

# Military Science

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## Undergraduate Programs

### Objectives

Military Science (Army ROTC) focuses on leadership development. Students pursue the major of their choice while studying Military Science, and graduate with the ability to function effectively as leaders. Upon completion of Army ROTC and graduation from college, students become commissioned officers in the active Army, Army Reserve, or National Guard.

Instructors, textbooks, uniforms, and equipment are provided at no cost to the student or the University. All contracted students receive between \$250-400 per month (up to 10 months per academic year). Army ROTC also covers the cost of tuition and fees for Army ROTC scholarship students and provides a \$800-per-year book allowance.

### The Margin of Difference

Army ROTC cadets learn to be leaders and receive hands-on experience in managing physical, financial, and human resources. They develop self-confidence and superior decision-making skills. Employers value these leadership qualities and recognize associated potential.

### Four-Year Program

The traditional Army ROTC program covers four years consistent with normal undergraduate progression (freshman-senior). The four-year program is divided into two parts: the **basic course** and the **advanced course**. The **basic course** is usually taken during the first two years of college. It covers subjects such as mountaineering, land navigation, wilderness survival, leadership development, small unit tactics, weapons marksmanship, and military history. This program is designed for high-performing students who wish to try Military Science without obligation, while enhancing their leadership skills and self-confidence. Upon successful completion of the basic course, students are eligible to enter the advanced course.

**Advanced course** requirements are normally completed during the junior and senior years. The advanced course further develops and refines leadership competencies, and qualifies the student for a commission in the United States Army. Advanced course students receive a \$350-400 per month tax-free subsistence allowance (up to \$3,000-4,000 per year), and attend a paid five-week leader development camp between their junior and senior years.

### Two-Year Program

This is a special program for junior and community college transfer students or for students who did not take Army ROTC during their first two years of college. To enter the two-year program, a student must have completed Basic Training in a military service **or** participate in five weeks of basic leadership instruction. This instruction usually takes place between the sophomore and junior year. Students are paid for attending this instruction, have the opportunity to compete for two-year scholarships, and may receive academic credit. Students who qualify for the two-year program are enrolled directly in the **advanced course**.

### Scholarships

Army ROTC provides numerous scholarship opportunities. High school seniors may qualify for the **four-year Army ROTC scholarship**. College students may qualify for three- or two-year scholarships. These scholarships pay the cost of tuition and fees, a flat rate for textbooks and classroom supplies, and a monthly cash stipend between \$2,500-4,000 per year. The **Green to Gold scholarship** allows soldiers serving on active duty to leave the Army early and attend college/ROTC full time while receiving scholarship benefits. Other scholarship opportunities include: **room and book grants** and the **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program**. Call or visit the Department of Military Science for details.

### Placement Credit For Veterans

Veterans may qualify for advanced course placement based on prior military experience. They can take full advantage of veteran's benefits and receive financial aid from Army ROTC concurrently.

### Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)

This program is available to advanced course cadets who wish to serve in the Army Reserve or National Guard while attending college and pursuing a commission through Army ROTC. SMP students are eligible to receive reserve drill pay, tuition assistance, other monetary incentives, and \$350-400 per month (up to \$3,000-4,000 per academic year) from Army ROTC. Call or visit the Department of Military Science for details.

### Leave of Absence

If students (including scholarship recipients) wish to take a leave of absence to serve a mission for their church, they can do so conveniently between their freshman and sophomore years.

### Commission Requirements

In order to qualify for a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, each student must:

1. Complete all required Military Science instruction while attending college as a full-time student, and obtain a baccalaureate

or higher degree prior to age 27 (age waiver can be granted for prior military service or other extenuating circumstances).

2. Meet medical and physical fitness standards.
3. Be a U.S. citizen.
4. Successfully complete the advanced summer camp.
5. Be recommended by a professor of Military Science.

### ***Service Obligation***

There is no military service obligation for basic course students, unless they have received an Army ROTC scholarship. Advanced course (contracted) and scholarship students incur an obligation to serve in the active Army, Army Reserve, or National Guard.

### ***Minor in Military Science***

**Grade Requirements.** Students must obtain a grade of *C* or better in all courses used toward the minor, as well as maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 for these courses.

**Credit Requirements.** A minimum of 21 credits must be earned in Military Science and related courses, as follows:

***Required Courses (15 credits).*** MS 3010, 3020, 4010, and 4020; HIST 4810 or MS 4610.

***Elective Courses (6 credits).*** These courses must be coordinated with and approved by the department head of the Military Science Department.

## ***Military Science Faculty***

### **Assistant Professor**

*Captain Reece D. Roberts*

### **Personnel Specialist**

*Marie Behling*

### **Instructors**

*Sergeant First Class Scott Womack*

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## ***Course Descriptions***

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