Military Science Non-Degree

Non-Degree Requirements: 15-32 Credit Hours

U. S. Army Reserve Officer Training Program Overview

The Department of Military Science is a Senior Division Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Instructor Group staffed by Army personnel. The department provides a curriculum that qualifies the college graduate for a commission as an officer in the U. S. Army, U. S. Army Reserve or the Army National Guard. Enrollment is open to all students. The ROTC program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and practical experience in leadership and management that will be useful in any facet of society. Additionally, each student is provided with a working knowledge of the organization and function of the Department of Defense and the role of the U. S. Army in national security and world affairs. The ROTC program is divided into two main phases: the Basic Course, which is normally pursued during the freshman and sophomore years, and the Advanced Course, which is taken during the junior, senior or graduate years.

Basic Course Description

The Military Science Basic Course teaches the organization and roles of the U. S. Army and introduces essential background knowledge of customs and traditions, leadership, map reading, small unit organization, and marksmanship. These courses have the objective of developing the student’s leadership, confidence, self-discipline, integrity, and sense of responsibility. There is no obligation to continue in ROTC as a result of taking any Basic Course classes. Additionally, all students in the Basic Course are required to participate in physical training. Physical training is conducted Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 0600 - 0700 hours.

Credit Hours

Basic Course

Students may take four 2-credit hour courses (8 Credit Hours) or MSCI 2731 - Basic Military Skills Practicum (3) or a combination of the two in order to receive Basic Course credit hour.

Basic Course Requirements (8 Credit Hours)

- MSCI/KINS 1510 Mountaineering
- MSCI 1111 Introduction to Military Science
- MSCI 1122 Basic Military Leadership
- MSCI 2121 Basic Military Skills
- MSCI 2122 Basic Military Tactics

Basic Military Skills Practicum (3 Credit Hours)

- MSCI 2731 Basic Military Skills Practicum (Basic Camp) (registration optional)

The Leadership Training Course is offered for those students who have not met the Basic Course requirements and desire to enroll in the Advance Course program. This course is currently conducted at Fort Knox, Kentucky during the summer. Students may earn three credit hours for attending this course through registration at the Registrar’s Office upon completion of the course and coordination through the Military Science Department. Students attending this camp are paid and given travel allowance from their home to camp and back.

Advanced Course Description

The Military Science Advanced Course is taken during the junior/senior or graduate years. Students learn land navigation, communications, small unit tactics, patrolling, military management, staff operations, logistics, army administration, military law, ethics, and the Army system and culture. Additionally, students must satisfy Professional Military Education (PME) requirements with courses in the following areas: communications skills, computer literacy, and military history. Students must meet eligibility requirements and sign a contract for commissioning with the U. S. Army. The general objective of these courses is to produce junior officers who will be the future officer leadership of the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, or the Army National Guard. Contracted Advanced Course students are required to attend the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), normally between their junior and senior academic years. This course is mandatory for all students seeking a commission in the U.S. Army but registration for university credit hour is optional. Students attending this camp are paid and given travel allowance from their home to camp and back. Students may earn three credit hours for attending this course through registration at the Registrar’s office upon completion of the course and coordination through the Military Science Department.

Credit Hours

Advanced Course (12 Credit Hours)

- MSCI 3131 Advanced Tactics and Applied Leadership I
- MSCI 3132 Advanced Tactics and Applied Leadership II
- MSCI 4131 Military Leadership and Management Seminar
- MSCI 4132 Transition to Lieutenant

Advanced Military Skills Practicum (3 Credit Hours)

- MSCI 3731 Advanced Military Skills Practicum (Advanced Camp) (registration optional - This course is mandatory for all students seeking a commission in the U.S. Army but registration for university credit hour is optional.)

The ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) or operation WARRIOR FORGE is the most important training event for an Army ROTC Cadet. The 32-day training event incorporates a wide range of subjects designed to develop and evaluate leadership ability. The challenges are rigorous and demanding, both mentally and physically. WARRIOR FORGE tests intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and stamina. These challenges provide a new perspective on an individual’s ability to perform exacting tasks and to make difficult decisions in demanding situations. This course is mandatory for all students wishing to seek a commission in the U.S. Army but registration is not required. Students may earn three credit hours for attending this course through registration at the Registrar’s Office upon completion of the course and coordination through the Military Science Department. Students attending this camp are paid and given travel allowance from their home to camp and back.

Program Admission Criteria

All students entering the GSU Military Science courses must have a statement from a physician attesting that the student is capable of participating in physical activities. This statement must be no more than one-year old from time of entry. Students in the Basic Course can obtain this medical statement from Health Services on campus. Students interested in earning a commission in the U.S. Army and enrolling in the
Advanced Course require a Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board physical, must be an academic junior or higher, have a GPA of 2.0 or better, have an SAT score of 920 or higher or an ACT score 19, be a U.S. citizen, have no moral obligations or personal conviction preventing service, satisfactorily explain any record of arrest and/or civil conviction, be a high school graduate or possess an equivalent certificate, pass the Army Physical Fitness Test and must demonstrate a potential for further leadership development. Additionally, Veterans, JROTC graduates (with at least four years of high school JROTC), and students who have completed military science courses in the military preparatory schools and junior colleges are eligible for advanced placement and are not required to participate in the Basic Course.

Other Program Requirements

(9 credit hours)

Professional Military Education (PME) requirements are for students seeking a commission in the U.S. Army. Students must take 3 credit hours in each area with a preference in American Military History (HIST 3230) for seeking a commission in the U.S. Army. Students must take 3 credit hours to sign the CC Form 139-R, Cadet Enrollment Record, and therefore must register and complete the following courses for a participating student to receive a Minor in Military Science. In order to be determined to be eligible for the PME program, a student must meet the requirements set by the school authorities.

