

# Department of Military Science and Leadership

The faculty of the Department of Military Science at Arkansas State consists of: A Professor of Military Science (usually a Lieutenant Colonel); Three Assistant Professors (usually a Major and two Captains); and Two Instructors (usually a Master Sergeant and a Sergeant First Class). Their tours with the department last from two to three years.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), is a series of elective college courses, which can lead to a commission as a second lieutenant in either the United States Army, United States Army Reserve or the U.S. Army National Guard. Participation in ROTC provides instruction in leadership and management and helps students develop self-discipline, physical stamina, and confidence. The ROTC program augments the University's objectives by emphasizing academic excellence and the development of personal integrity, honor, and responsibility. Upon commissioning, graduates will serve in the active Army, The United States Army Reserve, or the Army National Guard. Selection for active duty is based on the needs of the service, the individual's preference, and the individual's performance record. Almost any branch is available for those commissioned in the reserve forces (barring physical limitations).

## ROTC PROGRAM

We have three paths for completion of our program which lead to a commission in the U.S. Army:

1. The first path is completion of both Military Science and Leadership (MSL) I and MSL II level courses (The Basic Course), followed by completion of the Advanced Program.
2. The second path is completion of any U.S. Armed Forces Basic Training, followed by completion of the Advanced Program.
3. The third path is completion of ROTC Leaders Training Course, followed by completion of the Advanced Program.

### The Basic Course

Further defined: Physically able students, male or female, may enroll in the Basic Course without incurring a military obligation. The ROTC Basic Course consists of four courses designed to be taken one each semester during the freshman and sophomore years. No more than two courses may be taken simultaneously without the approval of the Professor of Military Science (PMS). All textbooks are provided at no charge.

### U.S. Armed Forces Basic Training

Credit for completion of the basic course is granted for anyone who successfully completes Basic Training in the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, or the Navy, whether it was active component, guard, or reserve. If Advanced Individual Training is also completed, six hours of elective credit may be available from the university.

### Leaders Training Course

The university will grant up to six hours of elective credit for successful completion of the ROTC Leaders Training Course. The course consists of practical experience and instruction in tactical and technical military subjects with emphasis on leadership development. The course is four weeks in length and is conducted at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Students are paid for attendance (about \$600), and provided travel to and from campus. Housing, uniforms, and meals are provided at no expense. Students attending the Leaders Training Course do incur a military service obligation.

## THE ADVANCED COURSE

The ROTC Advanced Course consists of four courses designed to be taken one each semester during the junior and senior years (or graduate school). Students must attend the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) between their MSL III and MSL IV year. Upon entry into the Advanced Course, a student must sign a contract recognizing a service obligation. The obligation may be served in either the reserve components (Reserve Component duty can be guaranteed) or the Active Army (depending on the needs of the Army). Cadets in the Advanced Course receive textbooks, uniforms, and a nontaxable subsistence allowance (10 months per year), as well as pay for attending the LDAC. Prerequisites for admission to the Advanced Course are:

- (1) Completion of the Basic Course, the Leaders Training Course, or U.S. Armed Forces Basic Training.
- (2) Physical qualification as determined by medical examination.
- (3) Selection by Professor of Military Science.
- (4) Under 32 years of age by the time of graduation (may be waived in certain cases).
- (5) Pass a screening evaluation.

- (6) At least two academic years remaining before graduation or be enrolled in graduate school.
- (7) A grade point average of 2.00 or better for all college work and completion of at least sixty semester hours of college work towards a baccalaureate degree. Applicants will normally be required to have achieved "junior" academic status.

In addition to the Military Science and Leadership courses, advanced course students must complete professional military education courses in the fields of Written Communication, Computer Literacy, Mathematic Reasoning, Human Behavior, and Military History. The Communication, Human Behavior, and Mathematic Reasoning requirements are normally met by the General Education Courses offered by the university. The Military History requirement must be met by completing one of several history classes offered. (Specific course requirements will be prescribed by the PMS, based on a review of the student's enrollment into the advanced course.) Field Training Exercises will be conducted to provide practical experience as required to supplement classroom training.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**1. ROTC Scholarships:**

In addition to four-year Army ROTC scholarships which are awarded to high school seniors, two- and three-year Army ROTC scholarships are available to college freshmen and sophomores on a competitive basis. Applicants are judged on their potential and aptitude for military service and are evaluated by an academic board chaired by the Professor of Military Science (PMS). ROTC scholarships cover the cost of university tuition, textbook, laboratory fees, and a subsistence allowance for each school month depending on the number of hours completed by the student. High School students applying for four-year scholarships must have their packets completed by 10 January of their senior year. Three-year and two-year scholarship applications must be completed by the spring semester, prior to the first school year of the scholarship.

**2. Subsistence Allowance:**

A monthly monetary allowance of \$450-\$500 for each school month is paid to students enrolled in the Advanced Course. During the ROTC LDAC, the student is paid approximately \$700 for the 30 day camp period and provided travel to and from camp. Housing, uniforms, and meals are furnished at no expense to the cadet. The course is conducted at Fort Lewis, Washington.

**3. Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP):**

Individuals may enroll in the Military Science and Leadership Advanced Course while retaining membership in the Army National Guard or Army Reserve. Those wishing to serve in the Army National Guard or Army Reserve during enrollment in the Military Science and Leadership Advanced Course may do so except in certain cases. In addition to receiving cadet monthly subsistence, these individuals also receive pay (E5 or higher, from previously held grade) from their Army National Guard or Army Reserve unit and qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill and Federal Tuition Assistance benefits.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Military Science students are required to participate in a Leadership Laboratory in addition to classroom requirements. Training consists of military drill and ceremonies, field exercises, simulated leadership problems, and familiarization with Army weapons and equipment.

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**Minor in Military Science and Leadership**

A minor in Military Science and Leadership can be granted only to those students who qualify for enrollment in the Advanced Course and subsequent commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Army.

**Requirements**

	Sem. Hrs
A. *Basic Course .....	6 hrs
MSL 1011, Foundations of Officership .....	1 hr
MSL 1021, Basic Leadership .....	1 hr
MSL 2032, Individual Leadership Studies .....	2 hrs
MSL 2042, Leadership and Teamwork .....	2 hrs
B. Advanced Course .....	12 hrs
MSL 3053, Leadership and Problem Solving .....	3 hrs
MSL 3063, Leadership and Ethics .....	3 hrs
MSL 4073, Leadership and Management .....	3 hrs
MSL 4083, Officership .....	3 hrs
C. Military History Course .....	2-3 hrs

TOTAL 20-21 hrs

\*Items B and C are the only requirements for students who enter the Advanced Course because they have been credited for the Basic Course by attendance at the Leaders Training Course or Basic Training, thus requiring only a total of 15 hours.