

MSCI 1510 - Introduction to ROTC

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Credit hours: 1

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- Maneuver Captain's Career Course, Fort Benning GA, 2021
- B.A., Speech Communication and Biology, SUNY Potsdam, 2016

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Course Description

1510. Introduction to ROTC. Team and individual study and activities in basic drill, physical fitness, rappelling, leadership recreation course, first aid, making presentations, and basic marksmanship. Fundamental concepts of leadership in a profession in both classroom and outside laboratory environments. One hour lecture and Leadership Laboratory MSCI 1530L per week. 1 s.h.

MSCI 1510, Introduction to Army Leadership, focuses on introduction to the Army and basic Soldier skills. It introduces students to the Army and the Profession of Arms. Students will examine the Army Profession and what it means to be a professional in the U.S. Army. It includes team and individual study and activities in basic drill, physical fitness, the leadership reaction course, first aid, fieldcraft, making presentations, and basic marksmanship. The overall focus is on developing basic knowledge and comprehension of the Army Leadership Requirements Model while gaining a complete understanding of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, its purpose in the Army, and its advantages for the student. Students also learn to perform basic Soldier skills to survive in emergencies and a field environment to support their development as an Army leader. Three hours lecture and leadership lab per week.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	ADP-1 The Army		

All course readings are provided by the Department of Military Science

Course Publications

Number Title Date Additional Information

ADP

ADP 1 The Army 07/31/2019

ADP 2-0 Intelligence 07/31/2019

ADP 3-0 Operations 03/21/2025

ADP 3-90 Offense and Defense 07/31/2019

ADP 5-0 The Operations Process 07/31/2019

ADP 6-0 Mission Command; Command and Control of Army Forces 07/31/2019

ADP 6-22 Army Leadership and the Profession 07/31/2019 wC1 020625

ATP

ATP 2-33.4 Intelligence Analysis 01/10/2020 wC1 053025

ATP 3-21.8 Infantry Rifle Platoon and Squad 01/11/2024 wC1 062325

ATP 3-21.10 Infantry Rifle Company 05/14/2018

ATP 3-50.21 Survival 09/18/2018

ATP 4-02.2 Medical Evacuation 07/12/2019

ATP 4-02.5 Casualty Care 05/10/2013 wC1 081420

ATP 4-02.13 Casualty Evacuation 06/30/2021

ATP 4-25.12 Unit Field Sanitation Teams 04/30/2014 wC2 080825

ATP 5-19 Risk Management 11/09/2021

ATP 6-22.1 Providing Feedback Counseling–Coaching–Mentoring 02/13/2024

ATP 6-22.6 Army Team Building 10/30/2015

ATP 7-22.01 Holistic Health and Fitness Testing 10/01/2020 wC2 080122

ATP 7-22.02 Holistic Health and Fitness Drills and Exercises 10/01/2020 wC1 091625

JP

JP 3-0 Joint Operations 06/18/2022

FM

FM 1-02.1 Operational Terms 02/28/2024

FM 1-02.2 Military Symbols 01/23/2025 wC1 081325

FM 3-0 Operations 03/21/2025

FM 3-90 Tactics 05/01/2023

FM 3-96 Brigade Combat Team 01/19/2021

FM 5-0 Planning and Orders Production 11/04/2024 wC1 081125

FM 6-0 Commanders and Staff Organization and Operations 05/16/2022

FM 6-22 Developing Leaders 11/01/2022 wC1 021925

FM 6-27 The Commander's Handbook on the Law of Land Warfare 08/07/2019 wC2 050225

