

# Military Science/ROTC

*College of Education*

*Department of Military Science and Leadership/  
Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Army ROTC)*

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The Military Science Department offers either a two- or four-year program enabling students/cadets to compete for a commission as an officer in the United States Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. University credit is awarded for the courses in the program. However, the Military Science program is not an academic major. Students must complete an academic major in another area in addition to the military science requirements.

An academic minor in military science is available; however, the minor is limited to ROTC cadets who have contracted with Cadet Command.

## MILITARY SCIENCE MINOR

### Required for Minor (General Education, 9 credits):

HIST 153 War and Peace in the 20th Century (3)  
POL 111 United States Government (3)  
SPEE 102 Public Speaking (3)

### Required for Minor (Core, 13 credits):

MSL 210 Army Physical Fitness (1)  
MSL 311 Leadership and Problem Solving (3)  
MSL 312 Leadership and Ethics (3)  
MSL 403 Application of Physical Conditioning (1)  
MSL 411 Leadership and Management (3)  
MSL 412 Officership (3)

The four-year Army ROTC curriculum develops the student's leadership, managerial and organizational abilities. Integration with other related academic programs such as political science, history, business and geography develop well-rounded professional officers for the Army. Leadership skills acquired through ROTC and the practical application of skills provided in the program transfer easily to civilian career goals. ROTC graduates traditionally enter industrial and business career fields with a significant competitive edge.

The program consists of two parts: the basic course and the advanced course. The basic course usually occurs the freshman and sophomore years and students incur no military obligation. After completing the basic course, students may enroll in the advanced course. In order to enroll, students must also execute an enlistment contract with Cadet Command. Additionally, students with mili-

tary basic training experience may receive advanced placement credit into the ROTC advanced course. The advanced course must be taken after students receive academic junior status. All cadets receive uniforms and the necessary textbooks for military science classes. Also, all contracted cadets will receive a living allowance of at least \$250 each academic month of the school year.

## MILITARY SCIENCE/ARMY ROTC

### 4-YEAR PROGRAM

#### Required General Education (6 credits):

SPEE 102 Public Speaking (3)  
HIST 153 War and Peace in the 20th Century (3)

#### Required Support Courses (6-8 credits)

COMS 100 Introduction to Computer Science (4)  
Choose one of the following:  
ENG 242 Introduction to Creative Writing (2)  
ENG 270 Advanced Composition (4)

#### Required for Program (Core, 18 credits):

MSL 111 Foundations of Officership (1)  
MSL 112 Basic Leadership (1)  
MSL 211 Individual Leadership Studies (2)  
MSL 212 Leadership and Teamwork (2)  
MSL 311 Leadership and Problem Solving (3)  
MSL 312 Leadership and Ethics (3)  
MSL 411 Leadership and Management (3)  
MSL 412 Officership (3)

### 2-YEAR PROGRAM

#### Required General Education (6 credits):

SPEE 102 Public Speaking (3)  
HIST 153 War and Peace in the 20th Century (3)

#### Required Support Courses (6-8 credits)

COMS 100 Introduction to Computer Science (4)  
Choose one of the following:  
ENG 242 Introduction to Creative Writing (2)  
ENG 270 Advanced Composition (4)

#### Required for Program (Core, 12 credits):

MSL 311 Leadership and Problem Solving (3)  
MSL 312 Leadership and Ethics (3)  
MSL 411 Leadership and Management (3)  
MSL 412 Officership (3)

## POLICIES/INFORMATION

**GPA Policy.** Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 (C) in the courses taken from the military science department in order to meet graduation and/or commissioning requirements.

**P/N Grading Policy.** No classes offered by the military science department consist of P/N grades.

**Leadership Laboratories.** All contracted cadets are required to attend (1) four-hour leadership laboratory each month. Specifics are outlined in each course syl-

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labus. A weekend field training exercise is also conducted each semester.

**Leader's Training Course.** During the summer between the sophomore and junior years, students who have **NOT** completed the first two years of ROTC or have not previously completed military basic training may attend this five-week internship. This qualifies the student to enter the ROTC Advanced Course. A stipend is paid for attendance.

**National Advanced Leadership Camp.** During the summer between the junior and senior years, cadets attend a five week advanced camp at Fort Lewis, WA. Cadets receive a stipend for this training; travel, room, board, uniforms, and medical care are also included. Students experience leadership positions at advanced camp, leading other ROTC cadets through a number of challenging situations, and building both stamina and self-confidence.

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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### **MSL 111 (1) Foundations of Officership**

Introduces students to issues and competencies that are central to a commissioned officer's responsibilities. Establishes framework for understanding officership, leadership, and Army values, as well as life skill such as physical fitness and time management.

### **MSL 112 (1) Basic Leadership**

Establishes foundations for basic leadership fundamentals such as problem solving, communication and briefings. It also teaches effective writing, goal setting and techniques for improving listening and speaking skills. It also introduces the student to counseling.

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### **MSL 210 (1) Army Physical Fitness**

Students will enhance individual leadership qualities, develop and organize physical training programs, and learn the advantages of being a responsive follower as well as a productive leader (ingredients of integrity and teamwork). In addition, students will achieve the highest standards of physical fitness in preparation for the Army Physical Fitness Test.

This class is a prerequisite for MS 403. F, S

### **MSL 211 (2) Individual Leadership Studies**

Students identify successful leadership characteristics through observation of others and self by doing experiential learning exercises. Students record observed traits (good and bad) in a dimensional leadership journal and discuss observations in small group settings.

### **MSL 212 (2) Leadership and Teamwork**

Build and increase self-confidence through team building activities such as physical fitness, reaction exercises, rappelling, first aid, basic land navigation/orienteering and team dynamics. Introduction to basic fundamentals of leadership, hot and cold weather survival techniques and assessment of one's performance. Focus on practi-

cal application of leadership and survival team dynamics.

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### **MSL 299 (1-8) Individual Study**

Department chair approval required. F, S

### **MSL 311 (3) Leadership and Problem Solving**

Students conduct self-assessment of leadership style, develop personal fitness regimens, and learn to plan and conduct individual/small unit tactical training while testing reasoning and problem-solving techniques. Students receive direct feedback on leadership abilities.

### **MSL 312 (3) Leadership and Ethics**

Examines the role communications, values, and ethics play in effective leadership. Topics include ethical decision-making, consideration of others, spirituality in the military, and surveys army leadership doctrine. Emphasis is on improving oral and written communication abilities.

### **MSL 403 (1) Application of Physical Conditioning**

Students plan, organize and lead individual and team oriented physical conditioning activities. These activities are geared toward the physical development and instruction of underclassmen. MS 403 students also administer fitness tests to underclassmen which measure the cardiovascular endurance and upper and lower body strengths. MS 403 students are required to successfully pass the Army Physical Fitness Test prior to the end of the semester. Prerequisite: MS 403 with MS 210. Limited to ROTC cadets who executed an enlistment contract with Cadet Command.

Pre: MSCI 210 F, S

### **MSL 411 (3) Leadership and Management**

Develops student proficiency in planning and executing complex operations, functioning as a member of a staff, and mentoring subordinates. Students explore training management, methods of effective staff collaboration, and developmental counseling techniques.

### **MSL 412 (3) Officership**

Study includes case analysis of military law and practical exercises on establishing an ethical command climate. Students must complete a semester long senior leadership project that requires them to plan, organize, collaborate, analyze, and demonstrate their leadership skills.

### **MSL 499 (1-8) Individual Study**

Department chair approval required. Limited to ROTC cadets who executed an enlistment contract with Cadet Command.

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