1. Subsistence allowance. (See para 3–30b in CC Pam 145-4/AR 145-1.)
2. Participation in the ROTC Scholarship Program.
3. Commissioning credit hour, except immigrant alien students. Conditional students will be given credit hour for that part of the course successfully completed upon change to enrolled status. (See para 3–30b in CC Pam 145-4/AR 145-1.)
4. Participation in any physical training, labs, field training exercises or any events outside the classroom. These students are also not authorized to wear the Army uniform or receive any issue of such from the ROTC Department.

- ROTC students completing the course of instruction in a non-enrolled status are ineligible for appointment as commissioned officers. Although immigrant aliens may be authorized to participate in the SROTC Program, if properly qualified, they must be advised that:
  2. Effective 1 January 1988, HQDA policy requires the possession of a SECRET security clearance, based on a National Agency Check (NAC) to be eligible for appointment.
  3. These two requirements must be met by graduation.
  4. Participants who do not meet these requirements by graduation will not be retained as a participating member of the ROTC program. (No waiver of these requirements will be granted.) Immigrant alien graduates who have otherwise fulfilled commissioning requirements may apply for direct commissioning once DOD requirements are met. Only conditional students and participating immigrant alien students may be presented a DA Form 134 (Military Training Certificate Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) after successfully completing all or part of the SROTC Program. When the student is issued the certificate it will be annotated to reflect that the certificate does not entitle the student to a commission.

- No student, except those in the alien student category, will be authorized to wear the ROTC uniform if denied enrollment into the ROTC because of failure to sign the loyalty oath.
- Applicability of academic credit hour and other school policies concerning participation in the ROTC program for these categories will be determined by school authorities.
- An immigrant alien who is also a member of the Reserve Components is not eligible to enroll in the advanced course or to participate in the program with this status.

Minor in Military Science Requirements

(15 Credit Hours)

The following courses are required for a Minor in Military Science. In order for a participating student to receive a Minor in Military Science, he or she must register and complete the following courses:

- ROTC participating students are ineligible for:

| Credit Hours | MSCI 3131 Advanced Tactics and Applied Leadership I | 3 |
| Credit Hours | MSCI 3132 Advanced Tactics and Applied Leadership II | 3 |
| Credit Hours | MSCI 4131 Military Leadership and Management Seminar | 3 |
| Credit Hours | MSCI 4132 Transition to Lieutenant | 3 |
| Credit Hours | HIST 3136 U.S. as a Global Power | 3 |

Military History (3 Credit Hours)

Select one of the following:

| Credit Hours | HIST 3230 American Military History (preferred) or MSCI 4890 Military Science Independent Study | 3 |
Additional Minor requirement

All students participating in the minor program for Military Science must participate in all weekly physical fitness activities, successfully pass the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) in accordance with FM 21-20 standards, meet all height and weight requirements in accordance with AR 600-9, participate fully in weekly labs, and successfully complete two weekend field training exercises each semester.

Program Options, Obligation, Financial Assistance, Scholarships and Books, Uniforms and Supplies

Two Year Program Versus The Four Year Program

The ROTC program is designed as a 4-year course of study. However, students who are not eligible for advanced placement and who have not completed the Basic Course program may still become qualified for the advanced program. They must satisfactorily complete a Leader Training Course, four weeks duration, during the summer between their sophomore and junior years. Students attending this Leader Training Course at a regular army post are paid and given a travel allowance from their home to camp and return. Leader Training Course can count for 3 general credit hours. Students who have participated in four years of JROTC or are an Eagle Scout meet the requirements of the Basic Course.

- **Obligation**: Once a student is contracted, he or she will incur an eight year Military Service Obligation (MSO). The cadet may elect to serve his/her MSO either on Active Duty, the National Guard or the Army Reserves. Active duty requires a minimum of four years active duty and four years Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR). The National Guard and Reserves requires eight years drill status (one weekend a month/two weeks a year) for the entire MSO. All cadets will incur an eight-year military service obligation whether they elect to go active duty, Reserve duty or National Guard.

- **Financial Assistance**: All contracted cadets are paid a subsistence allowance (Stipend) of $300- $500 per month based on college standing for up to 10 months per year. This is subject to change yearly.

- **Scholarship Program**: Each year the U.S. Army awards two, three, and four year scholarships to outstanding young men and women contracted in the ROTC program. In most cases, the Army pays the tuition or room and board and required fees incurred by the scholarship student. The scholarship will cover up to $20,000 per year. Scholarship winners also receive an allowance for books of $1200 per year. Individuals desiring to compete for two and three year scholarships should apply to the Army Military Science Department at Georgia Southern University. Some students who are enrolled in highly technical academic discipline programs and who qualify for Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship benefits may be required to take an academic course load that will necessitate more than four academic years of study prior to graduation. It is possible to extend the Army Scholarships benefit to cover this additional period. ROTC students successfully completing the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) may compete for civilian sponsored Scholarships awarded during their senior year. National winners receive $1500 and regional winners receive $1000. Contact the Georgia Southern University Department of Military Science at (912) 478-0040 for further information.

- **Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Uniform, Books, And Supplies**: Students enrolling in the Army ROTC program will be issued U.S. Army uniforms, most ROTC required books, and supplies by the Military Science Department. Uniforms and equipment must be returned before commissioning or upon disenrollment from the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Advisement

Department of Military Science, Military Science Building, (912) 478-5320. Students will complete a CC 104R that will map out their college courses until graduation.