

Ten Helpful Tips for the Class of 2019: USAWC Welcome Page

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War College family visits the downtown welcome jam in a prior year. Downtown Carlisle invites you to visit shops, restaurants and 'kids night out' in the vicinity of the Carlisle Square, Friday, Aug. 3 starting at 5 pm and running to 8 pm.

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Student

- Seminar Ice-Breakers are informal gatherings planned by your seminar faculty team during the first week -- August 5 or 6 or 7 -- as an opportunity to meet each other and families outside of the classroom. [\(Click Here\) for more about social events during the year.](#)
- Your core courses will either be in a seminar or lecture setting, typically from 0830-1130 followed by individual time for you to study and work on your classes. Learn more about the daily plan: [\(Click Here\)](#)
- You will complete a Strategy Research Project (SRP) contract with project advisor in December and finalize the SRP by March 29. Use the next few months to determine your interest and learn about faculty experts who can advise your project. [\(Click Here\) for more about the SRP.](#)
- International Fellows students from 73 different countries are here for the war college resident program on the invitation of the Chief of Staff of the United States Army. US and international students are fully integrated into every seminar and every element of the Carlisle experience. ([Click Here](#))
- A great many students and most International Fellows live in civilian communities around Carlisle. Yet, the post remains the focal point for social, athletic, family, spiritual, and fitness activities. On-base housing assignments by Balfour Beatty Communities are prioritized

as-folllows. 1. Military members w/ families (US & international) 2. Unaccompanied military members (US & International) 3. Civilian Students ([Click Here](#))

- The dress code changes throughout a week, and could be any of the following - to be identified in the pocket calendar that you can link to your mobile phone: ([Click Here](#)):
 - Army Service Uniform/Class A or Service equivalent (occasional)
 - ASU Class B or Service equivalent (weekly)
 - Civilian Coat & Tie/ business dress (weekly)
 - Combat/ Functional (weekly)
 - Dress Mess (optional, e.g., Joint Ball)
- The class will organize with seminar representatives to make student-centric decisions about social events, class priorities, yearbook, class and gift and more. ([Click Here](#))

Family

- The USAWC provides graduate-level courses for spouses such as the Military Family Program and The Executive Spouse Leadership Development Course that are designed to enhance educational and professional development. ([Click Here](#))
- This region is populated by 5 different school districts as well as various private schools; the Carlisle Barracks School Liaison Officer is ready to be your guide, liaison, translator of Pennsylvania requirements, and more. ([Click Here](#))
- There are 3 ski mountains within an hour from Carlisle and even larger resorts as close as 2-3 hours. ([Click Here for more about the four-season outdoor activities available in this region.](#))