

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

Columbus State University, in conjunction with the Department of the Army, sponsors a Department of Military Science to instill the Army values and teach leadership principles to students in preparation for future service to the Nation. Army ROTC aids students in developing those attributes and competencies which will make them academically successful. The program trains and educates select students to become commissioned officers for the Regular Army, the Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve. Students may elect to take the first two years of training and instruction without any military obligation.

Army ROTC Benefits

Army ROTC is "unlike any other college course you can take" because we offer leadership and management training that you cannot get anywhere else here at CSU. When you participate in Army ROTC, you will develop skills in the following areas:

1. Presence - Increase your professional bearing, confidence, physical fitness, and mental resiliency.
2. Intellect - Enhance your mental agility, judgment, and interpersonal tact.
3. Leadership - Lead others, build trust within a team, and communicate effectively in different frameworks.
4. Development - Learn how to prepare yourself and train others to excel in complex environments.
5. Achievement - Foster an ethos where getting results and winning matters!

The Army ROTC program has two and three-year campus based scholarships available for highly qualified students already enrolled at Columbus State University. These scholarship opportunities are merit based and not based on financial need.

Requirements for Contracting

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between the ages of 17 and 29
- Have a college GPA of at least 2.0
- Academic alignment
- Meet physical fitness standards (Army Combat Fitness Test and Height/Weight)
- Meet medical qualification standards
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve or Army National Guard)

Your Commitment

- Serve full time in the Army for four years (scholarship cadets) or three years (non-scholarship cadets); or
- Serve part time in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard for 8 years while pursuing a civilian career (see below)

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarship Program

The GRFD scholarship program is designed for Cadets who are interested in obtaining a commission as an officer in the Army National Guard (ARNG) or US Army Reserve (USAR) with a guarantee for a Reserve Component (RC) assignment. GRFD scholarships offer either full tuition and mandatory fees or a room and board flat rate of \$12,000 per year, and cover up to 2 years/4 semesters of benefits. GRFD scholarship awardees also receive an annual book allowance and a monthly stipend. GRFD Cadets must participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) while attending college which means they will also receive pay for attending a drill one weekend per month as well as a two-week annual training in a local ARNG or USAR unit. In return for these scholarship benefits, a GRFD Cadet will serve as a Commissioned Officer in either the ARNG or USAR in a drilling status for 8 years after Graduation.

In addition to these scholarship benefits, GRFD Cadets that are military occupational skill-qualified (MOSQ) can collect Selected Reserve-Montgomery GI Bill @ (SR-MGIB) and SMP Kicker benefits in conjunction with this scholarship. Since GRFD Cadets also participate in the SMP, Cadets serving in the ARNG may use available State Tuition Assistance (STA), if offered by their State, to cover tuition and fees and combine this with the GRFD scholarship for room and board expenses.

ROTC Basic Courses (Freshmen and Sophomore)

ROTC Basic Courses take place during your first two years in college as elective courses and are open to all students. It involves one elective class (1 or 2 credit hours) and lab (1 credit hour) for a total of 2-3 credit hours each semester along with the requisite physical training and field training exercises. You will learn basic military skills, the fundamentals of leadership and start the groundwork toward becoming an Army leader. In addition to the class and lab, we conduct physical training 3 times per week in the morning.

You can take Army ROTC Basic Courses without a military commitment.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
MSAL 1215 & 1215L	Introduction to Military Leadership and Introduction to Military Leadership Lab	2
		Credit Hours
		2
Spring		
MSAL 1216 & 1216L	Military Leadership and Development and Military Leadership and Development Lab	2
		Credit Hours
		2
Second Year		
Fall		
MSAL 2225 & 2225L	Innovative Military Team Leadership and Innovative Military Team Leadership Lab	3
		Credit Hours
		3

Spring

MSAL 2226 & 2226L	Foundations of Tactical Military Leadership and Foundations of Tactical Military Leadership Lab	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		10

ROTC Advance Courses (Junior and Senior)

ROTC Advanced Courses take place during your last two years in college as elective courses and include one elective class (3 credit hours) and lab (1 credit hour) for a total of 4 credit hours each semester in addition to the requisite physical training and field training exercises. Cadets are also required to complete a Military History course (3 credit hours) and attend a Cadet Summer Training Program. You will learn advanced military tactics and gain experience in team organization, planning and decision-making. To benefit from the leadership training in the Advanced Courses, all Cadets must have completed either the Basic Courses or have received alternate credit.

Entering Advanced Courses requires a commitment to serve as an Officer in the U.S. Army after you graduate.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Third Year		
Fall		
MSAL 3231 & 3231L	Adaptive Military Team Leadership and Adaptive Military Team Leadership Lab	4
Credit Hours		4
Spring		
MSAL 3232 & 3232L	Military Leadership and Ethics in Changing Environments and Military Leadership and Ethics in Changing Environments Lab	4
Credit Hours		4
Fourth Year		
Fall		
MSAL 4245 & 4245L	Applied Military Leadership Management and Applied Military Leadership Management Lab	4
Credit Hours		4
Spring		
MSAL 4795 & 4795L	Dynamics of Military Leadership in a Complex World and Dynamics of Military Leadership in a Complex World Lab	4
Credit Hours		4
Total Credit Hours		16