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**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
THE BASIC SCHOOL  
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CAMP BARRETT, VIRGINIA 22134-5019

**WARFIGHTING**  
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**STUDENT HANDOUT**

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## Warfighting

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### Introduction

MCDP-1 is the foundational document on which Marine Corps doctrine is founded. Originally published in 1989 as FMFM-1 Warfighting, and revised in 1997 as MCDP-1 Warfighting. The philosophy contained in this publication has influenced our approach to every task we have undertaken.

### Importance

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In the foreword to FMFM-1, General A. M. Gray, 29<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps, charged every officer to read and reread the text, to understand it, and to take its message to heart. MCDP-1 refines and expands our philosophy on warfighting, taking into account new thinking about the nature of war and the understanding gained through participation in extensive operations over the past decade. Read it, study it, and take it to heart.

### In This Lesson

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Students are expected to read MCDP-1 in its entirety. The student handout will serve as a venue for the Learning Objectives to be given to student officers at The Basic School.

**Learning Objectives**Terminal Learning Objectives

TBS-OFF-2102 Given a mission, implement Marine Corps Warfighting concepts to accomplish the mission.

Enabling Learning Objectives

TBS-OFF-2102e Given an evaluation, define war in accordance with MCDP 1.

TBS-OFF-2102f Given an evaluation, define the nature of war in accordance with MCDP 1.

TBS-OFF-2102g Given an evaluation, define the spectrum of conflict in accordance with MCDP 1.

TBS-OFF-2102h Given an evaluation, identify the levels of war in accordance with MCDP 1.

TBS-OFF-2102j Given an evaluation, identify the maneuver warfare concepts in accordance with MCDP 1.

