

Military Science

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The Military Science Department's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program of instruction qualifies the student for a commission as an officer in the United States Army, Army Reserve or National Guard. The curriculum compliments any undergraduate or graduate course of study which leads to a degree and provides a base for initial entry into the Army's educational program.

The ROTC program emphasizes leadership and management training. A laboratory provides experience in a range of leadership positions. Practical experience is gained at a summer camp normally attended between the junior and senior years. Men and women undergo the same military training throughout the ROTC program; however, women may not be commissioned in some combat arms branches.

Commissioning Programs

The four-year military science curriculum includes a two-year basic course of study and a two-year advanced course of study. Students enter the four year program as freshmen or as sophomores.

The two-Year ROTC program is designed for junior college and other non-ROTC college transferees. Four-year students with only two years of school remaining who receive placement credit for the basic course of study may also enroll. Graduate students may qualify for enrollment in the two-year course of study.

Basic Course of Study

The courses which comprise the basic course of study are normally taken as electives in the freshman and sophomore years. It prepares students for the advanced course of study by familiarizing them with organization of the Army, military skills, and military tradition. Students do not incur any military obligation as a result of enrolling in the basic course of study.

To enroll, a student must be physically and morally qualified, a full-time degree-seeking student at the University, and a U.S. citizen.

Advanced Course of Study

The advanced course of study covers leadership and management, the exercise of command, military teaching methods, tactics, logistics, administration, history, and military justice. Leadership experience and command experience are provided by assigning advanced course students as cadet officers and noncommissioned officers.

For entry into the advanced course of study students must:

- A. Complete a lower-division ROTC basic course of study at a college or university, or a junior ROTC program, or attend and successfully complete the ROTC four-week Leader's Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox, KY, or have prior honorable military service;

- B. Be a U.S. citizen not over 30 years of age at the time of commissioning in the Army (waiverable up to 32 years of age);
- C. Pass a military medical examination and physical fitness test;
- D. Have two academic years (four semesters) of upper-division course work remaining with a GPA of 2.0 on all lower-division course work;
- E. Have no civil convictions with fines of greater than \$250, unless waiver is applied for and granted;
- F. Be selected by the Professor of Military Science (PMS).

After all entry requirements are met, the student must execute a written agreement (contract and enlistment) with the U.S. Army to complete the advanced course of study, to attend a summer camp at the time specified, and to accept a commission if tendered unless relieved from contract by proper authority.

Requirements to Receive a Commission in U.S. Army

Students desiring a commission in the U.S. Army must complete the following requirements:

- A. Baccalaureate or graduate degree;
- B. 18 sh of military science courses including MSL 1001, MSL 1002, MSL 2101, MSL 2102, MSL 3201, MSL 3202, MSL 4301, and MSL 4302. Students with prior military service, junior ROTC, ROTC Leader's Training Course, or equivalent military training, can receive placement credit for lower-division courses with departmental approval;
- C. AMH 3540, American Military History;
- D. ROTC Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) attended between junior and senior years;
- E. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0;
- F. Maintain a 3.0 term and cumulative GPA in military science;
- G. A qualified physical examination, passing score on Army physical-fitness test, and a secret security clearance.

Textbooks and Uniforms

Textbooks and uniforms required for participation in the Army ROTC basic course are furnished by the Department of Military Science.

Textbooks for the advanced course must be purchased; uniforms are furnished.

Monetary Allowances

Cadets selected for admission into the advanced course and who sign a contract and enlistment qualify for a nontaxable monetary allowance for each month of enrollment during the academic year. Juniors receive \$350 per month; seniors receive \$400 per month. Freshman and sophomore cadets with an Army ROTC scholarship receive \$250 or \$300 per month. In addition, students receive approximately \$900 for the five-week Leadership Development and Assessment Course.

Scholarship Program

Financial assistance is available in the form of ROTC four-, three-, and two-year scholarships for selected students. Under this program, the Army pays tuition, fees, a flat rate for textbooks, and other required expenses except room and board. In addition, the student receives the monetary allowance described above.

Most students entering the program by attending the four-week Leader's Training Course are eligible to compete for two-year scholarships while at the camp. Coordination should be made with the ROTC office for application at the beginning of the spring semester prior to enrollment.

Activities. The Military Science Department sponsors several activities throughout the year which are designed to enhance the student's participation in college activities, develop leadership skills, and provide a solid foundation for commissioning into the Officers' Corps. Some examples are physical conditioning, rappelling, orienteering, visits to military installations, overnight field training exercises, and a dining-out in the spring.