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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MSL 101 (1) Intro to the Army & Critical Thinking
Introduces Cadets to the personal challenges and competencies critical for effective leadership. Cadets learn how the personal development of life skills such as critical thinking, time management, goal setting, stress management, and comprehensive fitness relate to leadership, and the Army profession.
Fall

MSL 102 (1) Intro to the Profession of Arms
Cadets will learn how Army ethics and values shape the Army and the specific ways that these ethics are inculcated into Army culture. Cadets can expect to explore the seven Army Values, Warrior Ethos, explore the Profession of Arms, Army Leadership and critical communication.
Spring

MSL 150 (1) Leadership Lab
This is the associated leadership lab for the MSL classes. It is the hands-on portion where individual and collective military tasks are practiced and leadership lessons are applied. Students must be enrolled in ROTC to take this course.
Corequisites: MSL 101, MSL 102, MSL 201, MSL 202, MSL 299, MSL 301, MSL 302, MSL 401, MSL 402, MSL 499
Fall, Spring

MSL 210 (1) Army Physical Fitness
This class is open to all students. Please note, this is a physically demanding class. It is a comprehensive fitness program based on the latest military fitness techniques and principles. Students participate in and learn the components of an effective physical fitness program, with emphasis on the development of an individual fitness program and the role of exercise and fitness in one’s life. 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 MSL 403.

Fall, Spring

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ML 240 (3) Leadership & Decision Making
Explores the dimensions of creative and innovative tactical leadership strategies and styles by examining team dynamics and two historical leadership theories that form the basis of the Army leadership framework. Aspects of personal motivation and team building are practiced planning, executing and assessing team exercises.

Fall

ML 201 (2) Army Doctrine & Team Development
Examines the challenges of leading teams in the complex operational environment. The course highlights dimensions of terrain analysis, patrolling, and operation orders. Further study of the theoretical basis of the Army Leadership Requirements Model explores the dynamics of adaptive leadership in the context of military operations. Cadets develop greater self-awareness as they assess their own leadership styles and practice communication and team building skills.

Spring

ML 277 (3) Cadet Professional Development Training (CPDT)
This course is devoted to the study and practical application of the Army profession and Army leadership development through firsthand service with real Army units on actual Army installations. Qualified Cadets compete for selection to attend one of 23 separate Army courses. Note: selection is very competitive and each Army-sanctioned course is very rigorous. Once selected, Cadets hone their leadership and individual skills during two to four weeks of training and education. Possible courses include Airborne school, Air Assault school, Basic Camp, and Cadet Troop Leader Training.

Prerequisite: Limited to Cadets enrolled in Army ROTC

ML 299 (1-8) Individual Study
This independent study course requires prior coordination with instructor once registered. This course will focus on leader self-development projects and study, designed to develop leader competencies and attributes.

Fall, Spring

ML 301 (3) Training Management & the Warfighting Function
Cadets will study, practice, and apply the fundamentals of Army Leadership, Officership, Army Values and Ethics, Personal Development, and small unit tactics at the platoon level. At the conclusion of this course, Cadets will be capable of planning, coordinating, navigating, motivating and leading a squad and platoon in the execution of a mission during a classroom PE, a Leadership Lab, or during a Leader Training Exercise (LTX).

Fall

ML 302 (3) Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations
Continuation of MSL 301 course.

Spring Prerequisite: MSL 301

ML 366 (3) Advanced Camp
This course is a rigorous and demanding 32-day internship held at Fort Knox, KY and is designed to develop and evaluate leadership ability and determine preparedness to become a commissioned Army officer. Cadets train in physically and mentally challenging situations to include land navigation, tactics, physical training, and drill and ceremony.

Prerequisite: Limited to Cadets contracted with the US Army.

ML 401 (3) The Army Officer
An advanced course that places primary emphasis on Officership with our MS IV Cadets who are our educational main effort; MS 401 and 402 together refine and ultimately completes the Cadet-to-commissioned officer transition. In MS 401 Mission Command and ethics is stressed along to assist the Cadet in further embracing their future role as an Army officer.

Prerequisite: MSL 301, MSL 302

ML 402 (3) Company Grade Leadership
The culmination of a four-year sequential, progressive, challenging developmental leadership experience. It is during this final semester that the Cadet is undergoing final preparation for the duties and responsibilities of a commissioned officer along with their integration into the Army. The emphasis is placed on critical knowledge, skills, abilities and competencies skills newly commissioned officers will need as a 2LT.

Prerequisite: MSL 301, MSL 302

ML 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. All Cadets will take a physical fitness test prior to the end of the semester. Limited to ROTC Cadets who executed an enlistment contract with the U.S. Army.

Prerequisite: MSL 210

Fall, Spring

ML 498 (3) Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Internship
Students will develop cultural awareness and foreign language proficiency skills through a one-month summer overseas immersion experience to one of 42 different countries. Internship will expose the student to culture and will intensify language study, which helps produce commissioned officers who possess the right blend of language and cultural skills required to support global operations in the 21st Century. Internship will focus on one of three immersion opportunities: military-to-military exchange, governmental or English Instruction. (MUST BE A CONTRACT ROTC CADET TO PARTICIPATE)

ML 499 (1-8) Individual Study
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