Army ROTC: WVU Division of Military Science

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Nature of the Program

The curriculum includes the skills expected of a U.S. Army officer, including how to motivate co-workers, cope with unexpected challenges, organize large, complex tasks, and an introduction to the army’s values-based leadership techniques. Additionally, students learn skills in demand today in the civilian and business worlds such as teamwork, tact, and effective communications. There are two- and four-year ROTC programs. The traditional four-year program is composed of the Basic Course and the Advanced Course.

The Basic Course

The first two years compose the Basic Course. This includes:

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These courses involve classroom studies in such subjects as military history, leadership development, and national defense. Students can enroll in the program for the first two years without incurring any future military obligation. However, students who desire to make a commitment to obtain a U.S. Army commission at graduation can commit as early as their sophomore year, compete for an ROTC contract, and receive a tax-free monthly stipend of $350 per month as a contracted cadet. After successful completion of the Basic Course, students can apply for admission into the Advanced Course.

*MILS 101 is an approved First Year Seminar Course. First semester freshman and anyone needing First Year Seminar Credit may take the course. The course is composed of Army ROTC and other topics that prepare students for a successful transition from high school to college. Resumes, interviews, and working as part of a small group will be covered extensively.

The Advanced Course

After successful completion of the Basic Course, students wishing to earn a commission as an officer in the U.S. Army must enter the Advanced Course. It is required for all contracted cadets and students who have received an ROTC scholarship. Classes required are:

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Approved Military History Course (HIST 210, 256, 453, 460 or 465)

Weekly Leadership Lab

During this part of the program, students will put their management and leadership skills to the test while continuing to hone the traits required for commissioning into the U.S. Army. As a cadet in the Advanced Course, you will spend approximately five weeks of the summer between your junior and
senior years attending the Cadet Leader Course (CLC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. At this course, students receive intensive training in leadership, basic tactics, physical fitness, land navigation, negotiating a confidence obstacle course, and rappelling. They also have the opportunity to lead other cadets through challenging military missions.

While enrolled in the program, ROTC textbooks, uniforms, and essential materials are furnished at no cost. Additionally, Advanced Course students receive a tax-free monthly stipend allowance of $450 per month as a junior and $500 per month as a senior during the school year.

**Leadership Laboratory**

Leadership laboratory is conducted two hours per week every Thursday afternoon throughout the student’s enrollment in Army ROTC. Instruction is conducted in an organized cadet corps with a progression of experiences designed to develop each student’s leadership potential.

Leadership laboratory involves the practical application of leadership lessons taught during classroom instruction. The leadership laboratories involve application of field craft, drill and ceremonies, physical fitness, rappelling, rifl marksmanship, team and leadership exercises, and career opportunities. Leadership lab is required for all recipients of an Army ROTC Scholarship and contracted cadets.

**Military Science Minor**

**MINOR CODE - U041**

Students enrolled in the Army ROTC program may receive a military science minor by completing the advanced courses listed below. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required in these courses.

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**Total Hours**: 15

**The Two-Year Program**

(Sophomores, Junior College Transfers, and Partnership Schools)

If students miss the first two years of Army ROTC, the two-year program offers the opportunity to achieve the same goals and benefits as the four-year program, but at an accelerated pace. This is designed for sophomores who were unable to take the Basic Course, students transferring after attending a junior college or another institution, or for students attending one of our partnership schools. In this program, students first attend the Army ROTC basic Leader’s Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in the summer between their sophomore and junior years. This is a fully paid (over $700 plus room, board, and transportation), four-week training camp designed to be an accelerated version of the two years of leadership development training cadets receive during their first two years of Army ROTC. The course is broken into four phases where cadets begin physical training, drill and ceremonies, team development, combat water survival, and land navigation. Upon graduation from LTC, students may compete for two-year scholarships. Students must have a minimum of 59 hours of college credit with a 2.0 GPA (2.5 to compete for a scholarship). Those cadets who successfully complete LTC and contract may be eligible to receive a $5,000.00 incentive bonus.

Additionally, if a student is currently in the National Guard (Army or Air Force), U.S. Army Reserve, a Veteran from any service, has two years of Senior ROTC (SROTC) experience from another service, or has High School Junior ROTC (JROTC) experience of three years or more, he or she may qualify for entry into the Advanced Course under the two-year program. Students must have a minimum of 59 hours of college credit with a 2.0 (or better) GPA.

**Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)**

Students currently in the Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve can participate in the Advanced Course as an SMP cadet. Benefits of the SMP include immediate promotion to sergeant (E5) for pay purposes in their current unit, receipt of any Montgomery G.I. Bill kicker, $350 to $500 monthly tax-free stipend, and any tuition assistance offered by the service. Currently the West Virginia National Guard pays 100% of in-state or out-of-state tuition for either undergraduate or graduate studies. The U.S. Army Reserve offers loan repayment and 75% tuition assistance.

