

# Department of Military Science / 42

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## Statement of Mission

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) provides an opportunity for qualified college students to pursue a commission in the United States Army while attending college as a full time student. The program also provides the general student body the opportunity to attend leadership and confidence building classes without incurring a military obligation. A commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or National Guard is awarded to individuals who have successfully completed the ROTC program and obtain a baccalaureate degree from Northwest Missouri State University.

Northwest Missouri State University has a partnership agreement with Missouri Western State University in order to provide the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program to Northwest Missouri State University students. Other partnership schools include Rockhurst University, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Benedictine College, Park College and Avila College. These combined schools constitute the Pony Express ROTC Battalion.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### Four-year ROTC Program

This program consists of 26 credit hours of Military Science offered on campus: six credit hours from the basic ROTC program MILS 100- and 200-level courses, and 20 credit hours from the advanced ROTC program MILS 300- and 400-level courses. First-time sophomores who did not take Military Science during the freshman year may compress the basic program during their sophomore year by taking a 100-level and a 200-level course (for 3 credit hours total) for two trimesters.

### Two-year ROTC Program

This program option is designed for junior- and senior-level students who were unable to enroll in ROTC during their first two academic years. As a prerequisite, the two-year program substitutes a paid five-week leadership internship at Fort Knox, Ken., for the MILS 100- and 200-level courses. This Basic Course Qualification is designed for students with no prior military training. Students must attend in the summer between their sophomore and junior years to qualify for the program.

### Advanced Standing Requirements

Qualified students seeking a commission in the U.S. Army may apply for advanced standing in the Military Science Department. Students who have completed the basic courses (MILS

42-100 and 200-level) are eligible to apply along with prior active duty service members, Army Reserve and National Guardsmen who have completed basic training. Eligible students must receive permission from the chairperson of Military Science to enter the advanced courses prior to enrolling in the advanced courses.

To be granted advanced standing placement into the advanced ROTC program (last two years of military science), a student must have consent of the department chairperson, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00, be a citizen of the United States and have completed one of the following requirements:

1. Completed 100- and 200-level military science courses.
2. Prior military active duty personnel, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen who have completed basic training.
3. Four-year high school Junior ROTC graduate.
4. Written and oral communication skills (one from each category)

Written Communication Skills (Required)

Eng 10-112 Composition (3)

Eng 10-115 Honors Composition (3)

Eng 10-311 Advanced Composition (3)

Eng 10-315 Technical Writing (3)

Oral Communication Skills (Required)

Com 29-102 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)

## Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available through the U.S. Army Scholarship Program. Two- and three-year scholarships are awarded each year to selected students who are enrolled or will enroll in the Army ROTC program. The scholarships provide payment directly to the college for applicable tuition and fees. Each student receives a textbook allowance of \$900 annually paid in two increments of \$450. In addition, a tiered monthly tax-free stipend is paid directly to the student for the duration of the scholarship, not to exceed 10 months for each year of the scholarship. These scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate students. Non-scholarship contracted cadets in the advanced course also receive the tiered monthly tax-free stipend, not to exceed 10 months per year for two years. Students are furnished free textbooks for military science classes.

The Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) allows students to be a member of a National Guard or Reserve unit while enrolled in ROTC. Advanced-course SMP students receive E5 pay, plus the tiered monthly tax-free stipend from ROTC, and any Active Duty GI Bill entitlement.

The tiered stipend pay is: first year contracted cadets MSI, \$300; second year MSII, \$350; third year MSIII, \$450; and 4th year MSIV, \$500; per month not to exceed 10 months of the year.

## Commission Requirements

This program requires all students seeking a commission to attend a paid six-week advanced training camp, normally the summer between the junior and senior years, at Fort Lewis, Wash. Attendance at camp may be deferred until after the senior year for exceptional cases with the recommendation of the chairperson of Military Science and approval from the ROTC chain of command.

### **Military Science Basic Courses (14 credits)**

- MiLS 42-100 Introduction to Military Leadership (1)
- MiLS 42-102 Leadership Practicum (2)
- MiLS 42-105 Rappelling and Military Rifle Marksmanship (1)
- MiLS 42-112 Leadership Practicum (2)
- MiLS 42-202 Leadership Practicum (2)
- MiLS 42-210 Introduction to Survival and Cross-Country Orienteering (2)
- MiLS 42-212 Leadership Practicum (2)
- MiLS 42-220 Advanced Survival Skills (2)

### **Minor in Military Science, 23 hours**

Qualified students accepted into the advanced classes of the ROTC program are eligible for this minor when declared at the time of entry into the advanced ROTC program.

Required Courses	Semester Hours
MiLS 42-300 Leadership and Management I	3
MiLS 42-302 Leadership Practicum	2
MiLS 42-310 Small Unit Leadership and Tactics	3
MiLS 42-312 Leadership Practicum	2
MiLS 42-400 Leadership and Management II	3
MiLS 42-402 Leadership Practicum	2
MiLS 42-410 Army Management and Organizational Systems	3
MiLS 42-412 Leadership Practicum	2
Hist 33-350 American Military History	3

### **Courses Recommended to Enhance Military Leadership (Choose one from each group)**

#### Human Behavior Studies

- Psych 08-103 General Psychology (3)
- Soc 35-101 General Sociology (3)
- Soc 35-365 Social Psychology (3)
- Phil 39-274 Introduction to Ethics (3)

#### Management and Economics

- Mgmt 54-313 Management Process and Behavior (3)
- Mgmt 54-314 Human Resource Management (3)
- Mgmt 54-316 Organizational Theory and Behavior (3)
- Econ 52-150 General Economics (3)

#### National Security Studies

- PolS 34-102 Introduction to American Government and Politics (3)
- PolS 34-421 International Relations (3)
- Geog 32-521 Political Geography (3)
- Geog 32-101 Introduction to Geography (3)
- Geog 32-102 Peoples and Cultures of the World (3)

### **General Information**

**Military Obligations:** All students are eligible to take MiLS 100- and 200-level courses without incurring any military obligation. However, MiLS 300- and 400-level courses are reserved for students who have a signed contract with ROTC to become an officer upon graduation. Currently a college graduate who is commissioned through ROTC is placed on active or reserve duty depending on his or her desires and on the needs of the service at the time of graduation.

