

# DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

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The Department of Military Science is a cooperative venture between the United States Army and Jacksonville State University. The program provides a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program with a mission of commissioning students as officers in the Army upon completion of a baccalaureate degree or sufficient progress on a master's degree. Satisfactory completion of the program may lead to a minor in Military Science. The program provides students an opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills necessary in the Army and in society. The emphasis of the program is on leadership development. Students apply accepted leadership theory to practical situations. A theoretical basis of knowledge is developed through attendance in military science classes and courses offered in colleges throughout the university. The program is only available to full-time students.

## Enrollment

Several program options exist for enrollment: a four-year, three-year and a two-year program. These programs are addressed below. Under some circumstances, it is possible to complete the program in less than two years. Students can obtain information on alternative programs by contacting the department at 256-782-5601.

The **four-year and three-year programs** are divided into two phases, the Basic Course and the Advanced Course.

**Basic:** The Basic Course is typically taken during the freshman and sophomore years but may be compressed into one year. These courses are open to all students on an elective basis. The courses, taught to meet the requirements to enter into the Advanced Program, incur **no** military obligation and are open to all registered full-time students. Basic Course curriculum focuses on introductory leadership theory, basic military knowledge and skills, and the Army's role in national security policy and practices.

**Advanced:** The Advanced Course is taken during the junior and senior year of the selected program. Students in this program must have completed the Basic Course as directed by the Professor of Military Science, have two years remaining in college (graduate or undergraduate studies) and enter into a contract with the United States Army to serve as an officer in the active or reserve forces upon graduation. The contractual obligation varies with the amount of participation and whether the student is a scholarship beneficiary.

Advanced Course students take classes in advanced leadership and participate in leadership laboratories where they apply theories of leadership in practical situations. Enrollment in the Advanced Course requires the approval of the Professor of Military Science.

The **two-year program** is designed for students who did not take Army ROTC during their first two years of college and for students entering or progressing in a two-year post-graduate course of study. Students can qualify for the Advanced Course in a number of ways. Prior enlisted personnel and members of the National Guard and Army Reserve

receive Basic Course credit for successful completion of Basic Training. Successful completion of the four-week ROTC Basic Camp also qualifies students for the Advanced Course. The Professor of Military Science may also award Basic Course credit for satisfactory participation in Junior ROTC or for completion of an approved alternative course of study within the Department of Military Science.

Students must meet the following requirements in order to attend the Basic Camp:

- overall GPA of 2.00 or higher on a 4.00-point scale
- have junior standing
- meet medical and physical fitness standards

Approval for attendance is required from the Professor of Military Science.

## Additional Requirements

All contracted students are required to maintain eligibility requirements. These requirements include:

- an appropriate grade point average
- medical qualification
- moral behavior
- compliance with physical fitness standards

Students must be able to pass a swimming requirement prior to participation at Advanced Camp. Additionally, contracted students must participate in physical conditioning and a field training exercise each semester.

## Commissioning

Students may be commissioned once they meet all pre-commissioning requirements and are awarded a baccalaureate degree. Students that have graduated with a baccalaureate degree are eligible to participate and commission while pursuing a postgraduate degree. Students commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army may serve either on Active Duty, in the Army Reserve, or in the Army National Guard. Assignments are based upon the needs of the Army and the student's request. Students who desire a commission in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard may elect the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty option (if eligible) upon entry into the advanced course.

## Scholarships

Competitive two, three and four-year scholarships are available to students. Four-year scholarship deadlines are normally January 10 of the student's senior year in high school. Other scholarship deadlines vary from year to year. Currently, scholarships cover the cost of full tuition or room and board, fees, partial books and provide a monthly spending allowance. Limited dorm scholarships are also available. The Army National Guard and Army Reserve also offer tuition assistance and other benefits worth up to \$24,000 per year in conjunction with ROTC. The Alabama National Guard offers an additional state tuition reimbursement up to \$15,240 a year (\$5080 a semester). Students interested in scholarships, the simultaneous membership program (SMP) with the Guard or Reserve, or other assistance should contact the Department of Military Science at 256-782-5601 for details.

## Uniforms and Equipment

For all military specific courses, most texts and certain equipment are furnished by the United States Government at no expense to the student. Uniforms and equipment issued to participating/non-contracted and contracted cadets remain the property of the United States Government and will be turned in upon withdrawal from any MSC course or upon completion of the course. Certain equipment will be turned in upon completion of the specific training event. Students will be required to reimburse the government for losses or damage. For certain basic courses which are not military specific, purchase of texts may be required.

- Military Science and Leadership Basic Course Requirements (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/military-science-leadership/military-science-leadership-basic-course-requirements/>)
- Military Science and Leadership Advanced Course Requirements (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/military-science-leadership/military-science-leadership-advanced-course-requirements/>)
- Military Science Minor (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/military-science-leadership/military-science-minor/>)

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