FM 6-99 US Army Report and Message Formats 05/17/2021

FM 7-22 Holistic Health and Fitness 10/01/2020 wC2 080725

STP

STP 21-1 SMCT Warrior Skills Level 1 11/20/2025

STP 21-24 SMCT Warrior Leaders Skills Level 2, 3, and 4 09/09/2008

TC

TC 3-21.5 Drill and Ceremony 05/03/2021

TC 3-21.60 Visual Signals 03/17/2017

TC 3-21.76 Ranger Handbook 09/19/2025

TC 3-22.9 Rifle and Carbine 05/13/2016 wC3 112019

TC 3-25.26 Map Reading and Land Navigation 11/15/2013

TC 4-02.1 First Aid 01/21/2016 wC2 120718

TC 4-02.3 Field Hygiene and Sanitation 05/06/2015

TC 7-21.13 The Soldier's Guide 09/17/2025

TC 7-22.7 The NCO Guide 01/01/2020

AR

AR 25-30 Army Publishing Program 06/14/2021

AR 25-50 Preparing and Managing Correspondence 10/10/2020

AR 350-53 Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness 10/04/2024

AR 600-20 Army Command Policy 02/06/2025

AR 600-25 Salutes, Honors and Courtesy 05/21/2025

AR 600-32 Conduct Between Soldiers of Different Grades 09/16/2024 wC1 022825

AR 600-100 Army Profession and Leadership Policy 03/27/2025

AR 623-3 Evaluation Reporting System 02/14/2025

AR 670-1 Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia 01/26/2021

DA PAM/ FORMS

DA PAM 623-3 Evaluation Reporting System 02/12/2025

DA Form 4856 Developmental Counseling Form 03/01/2023

DoD Dir

DoDD 2311.01E DoD Law of War Program May 2006

DoDD 3002.01 Personnel Recovery 16 Apr 2009 C2 24 May 2017

DoDI O-3002.05 PR Education and Training 2016

EO 10631 Code of Conduct 1955

EO 14168 Defending Women from Gender Ideology 31 Jan 2025

TR PAM/ REGs

TR PAM 600-4 Soldier Green Book 08/26/2025

USACC

USACC Circular 145-5 Cadet Summer Training Preparation USACC Sharepoint

CCR 145-3 ROTC Pre-commissioning Training and Leadership Development 2025 USACC Sharepoint

GUIDES/HB/Misc

The Army Profession (Pamphlet) 2018

Federal Plain Language Guidelines March 2011 Rev May 2011

Action Officer Staff Writing Guide 02/2013

GTA 07-71-001 Combat Skills for Small Unit Leaders April 2018

Additional Readings:

- Bennis, W. G., & Nanus, B. (1985). Leaders: The strategies for taking charge. New York: Harper & Row Publishers.
- Bennis, W. G. (2003). On becoming a leader. New York: Basic Books.
- Bennis, W. G., & Thomas, R. J. (2002). Geeks & Geezers: How era, values, and defining moments shape leaders. Boston: Harvard Business School Press.
- Burns, J. M. (1978). Leadership. New York: Harper & Row Publishers.
- Gardner, J. W. (1990). On leadership. New York: The Free Press.
- Kotter, J. P. (1996). Leading change. Boston: Harvard Business School Press.
- Wong, L. (2004). Developing adaptive leaders: The crucible experience of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Carlisle Barracks, PA: Strategic Studies Institute.
- Timothy A. Judge and Ronald F. Piccolo. Transformational and Transactional Leadership: A Meta-Analytic Test of Their Relative Validity
- Desire Gieseman. Military Review, Sep-Oct 2015, Effective Writing for Army Leaders

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Thu	8/27	Course Overview The US Army	
Thu	9/3	Customs and Courtesies	
Thu	9/10	Basic Map Reading	
Thu	9/17	Basic Land Navigation	
Thu	9/24	Basic First Aid	
Thu	10/1	Fieldcraft/Preventive Medicine	
Thu	10/8	Mid Term Exam	
Thu	10/15	The Army Profession	
Thu	10/22	Seven Army Values	
Thu	10/29	Introduction to Army Leadership	
Thu	11/5	Team Building	
Thu	11/12	Individual Counseling	
Thu	11/19		
Thu	11/26	Final Exam	
Thu	12/3		

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