

MILITARY SCIENCE (ARMY ROTC)

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ARMY ROTC PROGRAM

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Qualifications

The general qualifications for entry into the ROTC Program are as follows: (a) United States citizenship; (b) meeting college entrance medical standards; © good moral character; and (d) being enrolled as a full-time student at UNCP.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Army ROTC Program are to attract, motivate, and prepare selected students to serve as commissioned officers in the active or reserve components of the Army; to provide a practical understanding of the concepts and principles of military science; to develop a strong sense of duty, honor, and country; to promote teamwork and individual fitness; and to develop an understanding of and appreciation for international relations and national security. Attainment of these objectives prepares students for commissioning, and establishes a solid foundation of their professional development and effective performance in the uniformed services or in civilian enterprise.

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COURSES (MSC)

BASIC COURSES

MSC 1010. Leadership and Personal Development

MSC 1010 introduces cadets to the personal challenges and competencies that are critical for effective leadership. Cadets learn how the personal development of life skills such as goal setting, time management, physical fitness, and stress management relate to leadership, officership, and the Army profession. Focus is placed on developing basic knowledge and comprehension of Army Leadership Dimensions while gaining a big picture understanding of the ROTC program, its purpose in the Army, and its advantages for the student. Credit, 1 semester hour.

MSC 1020. Foundation in Leadership

MSC 1020 overviews leadership fundamentals such as setting direction, problem-solving, listening, presenting briefs, providing feedback, and using effective writing skills. Cadets explore dimensions of leadership values, attributes, skills, and actions in the context of practical, hands-on, and interactive exercises. Continued emphasis is placed on recruitment and retention of cadets. Cadre role models and the building of stronger relationships among the cadets through common experience and practical interaction are critical aspects of the MSC 1020 experience. 1 hour lab per week and 1 hour lecture. Credit, 1 semester hour.

MSC 1800. Military Physical Training (PED 1800)

Taught by a military instructor. Students may use MSC 1800 as an alternate to 1010 or 1020.

MSC 2010. Innovative Tactical Leadership

MSC 2010 explores the dimensions of creative and innovative tactical leadership strategies and styles by studying historical case studies and engaging in interactive student exercises. Cadets practice aspects of personal motivation and team building in the context of planning, executing, and assessing team exercises. Focus is on continued development of the knowledge of leadership values and attributes through an understanding of rank, uniform, customs, and courtesies. Leadership case studies provide tangible context for learning the Soldier's Creed and Warrior Ethos. 1 hour lab per week and two hours lecture. Credit, 3 semester hours.

MSC 2020. Leadership in Changing Environments

MSC 2020 examines the challenges of leading in complex contemporary operational environments. Dimensions of the cross-cultural challenges of leadership in a constantly changing world are highlighted and applied to practical Army leadership tasks and situations. Provides a smooth transition into MSC 3010. Cadets develop greater self-awareness as they practice communication and team building skills. COE case studies give insight into the importance and practice of teamwork and tactics in real world scenarios. 1 hour lab per week and 2 hours lecture. Credit, 3 semester hours.

ADVANCED COURSES**MSC 3010. Adaptive Team Leadership**

MSC 3010 challenges cadets to study, practice, and evaluate adaptive leadership skills as they are presented with the demands of the ROTC Leader Development Assessment Course (LDAC). Challenging scenarios related to small unit tactical operations are used to develop self-awareness and critical thinking skills. Cadets receive systematic and specific feedback on their leadership abilities. Cadets begin to analyze and evaluate their own leadership values, attributes, skills, and actions. Primary attention is given to preparation for LDAC and the development of leadership qualities. Three (3) lecture hours and 1½ laboratory hours per week. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: Completion of ROTC Basic Course, Basic Camp or equivalent.

MSC 3020. Leadership Under Fire

MSC 3020 uses increasingly intense situational leadership challenges to build cadet awareness and skills in leading small units. Skills in decision-making, persuading, and motivating team members when "under-fire" are explored, evaluated, and developed. Aspects of military operations are reviewed as a means of preparing for the ROTC Leader Development Assessment Course (LDAC). Cadets are expected to apply basic principles of the Law of Land Warfare, Army training, and motivation to troop leading procedures. Emphasis is also placed on conducting military briefings and developing proficiency in Garrison operations orders. MSC 3020 cadets are evaluated on what they know and do as leaders. Three (3) lecture hours and three (3) laboratory hours per week. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: Completion of MSC 3010 or equivalent.

MSC 4010. Developing Adaptive Leaders

MSC 4010 develops cadet proficiency in planning, executing, and assessing complex operations, functioning as a member of a staff, and providing leadership performance feedback to subordinates. Cadets are given situational opportunities to assess risk, make ethical decisions, and provide coaching to fellow ROTC cadets. Cadets are challenged to analyze, evaluate, and instruct younger cadets. Both their classroom and battalion leadership experiences are designed to prepare them for their first unit of assignment. Cadets identify responsibilities of key staff, coordinate staff roles and use situational opportunities to teach, train, and develop subordinates. Three (3) lecture hours and 1½ laboratory hours per week. Credit, 3 semester hours.

MSC 4020. Leadership in a Complex World

MSC 4020 explores the dynamics of leading in the complex situations of current military operations.

Cadets examine difference in customs and courtesies, military law, principles of war, and rules of engagement in the face of international terrorism. Aspects of interacting with non-government organizations, civilians on the battlefield, and host nation support are examined and evaluated. Significant emphasis is placed on preparing cadets for their first unit of assignment. Case studies, scenarios, and “What Now, Lieutenant?” exercises are used to prepare cadets to face complex ethical and practical demands of leading as commissioned officers in the United States Army. Three (3) lecture hours and three (3) laboratory hours per week. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: Completion of MSC 4010.

MSC 4210. The American Military Experience (HST 4060)

A survey of American Military History concentrating on the major factors and events which have influenced US foreign policy during periods of war and peace. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: Completion of MSC 3010 or 3020.