

# MILITARY SCIENCE - ROTC

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Department of Military Science at Slippery Rock University provides a program of leadership development which prepares college men and women for service as officers in the United States Army. After graduation, cadets serve as commissioned officers on active duty, or as an officer in an Army Reserve or National Guard. In order to accomplish this, the department:

- Prepares cadets to be commissioned as second lieutenants through a curriculum that develops leadership and management skills and provides opportunities to utilize these skills in a variety of practical applications.
- Provides an understanding of how to lead and influence small organizations, with a strong emphasis on personal integrity, ethical decision-making, goal setting and mission accomplishment.
- Offers adventure training, such as repelling, land navigation, marksmanship and for selected cadets, airborne and air-assault training and the opportunity to serve with active duty units worldwide during the summer.
- Provides programs and experiences which increase self-confidence, self-discipline, physical stamina, poise and other attributes essential to the development of a leader with character – one who is prepared to serve the nation, the commonwealth or both, in and out of uniform.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT

The general requirements for enrollment in Army ROTC stipulate that students be accepted as a regularly enrolled University student and be a citizen of the United States. Veterans and JROTC graduates may receive exemptions from the basic course as approved by the professor of military science.

For continuation in ROTC during junior and senior years, students must have at least a 2.5 GPA in their academic area, have successfully completed requirements for the basic course, pass a physical examination and be accepted by the professors of Military Science. Advance course students must agree in writing to complete their junior and senior years.

## MINOR

- Leadership

## FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

Military Science is divided into two parts: Basic Course and Advanced Course. The basic course is usually taken during the first two years of college and covers subjects including: customs, traditions, organizations of military service, national defense, military history and leadership development. All necessary ROTC textbooks, uniforms and other essential materials for the basic course are furnished. After completion of the basic course, students who have demonstrated the potential to become an officer and who have met the physical and scholastic standards are eligible to enroll in the Advanced Course. There is no military service obligation associated with any Basic Course electives. All electives earn academic credit.

## TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

The two-year program is designed for juniors, community college graduates and students at four-year colleges who did not take ROTC during their first two years of school, or students entering a two-year, post-baccalaureate or graduate course of study. Students who have attended basic training/AIT also qualify.

To enter the two-year program, students must first attend a fully-paid, five-week leadership training course (LTC), usually offered during the summer between the sophomore and junior years of college. At LTC, students learn to challenge themselves physically and mentally and to build their confidence and self-respect. After they have successfully completed LTC, students who meet all necessary enrollment requirements may enroll in the advance course.

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## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Cadet Troop Leadership Training:

Cadets serve in lieutenant-level leadership positions with active-duty units. Platoon leader positions have a three to four-week duration depending on location and the hosting unit. Cadets are assigned a unit mentor and are provided lodging and meals.

### Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency:

Every year hundreds of cadets travel the globe, spending up to three weeks immersed in foreign cultures, learning more about how others around the world view the United States, and in the process, learning more about themselves. Countries include, but are not limited to: Cambodia, Bosnia, Thailand, Latvia, Vietnam, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Kazakhstan.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There's a reason ROTC cadets go on to become business leaders, governors and even presidents. Officers in the Army are managers, problem-solvers, key influencers and planners who lead others. Cadets will get training and certification beyond what they would get in the civilian world. They will handle more responsibility and be better qualified and more desirable because of their military background. They will gain leadership experience and the ability to perform under pressure, making them the perfect candidate for any management position.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are two-year and three-year scholarships available to eligible students. Applications for these scholarships are available through ROTC enrollment.

Four-year scholarships are available to high school seniors through [www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html).



## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### Color Guard:

A hand-picked team of well-disciplined cadets who represent the Army and the University at sporting events and other University functions, while learning the storied history of the U.S. national and military flags and how to properly display and care for them.

### Frontier Leadership Assessment Group:

A student organization open to any student, who has completed at least one military science course, interested in participating in and learning about the daily appreciated of leadership skills outside of the classroom

### Ranger Challenge:

A physically demanding club comprised of cadets who train on a variety of military tasks and compete annually against 41 other colleges and universities from the northeast in the Freedom Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition.

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