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## MILITARY SCIENCE & LEADERSHIP—ARMY ROTC *College of Education*

### WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS DO WE OFFER?

Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) is a leadership development program allowing students to learn and apply the skills necessary to become a U.S. Army Officer.

The program offers a minor in Military Science and Leadership. However, a minor is not required for the successful completion of ROTC.

### WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM?

Army ROTC is a program that provides college trained officers for the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve. More than 70 percent of all Second Lieutenants in the Army hail from an ROTC program.

Students pursue the academic major of their choice while taking one MSL (Military Science and Leadership) course each semester. Upon graduation from college, Army ROTC offers full-time or part-time careers as an Army Officer. There are virtually unlimited careers in a variety of career fields. Each officer serves in one of the following broad career specialties: nursing, military police, military intelligence, aviation, infantry, armor, field artillery, engineering, cyber, medical service, communications and electronics, transportation, finance, air defense artillery, chemical, ordnance, or adjutant general (human resources).

The program concentrates on 19 leadership skills that are a baseline for positions throughout a full spectrum of employment opportunities.

Graduates who go on Active Duty are guaranteed a job following completion of the program. Salaries and benefits for newly commissioned officers start at over \$50,000 annually. After four years, the pay increases to over \$75,000. Army officers receive 30 days of paid vacation per year, 100 percent medical and dental coverage, a housing allowance, and are eligible for pension and 401k opportunities.

### ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

ROTC classes serve as excellent preparation for becoming a leader and manager in both the public and private sectors. The program builds self-confidence and self-esteem that can help students develop into effective administrators. An optional minor is limited to cadets who have signed an ROTC contract and complements any academic major.

Some MSI and MSII cadets will be invited to Cadet Initial Entry Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky for additional training.

All contracted cadets attend a paid four week summer cadet leader course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, between their junior and senior years.

In addition, participants in ROTC can compete for paid summer training and internship opportunities such as Airborne School, Air Assault School, the Nurse Summer Training Program, and Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT).

### The Four-Year Program

This program consists of a two-year basic course and a two-year advanced course. The basic course is usually taken during the first and second years; students that join during the second year may compress and take both during that year. Members of the National Guard and Reserves or veterans may be eligible for advanced placement.

The Advanced Course is limited to students who have demonstrated potential for becoming an Army officer and have signed an ROTC contract. It provides instruction in advanced leadership and management techniques.

### EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

#### Faculty

There are seven full-time faculty and staff, each one having between 10-35 years of U.S. Army experience leading, training, and managing people.

#### Special characteristics

Active Duty alums have 100 percent placement upon graduation. Former military officers are highly sought after by civilian businesses and corporations, so even if you only serve in the Army for a couple of years you will be more competitive when interviewing for a civilian job.

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE/ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**Faculty/student ratio**  
1:20.

### Scholarships

Each year students have an opportunity to compete for scholarships. There are two-, three-, and four-year scholarships available. The Army awards merit-based scholarships on a competitive basis to outstanding young men and women interested in the Army as a possible profession. Scholarships pay 100 percent tuition and lab fees, \$1,200 per semester for textbooks and other supplies, and \$420 per month tax-free spending money for up to ten months of each school year.

### Obligations

Enrollment in the first and second year classes does not commit you to the military. It provides you an opportunity to check out the program to see if it is right for you. Courses are available to all students who want to acquire and improve leadership skills or investigate the military as a profession. Only scholarship students and contracted students entering the third and fourth years incur an Army obligation. As commissioned officers, graduates fulfill their eight year service obligation through service on Active Duty and in the National Guard and Reserves, all in the National Guard or Reserves, or a combination thereof.

## HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

For a student interested in this program, we suggest they have good study habits, be open-minded, athletic and adventurous, and have an interest in becoming an effective manager and leader.

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