

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE

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Army ROTC has served the University and the nation since 1949 by preparing students for service as professional officers in the United States Army. The military science program at YSU offers a four-year course of study that adds practical management training and leadership experience to students' chosen degrees.

ROTC expands a student's education by providing leadership and management experience. This training helps students develop self-discipline, physical stamina, and poise—qualities basic to success in any worthwhile career. Students genuinely interested in military service can earn commission as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army (which includes the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve) while earning their college degrees. Through ROTC, the Army gains Officers with diverse educational backgrounds and contemporary ideas. At the same time, ROTC graduates have the chance to use their training in positions of leadership, and they enable the Army to relate to the thoughts and feelings of our ever-changing society.

At present, over 70 percent of all second lieutenants for the U.S. Army come from ROTC programs nationwide. Students who have career goals outside the Army that require leadership or managerial skills, with interests in national defense structure, and who wish to explore the benefits of the Army are encouraged to enroll in the introductory lower-division military science courses. These courses can be applied as elective credit toward graduation. **Participation in these classes is voluntary and carries no military obligation.**

Army ROTC is one of the programs at YSU that provides leadership training. In Army ROTC, students quickly gain the confidence and self-discipline necessary to succeed in college. As they progress, students acquire skills and experience in taking charge of activities, setting goals, managing people and resources, and making decisions in demanding circumstances. When they complete the Army ROTC program and graduate from YSU, students will have gained both leadership and academic credentials necessary to take on responsibility as Army Officers and/or step into corporate America. A minor in Military Science is available in consultation with the academic major advisor and the Military Science Department.

Opportunities for Veterans/Junior ROTC Graduates

Because military experience may serve as total credit for the ROTC Basic Course, most veterans and students with three years of Junior ROTC (high school) are eligible for the ROTC Advanced Course without further instruction.

Army ROTC/Army Reserve/Army National Guard

Students can further broaden their college experience and earn extra income by combining ROTC with service in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard through the two-year Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP). If students qualify, and SMP vacancies are available, they may join the Army Reserve or Army National Guard unit as Officer trainees and simultaneously enroll in the Army ROTC Advanced Course. In addition to an annual subsistence allowance received for Advanced ROTC, SMP participants are paid for their Reserve or Guard drills and summer training sessions. Contact the Military Science Department for details.

Scholarship Programs

ROTC scholarships are offered on a case-by-case basis, according to individual merit. Call YSU's Military Science Department at (330) 941-3205 for details.

Leadership Laboratory

The leadership laboratory is a practical exercise period for both Basic and Advanced courses. It provides hands-on experience in practical military skills and the development of essential characteristics of leadership through progressive evaluation and counseling:

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
MSCI 1530L	Basic Course Leadership Laboratories	0
MSCI 2630L	Basic Course Leadership Laboratories	0
MSCI 3730L	Advanced Course Leadership Laboratories	0
MSCI 4830L	Advanced Course Leadership Laboratories	0

Extra-Curricular Activities

Cadets have numerous opportunities to participate in optional ROTC activities outside the classroom. Cadets provide color guards for YSU campus and local community events. At home football games, YSU Cadets raise the national colors and mark every Penguin touchdown by firing the cannon and doing push-ups for the fans. They may participate in overnight field training exercises at Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center, testing their land navigation and tactical leadership skills. Cadets receive realistic Army training, including rifle marksmanship, helicopter rides, paintball, rappelling, obstacle courses, and combat water survival. They may attend formal military banquets each semester, as well.

Cadets may compete to represent the ROTC program at prestigious events throughout the year. In the fall, they may be selected to be part of the Bold Warrior Challenge team, and represent YSU in a competition at Fort Knox, KY, against teams from other universities nationwide. Cadets must demonstrate military proficiency and physical fitness above their peers, as they are tested in a variety of tasks including rifle marksmanship, land navigation, constructing and utilizing a rope bridge over water, using a Zodiac raft, passing a physical fitness test, and completing a road march. Cadets may have the opportunity to earn the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency by completing a fitness test, pistol qualification, demonstrating proficiency in first aid, and completing a road march. Cadets who qualify may also participate in the annual Army Ten Miler in Washington, DC, or honor fallen soldiers and their families at the Mountain Man Memorial March in Gatlinburg, TN.

For more information, visit the **Department of Military Science**.

Majors

- Military Science Four Year Program (<http://catalog.yсу.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-military-science/military-science-four-year-program>)
- Military Science Two Year Program (<http://catalog.yсу.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-military-science/military-science-two-year-program>)

Minors

- Minor in Military Science (<http://catalog.yсу.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-military-science/minor-military-science>)
- Minor in Military Science History Track (<http://catalog.yсу.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-military-science/minor-military-science-history-track>)
- Minor in Military Science Political Science Track (<http://catalog.yсу.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-military-science/minor-military-science-political-science-track>)

MSCI 1510 Introduction to ROTC 1 s.h.

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.

MSCI 1520 Introduction to Leadership 1 s.h.

