

**MILITARY SCIENCE  
(MSC) 516**

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**Military Science Program**

**General Department Information**

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is designed to be completed concurrently with the student’s academic degree. Students can complete the first two years of ROTC with absolutely no military service obligation. Veterans, National Guardsmen, Army Reservists, and students who complete a four week leadership course at Fort Knox, Kentucky receive constructive credit for the first two years (6 credit hours) of ROTC, and can complete the ROTC program in as few as two school years.

Freshman through senior ROTC courses are offered every semester. These academic courses progress from introducing the student to the Army’s mission and organization, studying leadership principles and traits, to teaching students the duties and responsibilities required of officers in the twenty-first century. Each class has a leadership laboratory that meets once a week. At lab, freshmen through senior students train on basic military skills and receive the opportunity to develop leadership skills through hands-on application. Some of the skills learned during lab include rappelling, water survival training, rifle marksmanship, first aid and CPR, map reading and land navigation, and basic tactics.

Enrolled students in the ROTC program will also have the opportunity to compete for and participate in cultural exchange programs, military internships, and professional internships with several government agencies in the varying fields such as criminal justice, nursing, and information technology.

In addition to regular on-campus training and activities, ROTC offers exciting and challenging weekend field training exercises during the school year. Trips include a staff ride, an orientation visit to Fort Knox, Kentucky,

and trips to local National Guard training areas to practice marksmanship, land navigation, and tactical skills.

**FINANCIAL AID**

Military Science students can receive outstanding financial aid through Federal and State Army ROTC scholarships.

Federal ROTC scholarships are awarded for a four, three, or two-year period. Students compete at the national level for these scholarships. Each scholarship can pay up to the full tuition and fees each semester, provides a book allowance of \$1,200 a year, and a tax free monthly living allowance of \$300 for freshmen to \$500 for seniors, depending on scholarship status.

State ROTC tuition waivers are awarded by the Professor of Military Science at Illinois State University. The Redbird Battalion awards up to forty of these scholarships each semester to students in the ROTC program.

**EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES**

Several clubs complement the ROTC academic curriculum, and help students enjoy their college experience more.

Ranger Club trains intensively on military skills such as land navigation, patrolling, and rappelling. They sponsor the annual Ranger Challenge competition in which a group of ten cadets are tested on individual and team military skills. The Illinois State University Ranger Challenge team competes with other university ROTC Ranger Challenge teams from around the geographical region in an intercollegiate competition.

Rifle Club fires .22 caliber and precision air rifles weekly at an indoor rifle range. They also participate in marksmanship competitions with other university ROTC programs during the school year, with the opportunity to compete at the National Collegiate level.

The Redbird Color Guard presents the national colors at home football and basketball games, as well as other local community events.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Students who complete the ROTC program receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army after graduation. The student has the option of serving in the National Guard or

Army Reserve as a part time career, or on active duty in the Regular Army as a full time profession. ROTC graduates can also receive a minor in Military Science by applying through the Military Science Department.

Lieutenants in the Army lead soldiers, while managing equipment, vehicle fleets, and financial resources. New lieutenants are routinely put in charge of and lead groups of up to fifty soldiers shortly after college graduation.

Officer career specialties in the Army are as diverse as those found in the civilian sector. Some of the seventeen specialties students can request as an Army officer include: Engineering, Personnel Management, Nursing, Signal Corps, Finance, Transportation, Medical Service Corps, Military Police, and Aviation. Except for the health professions, an officer's specialty in the Army does not have to be related to his or her academic degree in college.

New lieutenants who go into the Regular Army serve on active duty for three or four years, and may then transfer into the reserves. Lieutenants commissioned in the National Guard or Army Reserve can opt to serve their entire tour in the Reserves.

### **MINOR IN MILITARY SCIENCE**

Admission into the Military Science Minor program is by permission of the Department Chairperson following a special interview concerning eligibility and entry requirements. Interested students should make arrangements for an interview as early as possible but not later than the second semester of their sophomore year.

