

Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps

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The Department of Military Science and Leadership offers courses that develop a student's ability to organize, motivate, and lead others. Although some military science graduates choose a career with the U.S. Army, many use their Army leadership and management experiences as a springboard for successful careers as entrepreneurs, corporate officers and managers, attorneys, and governmental executives. A variety of social and professional enrichment activities as well as adventure training opportunities are also available to students. Scholarships are available on a competitive basis.

The Army ROTC program is administratively located under the Director of Military Activities and is situated, for academic matters, within the Strome College of Business.

Mission

The mission of the Department of Military Science and Leadership is to commission the future officer leadership of the U.S. Army. The Old Dominion University Army ROTC program consists of structured study in the field of military science with the primary objective of developing leaders who will serve as commissioned officers in the U.S. Army Active and Reserve components. Students develop maturity, responsibility, and dependability while earning the Gold Bar of an Army Second Lieutenant.

Requirements

Army ROTC offers two different programs to all qualified university students. The traditional four-year program gives students the opportunity to take AROTC courses in each of their four years of college. The two-year program is available for any students who did not take ROTC during their first two years of college. There is no service obligation until students reach their junior year of college.

Four-Year Program

Basic Course

Military Science Level I:		
MSL 101+	Introduction to ROTC	1
or MSL 195	Independent Study of Selected Military Topics	
MSL 102+	Introduction to Leadership	1
or MSL 196	Independent Study of Selected Military Topics	
Military Science Level II:		2-6
Option 1:		
MSL 201+	Leadership Skills II	
or MSL 295	Independent Study of Selected Military Topics	
MSL 202+	Foundations of the Military Profession	
or MSL 296	Independent Study of Selected Military Topics	
Option 2:		
MSL 250+	Alternate Summer Training Program: Leaders Training Course (LTC)	

Advanced Course

Military Science Level III:		
MSL 301	Advanced Leadership Skills	3
or MSL 395	Independent Study	
MSL 302	Applied Leadership	3
or MSL 396	Independent Study	
MSL 311+	Advanced Leadership Skills III Lab	1
MSL 312+	Applied Leadership Lab	1
Military Science Level IV:		
MSL 401	Military Leadership and Management	3
or MSL 495	Independent Study	
MSL 402	Officership	3

or MSL 496	Independent Study	
MSL 411+	Senior Military Leadership and Management Laboratory	1
MSL 412+	Senior Leadership Laboratory	1
Total Credit Hours		20-24

Veterans and members of the Reserve or National Guard may be able to waive the Basic Course requirements.

Two-Year Program

MSL 250+ (Basic Camp Leader's Training Course) and the Advanced Course listed above. Attendance at Leader's Training Course (not to be confused with the Basic Training) satisfies the Basic Course requirements.

Additional Requirements

Scholarships

Students may compete for four-, three-, and two-year scholarships that pay full tuition and gradually increasing stipend and book allowance annually. Nursing scholarships are plentiful for qualified applicants.

Summer Training

Students may compete for Airborne, Air Assault, and other training during the summer. Third-year ROTC students may compete for Cadet Troop Leadership slots to various locations in the United States and overseas. All Advanced Course cadets attend the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) before or after their senior year.