Learn/apply principles of effective leading. Reinforce self confidence through participation in physically and mentally challenging exercises. Develop communication skills to improve individual performance and group interaction. Relate organizational ethical values to the effectiveness of a leader. One hour lecture and Leadership Laboratory MSCI 1530L per week.

MSCI 1530L Basic Course Leadership Laboratories 0 s.h.

Practical exercises with different roles for students at different levels in the program. Build self confidence, and team-building leadership skills that can be applied throughout life. Open only to (and required of) students in the respective MSCI courses. For MSCI 1510 and MSCI 1520 it is MSCI 1530L.

MSCI 2610 Self Team Development 2 s.h.

Apply ethics-based leadership skills that develop individual abilities and contribute to the building of effective teams. Develop skills in oral presentations, writing concisely, planning of events, coordination of group efforts, advanced first aid, land navigation, and basic military tactics. Fundamentals of ROTC's Leadership Development Program. Two hours lecture and leadership lab MSCI 2630L per week.

MSCI 2620 Individual/Team Military Tactics 2 s.h.

Introduction to individual and team aspects of military tactics in small unit operations. Includes use of radio communications, safety assessments, movement techniques, planning for team safety/security and methods of pre-execution checks. Practical exercises with upper-division ROTC students. Techniques for training others. Two hours lecture and leadership lab MSCI 2630L per week.

MSCI 2630L Basic Course Leadership Laboratories 0 s.h.

Practical exercises with different roles for students at different levels in the program. Build self confidence, and team-building leadership skills that can be applied throughout life. Open only to (and required of) students in the respective MSCI courses. For MSCI 2610 and MSCI 2620 it is MSCI 2630L.

MSCI 2640 Basic ROTC Summer Camp Challenge 3 s.h.

A five-week summer camp conducted at an army post. The student receives pay. Travel, lodging, and most meal costs are defrayed by the Army. The environment is rigorous, and similar to Army Basic Training. No military obligation is incurred.

MSCI 2650 American Military Operations 2 s.h.

American Military Operations teaches the development and implementation of United States Army doctrine, philosophy, strategy, tactics, logistics, leadership, and battle and campaign analysis in an historical context.

MSCI 3710 Leading Small Organizations 1 3 s.h.

Practical opportunities to lead small groups and lead again in situations of increasing complexity. Uses small unit tactics and opportunities to plan and conduct training for lower-division students both to develop such skills and as vehicles for practicing leading. Three hours lecture and leadership lab MSCI 3730L per week.

Prereq.: Permission of department chairperson.

MSCI 3720 Leading Small Organizations 2 3 s.h.

Continues methodology of MSCI 3710. Analyze tasks; prepare written/oral guidance for team to accomplish tasks. Delegate tasks and supervise. Plan for the unexpected in organizations under stress. Apply lessons from leadership studies. Examine importance of ethical decision making in setting a positive climate that enhances team performance. Three hours lecture and leadership lab MSCI 3730L per week.

Prereq.: Permission of department chairperson.

MSCI 3730L Advanced Course Leadership Laboratories 0 s.h.

Practical exercises with different roles for students at different levels in the program. Involves leadership responsibilities for the planning, coordination, execution, and evaluation of training and activities. Open only to students in the respective MSCI courses. For MSCI 3710 and MSCI 3720 it is MSCI 3730L.

MSCI 3740 ROTC Advanced Camp 4 s.h.

A five-week camp conducted at an Army post. Student receives pay. Travel, lodging and meal costs are defrayed by the Army. The Advanced Camp environment is structured and demanding, stressing leadership at small unit levels under varying conditions. Individual leadership and basic skills performance are evaluated.

MSCI 3750 Individual Study 1-3 s.h.

The individual study of a particular military problem or review of the literature relating to a specific military problem. May be repeated with a different problem for a maximum of 3 s.h.

Prereq.: Six s.h. of Military Science and consent of the instructor.

MSCI 4810 Leadership Challenges and Goal-Setting 3 s.h.

Plan, conduct and evaluate activities of the ROTC cadet organization. Articulate goals, put plans into action. Assess organizational cohesion and develop strategies to improve it. Develop confidence in skills to lead people and manage resources. Learn/apply various Army policies and programs. Two hours lecture and leadership lab MSCI 4830L per week.

Prereq.: Permission of department chairperson.

MSCI 4820 Transition to Lieutenant 3 s.h.

Continues the methodology from MSCI 4810. Identify and resolve ethical dilemmas. Refine counseling and motivation techniques. Examine aspects of tradition and law as related to leading as an officer in the Army. Prepare for a future as a successful Army lieutenant. Two hours lecture and leadership lab MSCI 4830L per week.

Prereq.: Permission of department chairperson.

MSCI 4830L Advanced Course Leadership Laboratories 0 s.h.

Practical exercises with different roles for students at different levels in the program. Involves leadership responsibilities for the planning, coordination, execution, and evaluation of training and activities. Open only to students in the respective MSCI courses. For MSCI 4810 and MSCI 4820 it is MSCI 4830L.