

MILITARY SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP (MSL)

The frequency of course offering is indicated following each course description. If not otherwise indicated, the course will be scheduled for each enrollment period. The university reserves the right to change course scheduling when circumstances dictate such changes.

BASIC COURSES

MSL 1011. Foundations of Officership Examines the unique duties and responsibilities of officers. Discuss organization and role of the Army. Review basic life skills pertaining to fitness and communication. Analyze Army values and expected ethical behavior. Also required, leadership lab and participation in 1 hour physical fitness session. Fall.

MSL 1021. Basic Leadership Presents fundamental leadership concepts and doctrine. Practice basic skills that underlie effective problem solving. Apply active listening and feedback skills. Examine factors that influence leader and group effectiveness. Examine the officer experience. Also required leadership lab and participation in 1 hour physical fitness session. Spring.

MSL 2032. Individual Leadership Studies Develops knowledge of self, self confidence and individual leadership skills. Develop problem solving and critical thinking skills. Apply communication, feedback and conflict resolution skills. Also requires leadership lab and participation in 2 hours physical fitness session. Prerequisites, both MSL I courses. Fall.

MSL 2042. Leadership and Teamwork Focuses on self development guided by knowledge of self and group processes. Challenges current beliefs, knowledge, and skills. Provides equivalent preparation for the ROTC Advanced Course and the Leaders Training Course. Also requires leadership lab and participation in 2 hours physical fitness session. Prerequisites, both MSL I courses. Spring.

MSL 209V. Leadership Training Course A four week summer camp conducted at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The student receives pay. Travel, lodging, and most meals costs are paid by the Army. The environment is rigorous, and in some ways similar to Army Basic Training. Open only to students who have not taken all of the basic course completion requirements, and who pass a physical examination, which is paid by ROTC. Completion of basic camp qualifies a student for entry into the Advanced Course. Multiple cycles are offered during the summer, but spaces are limited by the Army. Candidates can apply for a space any time during the school year prior to the summer. Arkansas State University will grant up to six hours of elective credit for successful completion of the ROTC Basic Camp. Summer.

ADVANCED COURSES

A prerequisite for entrance into the Advanced Course is completion of the four courses in the Basic Course, or completion of the ROTC Leaders Training Course or completion of Basic Training.

MSL 3053. Leadership and Problem Solving Examines basic skills that underlie effective problem solving. Analyze the role officers played in the transition of the Army from Vietnam to the 21st Century. Review the features and execution of the Leadership Development Program. Analyze military missions and plan military operations. Execute squad battle drills. Fall.

MSL 3063. Leadership and Ethics Probes leader responsibilities that foster an ethical command climate. Develop cadet leadership competencies. Prepare for success at Leader Development and Assessment Course -- LDAC. Recognize leader responsibility to accommodate subordinate spiritual needs. Apply principles and techniques of effective written and oral communication. Spring.

MSL 4073. Leadership and Management Builds on National Advanced Camp experience to solve organizational and staff problems. Discuss staff organization, functions, and processes. Analyze counseling responsibilities and methods. Examine principles of subordinate motivation and organizational change. Apply leadership and problem solving principles to a complex case study and simulation. Fall.

MSL 4083. Officership Capstone course designed to explore topics relevant to second lieutenants entering the Army. Describe legal aspects of decision making and leadership. Analyze Army organization for operations from the tactical to strategic level. Assess administrative and logistics management functions. Discuss reporting and Permanent Change of Station, PCS, process. Perform platoon leader actions. Examine leader responsibilities that foster an ethical command climate. Spring.

MSL 409V. Special Problems Individually selected material directed towards the field of Military Leadership or Military History. This course must be arranged in consultation with the Professor or Military Science. A course outline and goals will be kept on file with the Training Officer of this department.