—35 hours required.

—Prerequisites (4 hours): MSC 111 and 112; or satisfactory completion of Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Leadership Training Course (may be taken for credit as MSC 203); or proficiency as approved by the Military Science Department Chairperson.

—Required courses (12 hours): MSC 220, 221, 240, 241.

—History (3 hours): HIS 278 or 279.

—Written Communications (3 hours): ENG 145, 247 or 249.

—Human Behavior (3 hours): PSY 110 or

111 (4 hours); or SOC 106.

—Computer Literacy (3 hours): IT 140, 150, or 155.

—Math Reasoning (3 hours): MAT 113, 120, or 121.

—Physical Education (4 hours): KNR 146.

### **Military Science Courses**

#### **101 INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP: INDIVIDUAL EFFECTIVENESS**

**1 sem. hr.**

Introduction to leadership from perspective of the member of an effective organization. Self-enhancement skills such as time management techniques, problem solving and decision-making processes, and health enrichment actions. May not be taken as a P/NP (Passing/Not Passing) course option.

#### **102 INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP: TEAMWORK**

**1 sem. hr.**

Basic leadership fundamentals, principles, and experiences. Relevant for all organizational leaders. Purpose is to examine how the individual organizational member and the team are affected by leaders and leadership decisions. May not be taken as a P/NP (Passing/Not Passing) course option.

#### **111 APPLIED LEADERSHIP II**

**2 sem. hrs.**

Examines leadership within military organizations and structure. Introduces map reading fundamentals and application of land navigation principles using the lensatic compass and terrain association. Provides opportunities to exercise leadership skills to meet established goals and objectives within specific time constraints. May not be taken as a P/NP (Passing/Not Passing) course option.

#### **112 APPLIED LEADERSHIP**

**2 sem. hrs.**

Provides more in-depth and critical assessment of leadership within American society. Students are challenged to learn and apply leadership principles. Group research projects designed to research, examine, and analyze leaders and leadership within community context. May not be taken as a P/NP (Passing/Not Passing) course option.

**200 LEADERSHIP LABORATORY**

**0 sem. hr.**

Provides development by practical application of the student's leadership skills through progressive training, planning, execution, and assessment. Prerequisite: Concurrent registration in AROTC Basic or Advanced Courses.

**220 ADVANCED LEADERSHIP AND TACTICS I**

**3 sem. hrs.**

Provides general knowledge and understanding of advanced leadership principles, small unit offensive operations, land navigation, and the operating systems. May not be taken as a P/NP (Passing/Not Passing) course option. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.

**221 ADVANCED LEADERSHIP AND TACTICS II**

**3 sem. hrs.**

Provides knowledge and understanding of advanced combat leadership techniques, small unit defensive operations, patrolling, and land navigation. May not be taken as a P/NP (Passing/Not Passing) course option. Prerequisites: Registration in AROTC and MSC 220 or consent of the instructor.

**240 ADVANCED APPLIED LEADERSHIP I**

**3 sem. hrs.**

Fundamental concepts of military justice; principles of court-martial and non-judicial punishment; staff principles and procedures in the Army organizational structure. Part I of a two-semester capstone experience prior to commissioning. May not be taken as a P/NP (Passing/Not Passing) course option. Prerequisite: Registration in AROTC Advanced Course or consent of the instructor.

**241 ADVANCED APPLIED LEADERSHIP II**

**3 sem. hrs.**

Introduction to professionalism and military professional responsibility. Provides students with a capstone experience in leadership studies before their transition to officership. May not be taken as a P/NP (Passing/Not Passing) course option. Prerequisite: Registration in AROTC Advanced Course or consent of the instructor.

**242 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT**

**6 sem. hrs.**

Instruction and practical application in field training, demonstration of leadership capabilities, and leadership opportunities of problem analysis, decision making, and troop-leading. Training is presented off campus at Fort Knox, NY. CR/NC only. Prerequisite: Registration in a ROTC Advanced Course.