

MILITARY SCIENCE - ROTC

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Department of Military Science at Slippery Rock University provides a program of leadership development which prepares college men and women for service as officers in the United States Army. After graduation, cadets serve as commissioned officers on Active Duty, or as an officer in an Army Reserve or National Guard. In order to accomplish this, the department:

- Prepares cadets to be commissioned as second lieutenants through a curriculum that develops leadership and management skills and provides opportunities to utilize these skills in a variety of practical applications.
- Provides an understanding of how to lead and influence small organizations, with a strong emphasis on personal integrity, ethical decision-making, goal setting and mission accomplishment.
- Offers adventure training, such as repelling, land navigation, marksmanship and for selected cadets, airborne and air-assault training and the opportunity to serve with active duty units worldwide during the summer.
- Provides programs and experiences which increase self-confidence, self-discipline, physical stamina, poise and other attributes essential to the development of a leader with character – one who is prepared to serve the Nation, the Commonwealth or both, in and out of uniform.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT

The general requirements for enrollment in Army ROTC stipulate that students be accepted as a regularly enrolled University student and be a citizen of the United States. Veterans and JROTC graduates may receive exemptions from the basic course as approved by the professor of military science.

For continuation in ROTC during junior and senior years, students must have at least a 2.5 GPA in their academic area, have successfully completed requirements for the basic course, pass a physical examination and be accepted by the professor of military science. Advance course students must agree in writing to complete their junior and senior years.

MINOR

- Leadership

FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

Military Science is divided into two parts: basic course and advanced course. The basic course is usually taken during the first two years of college and covers subjects including: customs, traditions, organizations of military service, national defense, military history and leadership development. All necessary ROTC textbooks, uniforms and other essential materials for the basic course are furnished. After completion of the basic course, students who have demonstrated the potential to become an officer and who have met the physical and scholastic standards are eligible to enroll in the advanced course. There is no military service obligation associated with any basic course electives. All electives earn academic credit.

TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

The two-year program is designed for juniors, community college graduates and students at four-year colleges who did not take ROTC during their first two years of school, or students entering a two-year, post-baccalaureate or graduate course of study. Students who have attended basic training/AIT also qualify.

To enter the two-year program, students must first attend a fully-paid, five-week leadership training course (LTC), usually offered during the summer between the sophomore and junior years of college. At LTC, students learn to challenge themselves physically and mentally and to build their confidence and self-respect. After they have successfully completed LTC, students who meet all necessary enrollment requirements may enroll in the advance course.

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Army ROTC strives to develop values-based graduates that offer expert leadership to the campus, the community and the Army. As such, we offer and encourage Cadets to participate in paid leadership and technical internships with a number of Army military school opportunities in Europe, South America, the Republic of Korea, Alaska, Hawaii and across the continental United States.

The internship track offers a myriad of opportunities for Cadets who seek additional training in specialized areas such as scientific application, engineering, nursing, medicine, intelligence, cultural awareness and language proficiency. The internship types, locations, and allocations change significantly from year to year. Cadet Command is increasing overseas opportunities focused on cultural awareness and language proficiency.

CADET ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING (CAIT)

The CAIT program includes training at Army schools and special courses for Air Assault, Basic Airborne, Mountain Warfare, Northern Warfare, Cadet Field Training at the United States Military Academy (West Point), Sandhurst Competition, Special Forces Combat Diver Qualification Course, Cadet Leadership Development (Infantry) at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, and University Officer Training Center in the United Kingdom.

Airborne School: A three-week course held at Fort Benning, Georgia. Cadets will learn how to successfully parachute from various Army and Air Force aircraft. At the end of the course, students make five static-line jumps onto Fryar Drop Zone and earn the coveted parachutist badge.

Air Assault School: Students learn how to hook objects like LMTV (Light Medium Tactical Vehicle), and Humvee (HMMWV-High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle), underneath hovering helicopters. The reward for 10 days of hard work is the coveted Air Assault Badge.

Mountain Warfare Training: A two-week school taught at Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vermont. The course covers rappelling, rock climbing, mountain survival, land navigation, first aid, and knots.

Northern Warfare Cadet Orientation Course: A three-week course held at Fort Greeley, Alaska. Cadets spend part of the summer climbing mountains and glaciers.



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Color Guard:

A hand-picked team of well-disciplined cadets who represent the Army and the University at sporting events and other University functions, while learning the storied history of the U.S. national and military flags and how to properly display and care for them.

Frontier Leadership Excellence Club:

A student organization open to any student who has completed at least one military science course and is interested in participating in and learning about leadership skills outside of the classroom

Ranger Challenge:

A physically demanding club comprised of cadets who train on a variety of military tasks and compete annually against 41 other colleges and universities from the northeast in the Freedom Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are two-year and three-year scholarships available to eligible students. Applications for these scholarships are available through ROTC enrollment.

Four-year scholarships are available to high school seniors through www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html.

All ROTC Scholarships cover 100% tuition and fees; or \$5,000 room and board per semester, plus \$600 per semester for books, and a \$420 per month stipend.

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