

Military Science/ROTC

The U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program is offered at Mount St. Mary's in partnership with the military science department at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md. Graduates of the program are commissioned as Army officers with the rank of second lieutenant. ROTC graduates typically serve four years active duty with the U.S. Army. Cadets can apply for service with the Army Reserve or the Army National Guard in lieu of active duty service.

Military science courses are designed to acquaint students with the military and its role in society, build good citizens, and prepare advanced students for future service as military officers. All freshman and sophomore military science courses are taught at Mount St. Mary's, while junior and senior courses are usually taught at McDaniel College. Freshman and sophomore military science courses make up the ROTC Basic Course. The Basic Course is open to all Mount students. Students can complete the first two years of ROTC without obligating themselves to military service. Junior and senior military science courses make up the ROTC Advanced Course. The Advanced Course is open only to cadets preparing to be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard upon graduation from college.

All ROTC cadets attend periodic leadership laboratories designed to provide experiential learning in military skills such as rappelling, rifle marksmanship, first aid, patrolling, radio communications and water survival. ROTC Advanced Course cadets receive additional leadership training during five-week ROTC summer camps. All Advanced Course cadets attend the Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, Wash., between their junior and senior years. Advanced Course cadets who enter the two-year ROTC commissioning program at the end of their sophomore year also attend the Leaders Training Course (LTC) at Fort Campbell, Ky., during the summer between their sophomore and junior years.

Students can compete for two-, three- or four-year ROTC scholarships. ROTC scholarships pay full tuition and fees (housing and board fees are not included); \$900 per year for books; and a monthly stipend during the academic year. Stipend amounts are \$300 per month for freshmen, \$350 per month for sophomores, \$450 per month for juniors and \$500 per month for seniors. Students can apply for an ROTC scholarship during their senior year in high school or during their freshman or sophomore year in college.

All ROTC scholarship cadets, along with non-scholarship cadets who enroll in the ROTC Advanced Course, incur a military service obligation following graduation. Non-scholarship cadets enrolled in the Advanced Course receive a \$450 per month stipend during their junior year and a \$500 per month stipend during their senior year.

Mount ROTC cadets can participate in the Ranger Platoon. The Ranger Platoon is a cadet-led organization that specializes in adventure training such as rappelling, patrolling, mountain operations and river operations. Once a year the Ranger Platoon competes against other Ranger Platoon teams from other schools in a two-day event called Ranger Challenge.

Students completing the four-year ROTC commissioning program take MSCI 101, MSCI 102, MSCI 201, MSCI 202, MSCI 301, MSCI 302, MSCI 310, MSCI 401 and MSCI 402. Students completing the two-year ROTC commissioning program take MSCI 210, MSCI 301, MSCI 302, MSCI 310, MSCI 401 and MSCI 402.

Following commissioning, new Army officers serve in a variety of fields, including aviation, medical services, personnel, finance, intelligence, communications, infantry, artillery, armor, law enforcement and engineering.

For more information, call 301-447-5350.

MILITARY SCIENCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

- MSCI 101 Basic Military Science I (1)**
Examines the unique duties and responsibilities of military officers. Includes an introduction to the organization and roles of the Army in American society. Students discuss basic leadership traits and skills such as interpersonal communication and teambuilding. Students also analyze Army values and ethical leadership. Lab required. *(Fall)*
- MSCI 102 Basic Military Science II (1)**
Presents fundamental leadership concepts and doctrine. Students learn effective problem-solving skills and apply active listening and feedback skills. Students also examine factors that influence leader and group effectiveness. An overview of the officer experience is given. Lab required. *(Spring)*
- MSCI 201 Basic Military Science III (2)**
Students develop introspective knowledge of self, individual leadership skills, and self-confidence. Students further develop their problem-solving and critical-thinking skills while applying more advanced communication, feedback and conflict resolution skills. Lab required. *(Fall)*
- MSCI 202 Basic Military Science IV (2)**
Course focus is on self-development, guided by knowledge of self and group processes. Course challenges student beliefs, knowledge and skills. Students learn and execute squad-level battle drills. Lab required. *(Spring)*
- MSCI 210 Leader's Training Course (LTC) (4)**
The LTC is the Army's two-year ROTC Program entry point. Through LTC, students without ROTC Basic Course experience can examine the Army without incurring an obligation and qualify for ROTC Advanced Course entry. The Army observes these students and determines their officer potential in a leadership-oriented, challenging and motivating four-week training program at Fort Knox, Ky. Approval of department chair required. *(Summer)*
- MSCI 220 Cadet Practical Field Training (CPFT) (1-3)**
The CPFT program includes training at Army Schools and special courses for Air Assault, Basic Airborne, Mountain Warfare, Northern Warfare, Cadet Survival Training at USAFA, and University Officer Training Center in the United Kingdom. Generally, in a typical year, the total number of CPFT allocations equals approximately 10 percent of the cadet population at large. Approval of department chair required. *(Summer)*
- MSCI 301 Advanced Military Science I (3)**
Examines basic skills that underlie effective problem solving. Students analyze the role officers played in the transition of the Army from Vietnam to the 21st century. Students learn how to execute the Leadership Development Program. An analysis of how to plan military missions is conducted. Students learn and execute platoon-level battle drills. Lab required. Prerequisite: ROTC Advanced Course status. *(Fall)*
- MSCI 302 Advanced Military Science II (3)**
Students probe leader responsibilities that foster an ethical command climate. Focus is on developing leadership competencies and studying leadership responsibilities. Students apply techniques of effective written and oral communication. Students learn and execute platoon-level battle drills. Lab required. Prerequisite: ROTC Advanced Course status. *(Spring)*
- MSCI 310 Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) (4)**
The five-week LDAC, conducted at Fort Lewis, Wash., provides advanced professional training and evaluation for ROTC cadets during the summer between their junior and senior years. Prerequisite: ROTC Advanced Course status. *(Summer)*

- MSCI 311 Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) (1-2)**
 CTLT is a two-track program consisting of a Platoon Leader track and an Internship track. The Platoon Leader track consists of platoon leader positions identified by active Army units. Cadets are assigned to these positions following attendance and successful completion of the Leader Development and Assessment course (LDAC). Cadets are assigned for a period of two weeks with stateside units and four weeks with overseas units. The Internship Track consists of 11 different internship programs. The assignment period is the same as the Platoon Leader track with the exception of the Advanced Individual Academic Development Program, an engineering internship that cadets are assigned to for a four-week period. Prerequisite: ROTC Advanced Course status. (*Summer*)
- MSCI 401 Advanced Military Science III (3)**
 Builds on the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) experience by focusing on how to solve organizational and staff problems. Students discuss staff organization, functions and processes. An analysis of leader counseling responsibilities and methods is undertaken. Students also examine principles of motivating subordinates and organizational change by applying leadership and problem-solving principles to complex case studies and simulations. Lab required. Prerequisite: ROTC Advanced Course status. (*Fall*)
- MSCI 402 Advanced Military Science IV (3)**
 Capstone course designed to explore topics relevant to second lieutenants entering the Army. Students learn to describe the legal aspects of decision making and leadership. They analyze Army operations from the tactical to strategic levels while also assessing administrative and logistics management functions. Finally, students perform platoon leader actions and examine leader responsibilities that foster an ethical command climate. Lab required. Prerequisite: ROTC Advanced Course status. (*Spring*)

LEADERSHIP LABORATORY

All ROTC cadets participate in professional development laboratories. Laboratory periods are designed to provide understanding of the fundamental concepts of military science as well as an opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership and management potential.