School of Military Science

Administrative Officers
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General Statement
The School of Military Sciences is composed of three departments: Aerospace Studies, Military Science and Naval Science.

All courses offered by the School of Military Sciences are accredited by the University. However, the credit granted for degree plans varies by college and often by department. For precise information, consult the associate dean or department head.

The University’s commitment to providing highly skilled and disciplined leaders to the Armed Forces requires all students enrolled in ROTC programs at Texas A&M to be members of the Corps of Cadets.

Students not enrolled in an ROTC program may be permitted to take ROTC courses as electives with the advance approval of the professor of military science, the professor of aerospace studies, or the professor of naval science, as appropriate, and the concurrence of the head of the School of Military Sciences.

State law permits the substitution of 3 hours of history and 3 hours of political science for a student in the program of an approved senior ROTC unit. With the approval of the dean of the appropriate college, students successfully completing their required four semesters of upper-level ROTC curriculum will be deemed to have completed the equivalent of POLS 206 or POLS 207 plus HIST 105 or HIST 106 (or another appropriate course) for a total of 6 hours.

Students in the College of Liberal Arts may not substitute upper-level ROTC courses for this requirement. Students pursuing teacher certification are not allowed to substitute ROTC credits for this requirement.

Departments
Aerospace Studies
Military Science
Naval Science

Minors
• Military Studies Minor

Courses

SOMS 111 Principles of Academic and Personal Development
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Identification of personal goals and learning skills promoting academic and career success; development of personal leadership strengths, styles, motivation and values; personal development planning for self-improvement.
Prerequisite: Freshman classification or approval of instructor.

SOMS 180 Survey of Performance Based Training Methods
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Introduction to performance oriented training methods and techniques; key concepts and generalizations of training and identification of training needs; study of representative theories of workplace training, performance evaluation, and experiential training techniques.
Prerequisite: Freshman classification or approval of instructor.

SOMS 280 Fundamentals of Peer Leadership
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Introduction to theories of peer leadership when applied to a specific context; fundamentals and techniques of small group communication; performance evaluation; survey of basic supervisory skills.
Prerequisite: Sophomore classification or approval of instructor.

SOMS 289 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of leadership theory and practice. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification; approval of instructor.

SOMS 380 Workshop in Leadership Education
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
The study of leadership theory, intra group relationships, assessment tools for skills development, and techniques for achieving group goals.
Prerequisite: Junior classification or approval of instructor.

SOMS 381 Workshop in Leadership Education II
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Continuation of SOMS 380. Fundamentals of small group dynamics; interpersonal communication; application of selected leadership theories; interpretation of individual assessments to include personality traits, values, and signature strengths.
Prerequisites: SOMS 380; junior or senior classification.

SOMS 481 Seminar in Executive Leadership
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
The study of contemporary leadership issues, organizational effectiveness, problem solving, and decision making.
Prerequisite: Senior classification or approval of instructor.

SOMS 482 Seminar in Executive Leadership II
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Continuation of SOMS 481. Discussion of ethical dilemmas in leadership roles; ethical decision-making; personal accountability in organizational settings.
Prerequisite: SOMS 481 or approval of instructor.

SOMS 485 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Individual supervision of special readings or assigned projects to promote independent study; program enrichment for capable students; written and oral reports required.
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

SOMS 489 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of leadership theory and practice. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification; approval of instructor.