

# DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP (MSC)

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The Department of Military Science is a cooperative venture between the United States Army and Jacksonville State University. The program provides a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program with a mission of commissioning students as officers in the Army upon completion of a baccalaureate degree. Satisfactory completion of the program may lead to a minor in Military Science. The program provides students an opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills necessary in the Army and in society. The emphasis of the program is on leadership development. Students are challenged to apply accepted leadership theory to practical situations. A theoretic basis of knowledge is developed through attendance in Military Science classes and courses offered in colleges throughout the University. The program is only available to full-time students.

## ENROLLMENT

There are several program options: A four-year, three-year and a two-year program. These programs are addressed below. Under some circumstances, it is possible to complete the program in less than two years. Students can obtain information on alternative programs by contacting the ROTC Department at **256-782-5601**.

The **four-year and three-year programs** are divided into two phases, the Basic Course and the Advanced Course.

**Basic:** The Basic Course is typically taken during the freshman and sophomore years but may be compressed into one year. These courses are open to all students on an elective basis. The courses, taught to meet the requirements to enter into the Advanced Program, incur NO military obligation and are open to all registered full-time students. Basic Course curriculum focuses on introductory leadership theory, basic military knowledge and skills, and the Army's role in national security policy and practices.

**Advanced:** The Advanced Course is taken during the junior and senior year of the four-year program. Students in this program must have completed the Basic Course, have two years remaining in college (graduate or undergraduate studies) and enter into a contract with the United States Army to serve as an officer in the active or reserve forces upon graduation. The contractual obligation varies with the amount of participation and whether the student is a scholarship beneficiary.

Advanced Course students take classes in advanced leadership and participate in leadership laboratories where they apply theories of leadership in practical situations. Enrollment in the Advanced Course requires the approval of the Professor of Military Science.

The **two-year program** is designed for students who did not take Army ROTC during their first two years of college and for students entering or progressing in a two-year post-graduate course of study. Students can qualify for the Advanced Course in a number of ways. Prior enlisted personnel and members of the National Guard and Army Reserve receive Basic Course credit for successful completion of Basic Training. Successful completion of the four-week ROTC Leader Training Course also qualifies students for the Advanced Course. The Professor of Military Science may also award Basic Course credit for satisfactory participation in Junior ROTC or for completion of an approved alternative course of study within the Department of Military Science.

Students must meet the following requirements in order to attend the Leader Training Course: Overall GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4-point scale, have junior standing and meet medical and physical fitness standards. Approval for attendance is required from the Professor of Military Science.

## BASIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The Basic Course consists of MSC 101, 103, 102, 104, 201, 203, 202, and 204. These courses are mandatory for entry into the Advanced Course of instruction, unless the Professor of Military Science approves substitutions.

Nursing students who desire to pursue a career as commissioned officers in the Army Nurse Corps should contact the Department of Military Science for details of a basic course program specifically tailored for the nursing discipline. In addition to meeting all ROTC requirements, the prerequisites for commissioning in the Army Nurse Corps are a baccalaureate degree in nursing and a state nursing license.

## ADVANCED COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Entry into the ROTC Advanced Course for commissioning is open to students who have earned a GPA of 2.0 or higher, who have attained junior status or are graduate students, who meet established Army medical and physical fitness standards, who have completed the Basic Course requirements as noted above or received placement credit for such, who demonstrate the requisite leadership potential, and who have departmental approval. Students pursuing a commission must successfully complete the following ROTC Advanced Course classes: MSC 301, 307, 302, 308, 303, 305,

401, 407, 402, and 408. Additionally, HY 304 and approved core curriculum courses in written communications, computer literacy, math reasoning and human behavior must be successfully completed before commissioning. Contact the Department of Military Science for specific details as to approved courses. Normally during the summer before their senior year, students must attend and successfully complete the Leader Development & Assessment Course (LDAC). This course is approximately five weeks in duration and students earn 3 credit hours under MSC 305.

ROTC Nursing students have an additional opportunity to participate in a three week Nurse Summer Training Program and earn 3 credit hours under NU 444.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All contracted students are required to maintain eligibility requirements. These requirements include an appropriate grade point average, medical qualification, moral behavior, and compliance with physical fitness standards. Additionally, contracted students must participate in physical conditioning and a field training exercise each semester.

