

# **DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP (ARMY ROTC)**

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Lander University is designed to enhance a student's college education by providing unique training and practical experience in leadership and management – qualities essential to success in any career. The military science and leadership (MSL) curriculum consists of a two-year basic course followed by the two-year advanced course. Upon graduation, contracted cadets who have successfully completed ROTC training are awarded a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army National Guard, or the U.S. Army Reserve.

The first-year basic course introduces the student to the Army and develops a Cadet who accepts the Army as a values-based organization and embraces the scholar-athlete-warrior ethos. The student develops familiarity with individual roles and responsibilities in support of team efforts and problem-solving processes in military and non-military situations, demonstrates oral and written communication skills, understands resilience, and demonstrates a commitment to learning. The focus is on developing basic knowledge and comprehension of Army leadership dimensions, attributes and core leader competencies while gaining an understanding of the ROTC program, its purpose in the Army, and its advantages for the student.

To prepare students to become commissioned officers, the ROTC program combines college courses in military science and leadership with summer training. The military science curriculum consists of a two-year basic course and a two-year advanced course.

The basic course is normally taken during the freshman and sophomore years and covers management principles, national defense, military history, leadership development, military courtesy, customs and traditions of the military, and physical training. Students do not incur any military obligation for participation in the basic course. Some or all of the basic course requirements may be waived by the Professor of Military Science for students who have completed Junior ROTC programs or have previous military experience.

The advanced course is limited to contracted cadets or students who have completed (or have received credit for) the basic course, who have demonstrated the leadership and scholastic potential to become an officer, and who are actively seeking to become a contracted cadet. The course provides instruction in advanced leadership development, military history, training management, organization and management techniques, tactics, logistics, and the military justice system.

All students enrolled in the ROTC advanced course receive a monthly allowance of up to \$500 for 10 months of the school year. Advanced course students attend the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) at Fort Lewis, Washington. This course occurs during the summer between their junior and senior years. Students receive travel expenses, room and board, medical and dental care, and a salary while attending this course.

Both men and women may enroll in ROTC and apply for Army ROTC scholarships or may contract as a cadet and enter into the commissioning process without a scholarship. High school seniors applying to Lander University may compete for four-year, merit-based scholarships. Lander University first-year students may apply for three-year scholarships. Sophomores may apply to attend the 30-day Leadership Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where they may win a 2-year scholarship. Similar opportunities may also exist for juniors and select seniors in certain instances.

In order to become a contracted cadet, a student must schedule a military physical through the ROTC department with a resulting status of "qualified." In addition, the student must meet minimum physical fitness requirements and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00 without a scholarship or 2.50 with a scholarship.

The second-year basic course strengthens a Cadet grounded in foundational leadership doctrine and skills by following and leading small units to achieve assigned missions. The Cadet applies critical thinking and problem solving using Troop Leading Procedures, comprehends the value of diversity and understands the officer's role in leading change, and understands the fundamentals of the Army as a profession.

Students do not incur any military obligation for participation in the basic course. Some or all of the basic course requirements may be waived by the Professor of Military Science for students who have completed Junior ROTC programs, have previous military experience, or attend Basic Camp at Fort Knox, KY.

The advanced course is a rigorous two-year program comprised of four courses, leadership labs (two sets, fall and spring), and Advanced Camp conducted at Fort Knox, KY. The overall objective of this course is to integrate the principles and practices of effective leadership, military operations, and personal development in order to adequately prepare the Cadet for Advanced Camp and commissioning as a Second Lieutenant.

The ROTC course outcomes are derived from the four Army learning areas: The Army Leadership and Profession, Mission Command, Human Dimension, and Professional Competence as established by the Army Learning Coordination Council. These outcomes are designed to prepare the newly commissioned Second Lieutenant to excel at the Basic Officer Leader Course B (BOLC B) and as a junior officer at their first unit of assignment.

Prospective and enrolled Cadets may compete for two, three, and four-year scholarships, as available. Scholarship and non-scholarship Cadets, when qualified and contracted, receive a monthly stipend of up to \$500 each semester and become eligible for summer training and internship opportunities such as Airborne and Air Assault School, the U.S. Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Internship and Nurse Summer Training Programs; and study abroad in the Cultural Understanding and Leadership Program (CULP).

In addition to the Army ROTC curriculum, the Department also offers the Military Science and Leadership Minor, as detailed below.

Please see the Department of Military Science or visit [www.goarmy.com/rotc](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc) for further information.

Lander University is a partnership school with Presbyterian College's Army ROTC program. Military Science classes are taught at Lander University, yet Cadets will periodically train with fellow cadets from Presbyterian College and Newberry College during outdoor leadership lab sessions.

### **Military Science and Leadership Minor**

This minor is designed to permit ROTC cadets to earn a minor while completing their requirements toward a commission as an officer in the United States Armed Forces. It can only be earned by students who agree to and are accepted for a commission as an officer in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, or National Guard. To qualify for the minor, a student must complete the Army ROTC basic courses and must be an accepted contracted student in the Army ROTC Advanced Course.

The Department of Military Science provides each student with academic advisement to help students obtain a major in an academic discipline plus a minor in Military Science and Leadership while fulfilling the course requirements for commission as an officer in the Armed Forces.

The minor in Military Science and Leadership consists of 18 credit hours in advanced military science and courses that count toward professional military education. While the minor consists of 18 hours of advanced courses, the listing below does not show that up to 10 credit hours of the prerequisites are required for MSL 301. The Professor of Military Science may waive some of the basic course prerequisites based on a student's prior military service or military training.

Participation in this minor is contingent upon completion of the ROTC basic courses and acceptance as a contracted student in the Army ROTC Advanced Course.

	Credit Hours
MSL 301: Training Management and the Warfighting Functions (Prerequisites: MSL101, MSL 102, MSL 201, and MSL 202)	4
MSL 302: Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations	4
MSL 401. The Army Officer	4
Two of the following 3 hr. courses:	<u>6</u>
HIST 347: The United States and the Cold War, 1945-1991	
HIST 383: Warfare through the Ages	
HIST 391: America as a Major World Power: U.S. Foreign Relations 1912 to the Present	
MSL 371: Special Topics in Military Science and Leadership	

POLS 303: International Relations  
POLS 325: International Conflict and Terrorism  
POLS 445: American Foreign Policy

TOTAL Credit Hours

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