

MILITARY SCIENCE (ARMY ROTC)

OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is to enable college students to pursue a course of study which will qualify them upon graduation for appointment as Officers in the United States Army, Army Reserve, or National Guard. Students are part of the Rolling Thunder Battalion made up of cadets from Wheaton College, Lewis University, Benedictine University, North Central College, Aurora University, The University of St. Francis, Elmhurst College, Judson University, College of DuPage, and Joliet Junior College. These schools cooperate with the Army to commission competent, confident, and caring junior leaders for the United States Army. Coursework can be taken at both Lewis University and Wheaton College.

PROGRAM

The Military Science curriculum consists of two (2), two-year courses. The Basic Course consists of eight (8) semester hours taken during the first and second years of college. Students who are unable to complete the on-campus Basic Course may instead attend the Army's Leader Training Course, an intensive 28-day summer camp between their first and second years in college. The professor of Military Science may also waive all or part of the Basic Course requirement based on prior military experience.

Once students have satisfactorily completed the Basic Course, they may apply for enrollment in the Advanced Course. If selected for the Advanced Course, students sign a contract with the United States Government in which they agree to complete the course of instruction, attend the advanced summer camp, and accept a commission in the reserve or active components of

the U.S. Army for a period specified by the Secretary of the Army. The Advanced Course consists of nineteen (19) semester hours taken during the third and fourth years of college. This includes attendance at the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), a 32-day training camp at Fort Lewis, Washington, during the summer following the junior year. Students must also satisfactorily complete an approved military history course. Students must be U.S. citizens to contract into the Advanced Course.

While consisting of four distinct semesters, the Advanced Course is structured as a two-phased program leading to commissioning. The principle lessons of operations and tactics, coupled with leadership, are progressive.

Phase One

Phase One focuses on enhanced tactics at the small-unit level in preparation for LDAC. By the end of Phase One, the cadet is prepared for all aspects of the campus evaluation process and able to lead small unit tactical operations

Phase Two

Phase Two focuses on final preparation for commissioning. In addition to military skills, cadets continue leadership exercises to synthesize and integrate the principles of leadership previously learned in the Basic Course. By the end of Phase Two, cadets will have confidence in their abilities to lead, make decisions and motivate subordinates within their organization. The semesters are designed to maximize cadet participation, inspire intellectual curiosity, and stimulate self-directed study. Completion of the Advanced Course prepares the cadet for the physical, emotional, and intellectual challenges of leadership in the evolving Army of the 21st Century.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Military Science program offers students the opportunity to develop leadership skills while obtaining a degree in any of the University's more than 80 undergraduate programs.

Lewis University ROTC is unique in that it:

- Ranks in the top 10% in the nation
- Is a Army-approved Partnership in Nursing Excellence program in Illinois
- Provides full two-, three-, and four-year scholarships
- Special Scholarships for Nursing Students

The Army ROTC scholarship offers students:

- A four-year award for incoming freshman
- Two- and three-year awards for current Lewis or transfer students
- Special Scholarships for Nursing Students
- Full tuition
- Monthly Stipend (up to ten months per year- as of academic year 2009-2010)
- Large Stipend for books
- Free room and board provided by Lewis University
- Must apply online at www.goarmy.com/rotc
- NO LATER THAN 1 DECEMBER.
- Evaluated and awarded by Rolling Thunder Battalion

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Courses taken for credit in Military Science are considered as a subject field concentration and count as electives applied to Lewis University graduation requirements. For this reason, the three summer training programs – Leaders Training Course (LTC) (86-225), Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) (86-335), and/or Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) (86-336) – may be taken for college credit with prior coordination.

Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)

The Simultaneous Membership Program allows you to attend Army ROTC and serve in the U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard at the same time. It gives you an opportunity for additional training and experience. Cadets serve as Officer Trainees in the Reserve or National Guard while completing college. You can earn Reserve/Guard pay and benefits in addition to your Army ROTC allowances. SMP Cadets in ROTC are non deployable while serving

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Total Program Hours: 27

I. Basic Courses (8)

- 86-121 Introduction to Leadership (2)
- 86-122 Leadership and Decision Making (2)
- 86-123 Military Science Leadership Lab (0)
(co-requisite for each of the Basic Course classes)
- 86-221 Leadership and Problem Solving (2)
- 86-222 Small Unit Leadership and Tactics (2)

Note: Leader's Training Course (86-225) may be taken between the sophomore and junior years in lieu of the on-campus program with permission of the professor of Military Science.

II. Advanced Courses (19)

Phase I

- 86-331 Tactical Leadership Development I (4)
- 86-332 Tactical Leadership Development II (4)

Phase II

- 86-441 Junior Officer Leadership I (4)
- 86-123 Military Science Leadership Lab (0)
- 86-442 Junior Officer Leadership II (4)
(co-requisite for each of the Advanced Course classes in both phases)
- 09-331 A History of the U.S. Military (3)

Note: A History of the U.S. Military (09-331) (3) is also a course requirement for commissioning. Prerequisite: Contracted cadet with sophomore, junior or senior standing.

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