

Department of Military Science

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Army ROTC, as represented at UI by the Department of Military Science, is the major source of commissioned officers for the U.S. Army. After successfully completing the program and baccalaureate degree requirements in almost any field, the student receives a commission as a second lieutenant. At this time active duty is not a requirement but is something for which students compete. Graduates also choose from among 26 different branches or specialties. Those not choosing active duty serve with the Army Reserves or Army National Guard on a part-time basis. Two- and three-year scholarships are available.

All levels of course work combine classroom instruction with practical exercises. The basic course, consisting of a one-credit course each freshman semester and a two-credit course each sophomore semester, is designed to provide men and women with information on opportunities as an officer in the Army on active duty or in the National Guard or Army Reserve. The two-year basic curriculum covers Army career opportunities, confidence building exercise, map reading, leadership, management principles, first aid, and other life skills with broad applications beyond the military. Students may voluntarily participate in one of several adventure activities (rappelling, rifle marksmanship, white water rafting, downhill skiing, paintball etc.). Basic-course students, other than scholarship students, do not make a military commitment during this period. These students survey Army opportunities and decide whether to continue in the program as advanced-course students.

The advanced course consists of a three-credit course normally taken each semester during the last two years of university study and includes a five-week advanced camp at Fort Lewis, Washington (normally after the junior year). Students in the advanced course receive monthly stipends during the school year. Study centers on leadership styles and techniques with special emphasis placed on small-unit leadership.

The primary objective of the Army ROTC program is to develop leadership and management skills in students. Supplementary objectives include enhancement of the student's abilities in speaking and writing, goal seeking, and problem solving. Key to the program is the development of personal attributes essential to military service. Those attributes include sound situational assessment, decision making, and the ability to know, understand, and lead people. Additionally, the department hopes to cultivate within its students a strong sense of personal integrity, self-discipline, and responsibility.

Prior to commissioning, all cadets must demonstrate proficiency in communications, military history, and computer literacy. This may be achieved through taking UI course offerings in those subject areas. See your Army ROTC class advisor for a list of approved courses.

Departmental members will answer questions about specific programs and courses. Contact the department by going to the west end of Memorial Gymnasium or by calling 208/885-6528 or 1-88-88-UIDAHO, or by e-mail at armyrotc@uidaho.edu. Further information is available on the web, www.armyrotc.uidaho.edu/.

Courses

See Part 6 for courses in Military Science (MS).

Academic Minor Requirements

MILITARY SCIENCE MINOR

MS 301-302 Advanced Leadership and Management (6 cr)

MS 311-312 Leadership Lab (2 cr)

MS 401-402 Seminar in Leadership and Management (6 cr)

MS 411-412 Leadership Lab (2 cr)

Four to six courses from the following (10 cr):

MS 101, MS 111 Introduction to Military Science and Leadership Lab (2 cr)

MS 102, MS 112 Fundamentals of Leadership and Management and Leadership Lab (2 cr)

MS 151, 152 Physical Fitness Training (2 cr)

MS 201, MS 211 Applied Leadership and Management and Leadership Lab (3 cr)

MS 202, MS 212 Applied Leadership and Management and Leadership Lab (3 cr)

MS 251, 252 Physical Fitness Training (2 cr)

MS 289 Leadership Training Course (1-6 cr)

MS 299 Directed Study (cr arr, max 4 cr)

MS 351, 352 Physical Fitness Training (2 cr)

MS 451, 452 Physical Fitness Training (2 cr)

MS 471-472 Command and Staff Functions (4 cr)

MS 489 National Advanced Leadership Course (1-6 cr)

Armed Forces Credits received for prior military service as determined by the University

*Note: A maximum of 4 credits of MS 151, 152, 251, 252, 351, 352, 451, and 452 may be used towards completion of the Military Science Minor.