similar to technology innovation and will be an extreme benefit to the Navy. I respectfully request approval to pursue...

   **Signature**

   Name