DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE/ARMY ROTC

Established in 1917

The purpose of the Army ROTC is to prepare students for commissioning as officers in the Active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. The overall program is designed to aid students in developing the abilities and attitudes that will make them academically successful and to develop well-educated junior officers.

The curriculum is divided into two courses:

• a basic course that is open to all freshmen and sophomores and
• an advanced course for qualified juniors, seniors, and graduate students.

Students who are undecided about pursuing a commission have the option of participating in the basic course without incurring a military obligation. Successful completion of the basic course (or commensurate training), a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade-point average, and the appropriate medical and physical qualifications are prerequisites for enrollment in the advanced course. Successful completion of both courses and the award of a bachelor’s degree constitute the normal progression to gaining a commission as a second lieutenant. Courses are available to both men and women.

The overall Army ROTC curriculum prepares students to become effective leaders and managers in a variety of responsible and challenging commissioned officer fields, thus facilitating early middle-management career development and progression.

MSL 1XXX. Military Sci Elective. 1-21 Credit Hours.

MSL 2001. Innovative Team Leadership. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduces cadets to the personal challenges and competencies that are critical for effective leadership. Cadets learn how the personal development of life skills such as critical thinking, goal setting, time management, physical fitness, and stress management relate to leadership, officerhip, and the Army profession. The focus is on developing basic knowledge and comprehension of Army leadership dimensions while gaining a big picture understanding of the ROTC program, its purpose in the Army, and its advantages for the student.

MSL 2002. Introduction to Tactical Leadership. 3 Credit Hours.
Overviews leadership fundamentals such as setting direction, problem-solving, listening, presenting briefs, providing feedback, and using elective writing skills. Cadets explore dimensions of leadership values, attributes, skills, and actions in the context of practical, hands-on, and interactive exercises. Continued emphasis is placed on recruitment and retention of cadets. Cadre role models and the building of stronger relationships among the cadets through common exercise and practical interaction are critical aspects of this course.

MSL 3XXX. Military Sci Elective. 1-21 Credit Hours.

MSL 4001. Developing Adaptive Leaders. 4 Credit Hours.
Develops cadet proficiency in planning, executing, and assessing complex operations, functioning as a member of a staff, and providing performance feedback to subordinates. Cadets assess risk, make ethical decisions, and lead fellow ROTC cadets. Lessons on military justice and personnel processes prepare cadets to make the transition to Army officers. MSIV cadets analyze, evaluate, and instruct cadets at lower levels. Both their classroom and battalion leadership experiences are designed to prepare cadets for their first unit of assignment. They identify responsibilities of key staff, coordinate staff roles, and use situational opportunities to teach, train, and develop subordinates.
MSL 4002. Leadership in a Complex World. 4 Credit Hours.
Explores the dynamics of leading in the complex situations of current
military operations in the contemporary operating environment (COE).
Cadets examine differences in customs and courtesies, military law,
principles of war, and rules of engagement in the face of international
terrorism. They also explore aspects of interacting with non-government
organizations, civilians on the battlefield, and host national support.
The course places significant emphasis on preparing cadets for their
first unit of assignment. It uses case studies, scenarios, and "What now
Lieutenant?" exercises to prepare cadets to face the complex ethical and
practical demands of leading as commissioned officers in the United
States Army.

MSL 4801. Special Topics. 1 Credit Hour.
Topics and research will pursue areas of military science not extensively
treated in other Military Science courses.

MSL 4802. Special Topics. 2 Credit Hours.
Topics and research will pursue areas of military science not extensively
treated in other Military Science courses.

MSL 4803. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics and research will pursue areas of military science not extensively
treated in other Military Science courses.

MSL 4804. Special Topics. 4 Credit Hours.
Topics and research will pursue areas of military science not extensively
treated in other Military Science courses.

MSL 4805. Special Topics. 5 Credit Hours.
Topics and research will pursue areas of military science not extensively
treated in other Military Science courses.

MSL 4901. Special Problems. 1-21 Credit Hours.
Permits independent study with a faculty member. Topics and research
will pursue areas of military science not extensively treated in any other
Military Science class.

MSL 4XXX. Military Sci Elective. 1-21 Credit Hours.