MILITARY SCIENCE

The Army ROTC program at Texas A&M is the oldest on campus. Aggie ROTC graduates are renowned throughout the Army and business world for their leadership abilities, initiative, and competence.

AROTC graduates are proud to contribute to the heritage of the “Fightin’ Texas Aggies.” Army ROTC members are leaders in a wide variety of university activities including Student Government, campus athletics, the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band Ross Volunteer Company, Rudder’s Rangers and Parsons Mounted Calvary. The Army ROTC Ranger Challenge Team is a perennial contender at both the Regional and National levels having finished in the top five at the Sandhurst competition hosted by the US Military Academy in consecutive years. The Ranger Challenge Team works closely with the Corps-sponsored Aggie Pathfinder orienteering team to develop expert land navigation skills and the stamina to compete in physically challenging terrain.

The Army has the career field to match a student’s education and interests, with no restrictions on the major field of study or discipline. Army ROTC classes are unique in the college curriculum in offering both classroom instruction and hands-on leadership development opportunities. The Army ROTC student may enter such diverse career fields as aviation, engineering, law enforcement, medical services, armor, infantry, artillery, communications, finance, personnel administration, transportation, or military intelligence. Engineering students are eligible to participate in the University’s chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers. Opportunities in Airborne, Ranger and Special Operations are also available. Highly qualified applicants may compete to take part in the delayed entry program while pursuing medical or law degrees and selected cadets may attend specialty military training including Airborne, Air Assault, Northern Warfare, and Mountain Warfare Schools.

Army ROTC is divided into two parts: The Basic and Advanced Courses. The Basic Course is taken in the freshman and sophomore years. Coursework covers the areas of military courtesy, discipline, and customs as well as map reading, marksmanship and land navigation. Students begin leadership development opportunities as members of the Warrior Training Battalion participating in weekly tactical leadership labs and field training exercises. Uniforms and the necessary textbooks are furnished and there is no military commitment for participation in the Basic Course. Three and Four year ROTC scholarship winners attend Cadet Initial entry training in the summer after their Freshman or Sophomore years.

The Advanced Course is taken in the final two years of college and includes the Cadet Leader Course (CLC) during the summer after the junior or senior year. Instruction includes advanced leadership development, organization ethics critical thinking and problem solving, administration, and military law. Summer training at Fort Knox, Kentucky enables cadets to put into practice, in a field environment, the principles and theories acquired in the classroom. All cadets in the Advanced ROTC program and who have entered into a commissioning contract receive a tiered subsistence allowance up to $500 per month and are paid approximately $800 for attending CLC. Army ROTC cadets are encouraged to take courses in strategic languages. Through the Army’s Culture and Language Incentives Program, students can earn up to $300 per credit hour for completing classes in qualifying languages. In addition, AROTC sponsors the Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program that affords students the opportunity to participate in month long immersion programs in over 40 countries.

Army ROTC cadets receiving commissions may request to serve on active duty with the U.S. Army following graduation or to pursue a civilian career upon completion of the officer’s basic schooling while remaining affiliated with the Army Reserve or National Guard.

The Army ROTC Scholarship program awards four-year and three-year advance designee scholarships on a competitive basis to students entering ROTC as college freshmen. Two-year and three-year scholarships also are available for college students already enrolled in ROTC. These scholarships pay the cost of tuition, required fees and a flat rate textbook allowance for the duration of the award and provide a tiered subsistence allowance of up to $500 per month. In all, a four-year scholarship can be worth over $58,000 at Texas A&M. Additional scholarship opportunities are available specifically for students participating in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math majors that pay the same benefits as four and three-year ROTC scholarships.

Qualified students who join the Army National Guard or Army Reserve, may participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) in which they earn approximately $250 per month. The total dollar amount for SMP cadets can reach $750 per month during their junior and senior years in ROTC. Tuition assistance, which pays between 75-100% of tuition costs, is available through the US Army Reserves and Texas National Guard.

Qualified veterans may enroll directly into the ROTC Advanced Course. Veterans in the Advanced Program receive a tiered subsistence allowance of up to $500 per month in addition to their veterans’ benefits. The U.S. Army Health Profession Scholarship Program offers a unique opportunity for financial support to cadets who desire to continue their education beyond their undergraduate work by enrolling in a program leading to a professional degree in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine.

Texas A&M’s staff, having served multiple combat and operational deployments overseas, are dedicated to developing academically superior and physically fit commissioned officers recognized as outstanding leaders of character for the U.S. Army Officer Corps. For more information on Army ROTC programs, contact the Military Science Department at (979) 845-2814.

Courses

MLSC 121 Introduction to the United States Army I
Credits 2. 1 Lecture Hour. 3 Lab Hours.
Introduction to the United States Army and the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC); its purpose in the Army and its advantages; Army customs, courtesies, traditions, and Army values; Army history and individual soldier skills with an emphasis on leadership; includes a leadership laboratory.

MLSC 122 Introduction to the United States Army II
Credits 2. 1 Lecture Hour. 3 Lab Hours.
The second half of an introductory two-semester survey of the United States Army; principles of leadership, Army history, management theory and individual soldier skills; emphasis on critical thinking and problem solving skills; foundation for tactical and leadership concepts; includes a leadership laboratory.
MLSC 221 Tactics and Leadership Theory I
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Dimensions of creative and innovative leadership strategies through
team dynamics and leadership theories that form the basis of the Army
leadership framework (trait and behavior theories); infantry tactics,
techniques and procedures; includes a leadership laboratory.

MLSC 222 Tactics and Leadership Theory II
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
The second half of a two-semester survey on leadership theory and
infantry tactics; emphasis on leading tactical teams in a complex
environment; Army planning and orders process; adaptive leadership
styles in the context of military operations; case studies on the
importance of teamwork and tactics in real-world scenarios; includes a
leadership laboratory.

MLSC 321 Adaptive Leadership and Tactical Operations I
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 1 Lab Hour.
Theoretical and practical application of adaptive leadership as it relates
to planning, executing and evaluating complex tactical operations; ability
to assess risk; ethical decision-making, managing people and critical
thinking skills in a tactical environment; includes a leadership laboratory.

MLSC 322 Adaptive Leadership and Tactical Operations II
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 1 Lab Hour.
The second half of a two-semester survey on adaptive leadership and
tactical operations; ethical decision-making, planning, executing and
evaluating military operations at a tactical level; preparation to attend the
Leadership, Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) for the Army’s
commissioning process; includes a leadership laboratory.

MLSC 421 The Army Officer and the Profession of Arms I
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 1 Lab Hour.
Advanced study, research and practical application of Army training,
operations and doctrine; the military as a profession, functioning as a
member of a staff, and officership; law of land warfare, principles of war,
and rules of engagement and their application; duties and responsibilities
of a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army; includes a leadership
laboratory.

MLSC 422 The Army Officer and the Profession of Arms II
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 1 Lab Hour.
Dynamics of leadership in a complex world; cultural awareness, terrorism,
non-governmental organizations, and operational security; off-site
battlefield analysis and application of military concepts; maintaining an
ethical climate in an organization, military support structures, and equal
opportunity; duties and responsibilities of a Second Lieutenant in the
United States Army; includes a leadership laboratory.

MLSC 485 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 3. 1 to 3 Other Hours.
Directed study of problems in the field of military science.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification with approval of department
head.

MLSC 489 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Selected topics in an identified field of military science. May be repeated
for credit.

MLSC 491 Research
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Research conducted under the direction of a faculty member in military
science. May be taken three times for credit.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.