Military Science/Army ROTC

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Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program

Requirements for Admission

Basic Course

All Military Science courses offered as part of the basic course are eligible for elective credit toward graduation. Course work consists of leadership development, time management, planning, physical fitness, life skills, self-confidence, and Army values. **Students do not incur any military service obligation for enrollment in the Basic Course.**

Advanced Course

The two-year advanced course is selective and elective, in that any qualified student may apply for admission. The application requires the approval of the Professor of Military Science. Qualified students will have the following prerequisites for advance course enrollment: at least two years of college remaining; maintain a 2.0 or better grade point average; complete the basic course or qualify by prior military training; and are physically qualified. The advanced course leads to a commission as an officer in the United States Army Reserve, Regular Army, or National Guard and is pursued under a written agreement with the Department of the Army. Advanced-course contract students are paid approximately $9,000 for the two-year course, which includes attendance at the ROTC Advanced Camp.

Two-Year Program

Students transferring to or currently enrolled at Tarleton, who cannot complete the Basic Course prior to becoming academic juniors or graduate students with at least two years remaining, may qualify to enter the advanced course by successfully completing a four-week Basic Course, conducted each summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Academic credit, travel, and pay are granted to students attending the course. Submit applications for course attendance to the Department of Military Science by April 15.

Credit for Previous Military Training

Students with previous military training may qualify for placement directly into an advanced course. The Professor of Military Science determines the placement for each student requesting this classification. To receive placement into an advanced course, a qualified student will have four academic semesters remaining for degree completion and an overall 2.0 grade point average.

Veterans

Students who have prior military service may be eligible for advanced placement.

National Guard/Reserves

Students who are currently members of the United States Army Reserves or the Army National Guard are eligible for advanced placement under the Simultaneous Membership Program.

Military Science Leadership Laboratory

Practical application of classroom instruction emphasizing military small unit tactics, water survival, orienteering, physical fitness, and basic military skills. Participating students are provided all uniforms and equipment.

Special Programs

Basic Camp

Cadet Basic Camp is the premier leadership program of its kind in the United States. An intense four-week introduction to Army life and leadership training of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the aim of the course is to motivate and qualify Cadets for entry into the Senior ROTC program. Basic Camp is designed for college students, typically between their sophomore and junior years. Upon successful completion of the course, graduates can take part in ROTC at their college as a third-year student in the four-year program. While attending Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Cadets gain an experience that runs the gamut of Army life and the responsibilities of being an officer. The course instills confidence and decision-making abilities to become a leader, in the Army and in life. Prerequisite: Approval of department head.

Cadet Advance Camp

The purpose of the course is to train U.S. Army ROTC Cadets to Army standards, to develop their leadership skills, and to evaluate their officer potential. Most Army Cadets attend Advanced Camp between their junior and senior undergraduate years after having contracted to join the Army. The 38-day course starts with individual training and leads to collective training, building from simple to complex tasks. This building-block approach permits integration of previously-learned skills into follow-on training. This logical, common sense training sequence is maintained for each training cycle. Every day at Advanced Camp is a day of training. Successful completion of Advanced Camp is a prerequisite to becoming an Army officer through ROTC. Prerequisite: MLSC 3301 Training Management and the Warfighting Functions Training Management and the Warfighting Functions and MLSC 3302 Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations, or approval of department head.

Cadet Practical Field Training

The CPFT program includes summer training at Army Schools for Air Assault, Basic Airborne, Mountain Warfare, Northern Warfare, Sapper (Combat Engineer), Nursing, and Special Forces Combat Diver Qualification Course. Other summer training includes special courses such as Cadet Field Training at the United States Military Academy Cadet Leadership Development (Infantry) and University Officer Training Center in the United Kingdom.

Ranger Challenge

An adventure-oriented organization designed to develop leadership qualities, self-discipline, self-confidence, and resourcefulness through small unit tactics and inter-collegiate military skills competition. Members participate in several field training exercises during the semester. Open to all interested and qualified students with at least a 2.5 GPA.

Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT)

The Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) track provides Cadets the opportunity to experience leadership in Army units over a three to four-week period during the summer. Cadets serve in lieutenant-level leadership positions in active duty units. The duration of Platoon Leader positions depends on the hosting unit and location. Assignments include units that are located CONUS and OCONUS. Cadets are assigned a unit mentor, and are provided on-post lodging and meals via a Dining Facility. This program is exclusively designed for MS III Cadets before and after completion of Advanced Camp.

Cadet Internships

Internships provide MSL I, II and III Cadets with an opportunity to exercise specialized language, technical or research skills. Internships range from three to eight weeks long. Cadets receive an Officer Evaluation Report upon completing the internship. Cadets who wish to participate in any internship must meet application requirements, submit an application packet and receive approval. Applications are due Fall of Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years. Only Cadets approved by their professor of military science and meeting all application requirements—academics, physical fitness scores, and personal statements—at the time of application will be considered for internships. Internship applications are specialized to each program offered. Timelines for submission may vary for some internships.

ROTC Scholarships

Competitive two-year, three-year, and four-year scholarships, which pay all tuition, laboratory fees, textbooks, and other required academic expenses or room and board, are available. All contracted Cadets receive a monthly stipend of $420 during the academic year. Additional scholarship funds are available through the Tarleton Corps of Cadets for qualified students based on merit and performance. Historically, qualified students receive an additional $700-$1,000 per semester. Students can apply these funds towards room and board, tuition, or spend at their discretion.

Military Science Minor

A student can achieve a minor in Military Science by completing 18 hours of Military Science, military history and related courses with at least 6 hours being advanced. The Professor of Military Science (PMS) must approve the coursework. ***To be eligible to enroll in any of these classes, a student must be a member of the Texan Corps of Cadets***. See University Standard Administrative Procedure 13.99.99.t0.01 (6.1).

Military Science Minor Requirements

Choose from the following: (6 hours must be advanced)		18
MLSC 1201	Introduction to the Army	
MLSC 1202	Foundations of Agile and Adaptive Leadership	
MLSC 2301	Leadership and Decision Making	
MLSC 2302	Army Doctrine and Team Development	
MLSC 3301	Training Management and the Warfighting Functions	
MLSC 3302	Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations	
MLSC 4086	Independent Study	
MLSC 4301	The Army Officer	
MLSC 4302	Company Grade Leadership	
HIST 3317	U.S. Military History	
Other courses as advised by the PMS		