Information on these programs may be obtained through the Mountaineer Battalion webpage at http://armyrotc.wvu.edu or the Professor of Military Science (PMS) at (304) 293-2911 x 33135.

For a detailed overview of Army ROTC, students can call 1-800-USA-ROTC or view online at: http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.
Judge Advocate General (JAG) Programs

The JAG Corps is the oldest “law firm” in the U.S., dating back to 1775. There are approximately 1,500 active duty (full-time) attorneys and 2,600 Reserve and National Guard (part-time) attorneys. Students in the Advanced Course should take the LSAT prior to the fall of their senior year. They must then request an educational delay and branch JAG. If accepted to the law school of the student’s choice, the educational delay may be granted. While in law school, students may apply for one of 100 summer internships offered by the JAG Corps.

Graduate Medical Programs

The Army offers a variety of graduate programs to ROTC graduates. These include specialties in nursing, dentistry, medicine, psychology, optometry, and veterinary medicine. Interested students must apply for educational delay following graduation and commissioning.

ROTC Scholarship Program

In addition to world-class leadership training, Army ROTC also offers generous scholarships to qualified students. These scholarships are based solely on the student’s merits, not financial needs. These merit-based scholarships are available for two, two and a half, three, three and a half, and four years and are available for both graduate and undergraduate programs. These scholarships pay full tuition and fees each year. They also provide $600 per semester for books and include a $300 to $500 per month tax-free stipend, for up to 10-months a year (during the academic school year). Four-year scholarships are normally reserved for applicants who are high school seniors. The application process starts by applying online at: http://www.goarmy.com/rotc or by calling: 1-800-USA-ROTC to receive an application by mail. The remaining scholarships are considered campus-based scholarships given at the discretion of the professor of military science.

Students must meet the following requirements for a four-year Army ROTC scholarship:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be between the ages of 17 and 26
- Have a high school cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5
- Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 on the ACT (excluding the required writing test scores)
- Meet the physical standards
- Be of good moral character
- Exhibit a strong desire to become an Army officer
- Possess leadership potential to become an effective leader. These include appearance, personality, academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and physical fitness
- Be medically qualified by passing a Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Board health physical and eye exam
- Must be eligible for a secret security clearance

Students must meet the following requirements for a three-and-a half, three, two-and-a half and two-year scholarships:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be between the ages of 17 and 27
- Have a college grade point average of at least 2.5
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Meet the physical standards
- Be of good moral character
- Exhibit a strong desire to become an Army officer. Possess leadership potential to become an effective leader. These include appearance, personality, academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and physical fitness
- Be medically qualified by passing a Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Board health physical and eye exam
- Must be eligible for a secret security clearance

Army ROTC Nursing Program

Being an Army nurse is one of the most rewarding careers imaginable. Army nurses are officers—and as such are highly respected professionals. They have the opportunity to assume leadership positions in a hospital setting far more quickly than those working in the private sector. They also have the personal satisfaction of caring for the men and women who defend our freedom.

The Army ROTC program offers some unique hands-on opportunities for nursing students that are not available anywhere else. With the Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP), Army ROTC nurse cadets have the opportunity for a paid, three-week assignment to army hospitals throughout the United States and Germany. While participating in the program, cadets are introduced to the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) and to the roles and responsibilities of an army nurse corps officer. Cadets gain hands-on experience, under the guidance of an experienced army nurse, allowing them to hone their clinical skills and become comfortable with developing their professional skills as a member of the U.S. Army Healthcare Team. For more information go online to: http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/nurse_program.jsp.
Army ROTC Nursing Scholarships

Army ROTC offers qualified undergraduate nursing students two-, three-, and four-year scholarships. These scholarships are merit-based and are awarded to those who possess a strong record of academic achievement and who demonstrate that they have the potential to become leaders. These scholarships defray the full cost of tuition and provide a tax-free allowance for books and necessary materials. Additionally, those awarded an Army ROTC nursing scholarship are eligible to receive a tax-free stipend up to $500 per month, to help defray living expenses, for up to ten months of the academic year. The scholarships would pay full in-state or out-of-state tuition and fees. There will also be incentive items given during their junior and senior years. The nursing scholarship will also cover the cost of the NCLEX review course as well as the cost of the NCLEX test.

Additional Opportunities

Students enrolled in the Army ROTC program can participate in numerous fully funded military training opportunities during their summer breaks. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Mountain Warfare School, Pentagon Internship Program, and the Nurse Summer Training Program. There are also opportunities to study abroad through numerous fellowship programs.