### COMMISSIONING

Students may be commissioned once they meet all pre-commissioning requirements and are awarded a baccalaureate degree. Students commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army may serve either on Active Duty, in the Army Reserve, or in the Army National Guard. Assignments are based upon the needs of the Army and the student's request. Students who desire a commission in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard may elect the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty option (if eligible) upon entry into the advanced course.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Competitive two, three and four-year scholarships are available to students. Four-year scholarship deadlines are normally December 1 of the student's senior year in high school. Other scholarship deadlines vary from year to year. Currently, scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, partial books and provide a monthly spending allowance. Limited dorm scholarships are also available. The Army National Guard and Army Reserve also offer tuition assistance and other benefits worth up to \$24,000 per year in conjunction with ROTC. Students interested in scholarships, the simultaneous membership program (SMP) with the Guard or Reserve, or other assistance should contact the Department of Military Science at 256-782-5601 for details.

### DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

- 101, 102. Challenges in Leadership (1) (1).** *Prerequisite to all other military science courses unless exemption is approved by the PMS.* Courses provide an introduction to leadership, character development, military operations and skills, and the Army's continually changing role in the world. Course goals are accomplished through lecture, field trips, guest speakers and films. MSC 103, 104 labs are required in conjunction with these classes.
- 103, 104. Challenges in Leadership Labs (2) (2).** *Required to be taken respectively in conjunction with 101 and 102.* Students will demonstrate knowledge of subjects taught in lecture and additional topics taught in the lab through hands-on training. Emphasis is on developing leadership skills, physical fitness, and military knowledge. Students participate in physical fitness activities a minimum of one hour each week to learn the fundamentals of exercise and gain aerobic and muscular fitness.
- 112. Basic Marksmanship (2).** Fundamentals, principles, and techniques of marksmanship including equipment, maintenance, shooting position, safety, and range operation. Students fire marksmanship rifles.
- 113.\*\* Survival (3).** Examines options available in outdoor environments for survival. Students appraise and prioritize their physical and emotional needs incorporating Maslow's hierarchy. Demonstration of outdoor skills including rope bridges, orienteering, and employment of game trapping methods.
- 115.\*\* First Aid (3).** Instruction in lifesaving measures for clearing the airway, rescue breathing, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, controlling bleeding, preventing shock, treating fractures and emergency care for other serious injuries. Prevention of illness and injuries is emphasized.
- 201. Leadership Development (1).** Students learn proven leadership techniques and develop their own working leadership philosophy and style. Prepares students for future leadership roles. MSC 203 is required in conjunction with this class.
- 202. Basic Military Skills (1).** Emphasis is on refining leader skills, oral communication, and military skills including map reading, orienteering, and small unit tactics. Prepares students for the advanced military science course. MSC 204 is required in conjunction with this class.
- 203, 204. Basic Military Skills Labs (2) (2).** *Required in conjunction with MSC 201 and MSC 202 respectively.* Students demonstrate knowledge of subjects taught in lecture through hands-on experience. Emphasis is on developing leader and military skills, and enhancing military knowledge. Students participate in physical fitness activities a minimum of two hours each week to learn the fundamentals of exercise and gain aerobic and muscular fitness. MSC 201, 202 required.
- 205. Leaders Training Course (3).** *Prerequisites: Pass a standard medical physical; take the Army Physical Fitness Test, permission of the Professor of Military Science.* Students travel to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to attend a four-week course designed for those who wish to enter MSC 301 but did not participate in 100 and 200-level Military Science classes. The course provides an introduction to the Army, as well as an introduction to leadership theory and techniques.

Students apply leadership theory in a hands-on environment. Students participate in Rappelling, Water Survival, Basic Marksmanship, and in a Leader's Reaction Course where small teams solve challenging problems in a field environment. All travel, lodging, and meal costs are paid for by the Department of the Army. No fee.