**Course Credit:** This curriculum does not lead to a degree by itself, but is intended to complement and be utilized in conjunction with the student's academic degree program. Credits earned in military science courses are applicable toward graduation requirements as general electives.

**Class Location:** With the exception of a five-week paid summer camp, all basic course instruction is presented on campus. Various field trips are conducted to further enrich students' leadership skills for advanced-course students.

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#### **100 Introduction to Military Leadership (1 hours)**

Topics include: leadership tips for life success, decision making, the role of the total Army (to include the citizen-soldier concept), team building, great leaders, customs and traditions of the service. Emphasis on defining and applying leadership through problem-solving and reaction course scenarios.

#### **102 Leadership Practice (2 hours)**

Examines leadership in basic tactical and patrolling operations. A tactical application exercise and participation in physical fitness conditioning are required. Students practice leadership according to 16 principles and learn basic individual soldier skills.

#### **105 Rappelling and Military Rifle Marksmanship (1 hour)**

Teaches techniques and methods of rappelling, rope management, knot tying, small bore rifle marksmanship and range safety.

#### **112 Leadership Practicum (2 hours)**

Continuation of MiS 42-102. Examines advanced squad and platoon tactical operations with emphasis on patrolling operations. Topics include: leadership techniques, basic first aid and problem-solving exercises. A tactical field application exercise and physical fitness conditioning program are required. Students perform various leadership roles and present classroom instruction.

#### **202 Leadership Practicum (2 hours)**

Course examines squad and platoon offensive and defensive operations and leadership procedures in patrolling operations. A tactical application exercise and participation in physical fitness conditioning are required. Students perform various leadership roles and present classroom instruction.

#### **210 Introduction to Survival and Cross-Country Orienteering (2 hours)**

Introduction to survival techniques, how to read a map and use a compass to negotiate a land navigation course. Provides basic tips about how to survive in the outdoors. Prerequisites: MiS 42-100 and MiS 42-105, or consent of department chairperson.

#### **212 Leadership Practicum (2 hours)**

Continuation of MiS 42-202 to examine advanced squad and platoon offensive and defensive operations, reaction to obstacles and leadership procedures in patrolling operations. A tactical application exercise and participation in physical fitness conditioning are required. Students perform various leadership roles and present classroom instruction.

#### **220 Advanced Survival Skills (2 hours)**

Provides the student with knowledge and practical experience in field expedient first aid and selected survival subjects. Emphasis on first aid, land navigation, shelters, traps and snares, and water procurement.

#### **300 Leadership and Management I (3 hours)**

Provides the student with an examination of ethics, career professionalism, attributes of leadership and selected light infantry tactical skills. Prerequisite: Advanced-course status, required to be taken concurrently with MiS 42-302.

#### **302 Leadership Practicum (2 hours)**

Examines squad and platoon offensive and defensive operations, the patrol leader in patrolling operations, and a tactical application exercise is required. Students perform in various leadership roles and present classroom instruction. Prerequisite: Advanced-course status, required to be taken concurrently with MiS 42-300.

**310 Small Unit Leadership and Tactics (3 hours)**

Course studies principles and fundamentals of military operations, the decision-making process, planning and execution of light infantry operations, and a thorough examination of military ethics. Prerequisite: MiLS 42-300, advanced-course status, required to be taken concurrently with MiLS 42-312.

**312 Leadership Practicum (2 hours)**

Familiarization with military firearms, including assembly and disassembly, tactical communications and a field artillery request and application exercise is required. Prerequisite: Advanced-course status, required to be taken concurrently with MiLS 42-310.

**400 Leadership and Management II (3 hours)**

Study of the principles of decision making, the planning and conduct of unit training, the role of the military in the U.S., professional ethical standards, and the use of those standards in situations involving power, influence, and subordinate counseling. Prerequisite: Advanced-course status, required to be taken concurrently with MiLS 42-402.

**402 Leadership Practicum (2 hours)**

Practical applications in problem analysis, decision making, planning and organization, delegation and control, and development of interpersonal skills required for effective management. Participation

in physical fitness conditioning and tactical application exercise required. Students perform in various leadership positions and present classroom instruction. Prerequisite: Advanced-course status, required to be taken concurrently with MiLS 42-400.

**410 Army Management and Organizational Systems (3 hours)**

Advanced study of leadership and management that examines administration at the company level and military justice and an overview of the obligations and responsibilities of an officer. Prerequisite: Advanced course status, required to be taken concurrently with MiLS 42-412.

**412 Leadership Practicum (2 hours)**

Practical applications in problem analysis, decision making, planning and organization, delegation and control, and development of interpersonal skills required for effective management. A tactical application exercise and participation in physical fitness conditioning are required. Students perform various leadership roles and conduct classroom instruction. Prerequisite: Advanced-course status, required to be taken concurrently with MiLS 42-410.

**450 Independent Study in Military Science (1-5 hours)**

Investigates selected leadership problems or topics on an individual or conference basis. Prerequisite: Consent of department chairperson.