- 300. Leaders Training Course Preparation (1).** Prepares students for attendance at the Army ROTC Leaders Training Course. Emphasis is on leadership training, basic military skills and physical fitness.
- 301. Advanced Military Science (3).** *Prerequisites: MSC 101, 102, 201, 202 or successful completion of the Leader Training Course, Army Basic Training, or a prescribed course of study approved by the Professor of Military Science.* Builds on previous leadership courses by introducing advanced theories and applying previous learning during practical class-room and field training exercises. Emphasis is on problem solving and learning how to motivate self and others as well as small unit leadership techniques and military small unit tactics. Students learn how to evaluate/analyze military missions and plan and prepare orders for military operations. Students must participate in a two-day field training exercise during the semester. MSC 307 is required in conjunction with this course.
- 302. Advanced Military Science (3).** *Prerequisite: MSC 301.* Reinforces dimensions of leadership taught in MSC 301 and addresses additional dimensions. Students study group dynamics, adult learning, personality models, and ethical decision making. Students refine oral communication skills and prepare and deliver information briefings. Students must participate in a three-day field training exercise during the semester. MSC 308 is required in conjunction with this class.
- 303. Advanced Military Science (3).** *May-term class emphasizes and refines all MSC 301 and 302 skills.* Students enhance land navigation/orienteering, rifle marksmanship, communications and physical training skills and abilities. Students practice planning and executing small unit operations and lead their peers in small unit operations. Students participate in a major field training exercise. Course is mandatory for all students attending LDAC during the summer terms.
- 304. Military History (3).** *Prerequisites: Enrolled Military Science Cadet and Approval of the Professor of Military Science.* The evolution of warfare and the military concentration primarily on leadership and the American military experience. Required for commissioning; see HY 304 for a course description.
- 305. Advanced Military Science (3).** *Prerequisites: MSC 301, 302, 303 and/or the permission of the Professor of Military Science.* Students fly to Fort Lewis, Washington to attend LDAC. During the five-week course, a student's basic military, organizational, communications, and leadership skills are evaluated as they interact with ROTC cadets from colleges and universities across the nation. Travel and living expenses are paid by the Department of the Army. No fee.
- 307, 308. Advanced Military Science Leadership Lab (2) (2).** Students learn small unit military tactics/operations. Students apply theory taught in MSC 301 and 302 while leading their peers in small unit operations. Students learn planning skills and are evaluated in their ability to plan activities and organize their peers to execute the events. Oral and written communication skills are stressed and evaluated. Students participate in physical fitness activities three hours each week to gain aerobic and muscular fitness. Lab is focused on preparation for the Leader Development & Assessment Course (LDAC). *MSC 301, 302 required.*
- 401. Advanced Theories in Leadership (3).** An examination of advanced leadership theory. In depth analysis of professionalism, ethical decision making, learning in organizations, the role of communications, and hierarchical staff functions. MSC 407 is required in conjunction with this class. *Approval of the Professor of Military Science is required.*
- 402. Advanced Theories in Leadership (3).** Course provides in-depth analysis of the role of law in the conduct of Army operations, personnel management, logistics management, and applied doctrine. MSC 408 is required in conjunction with this class. *Approval of the Professor of Military Science is required.*
- 403. Seminar on Leadership (3).** A directed study of various themes in leadership theory. Application of leadership theory, problem solving, decision-making, risk-analysis and communicative skills to selected topics. Student are required to conduct an oral presentation of their selected theme. Course includes intern work, where the student acts as an assistant to a member of the staff. *Approval of the Professor of Military Science is required.*
- 407, 408. Application of Advanced Theories in Leadership (2)(2).** Application of Leadership Theory in the organizational setting. Consists of role playing, problem solving, decision making, and application using practical situations. *Approval of the Professor of Military Science is required.*

\*\* indicates a course which fully or partially fulfills wellness requirements.

### Uniforms and Equipment

For all military specific courses, uniforms, most texts, and certain equipment are furnished by the United States Government at no expense to the student. Uniforms and equipment issued to cadets remain the property of the United States Government and will be turned in upon withdrawal from any MSC course or upon completion of the course. Certain equipment will be turned in upon completion of the specific training event. Students will be required to reimburse the government for losses or damage. For certain basic courses which are not military specific, purchase of texts may be required.

### MINOR: MILITARY SCIENCE

A minor in Military Science is offered by completing 26 hours of course work as follows:

MSC 301, 307, 302, 308, 401, 407, 402, 408 .....	20 hours
HY 304 or MSC 304.....	3 hours
MSC 305 .....	3 hours
Total Hours Required .....	<u>26 hours</u>