Reserve Officers’ Training Corps

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The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is an educational program designed to give men and women the opportunity to become an Air Force officer while completing a degree. The Air Force ROTC program is designed to teach the necessary skills needed to accept the challenging opportunities encountered in the Air Force. Air Force ROTC offers a pathway from college to many exciting career possibilities as an Air Force officer: flying, engineering, intelligence, computer systems, aircraft maintenance, management, etc. Interested students should contact the Air Force ROTC department. AFROTC is now an approved minor.

Four-Year Program

The General Military Course (GMC) is the first half of the Four-Year Program and is taken during the freshman and sophomore years. This program allows the student to try out Air Force ROTC without obligation (unless the student is on an Air Force ROTC scholarship). During the first two years, the student will learn basics about the Air Force and the historical development of airpower. GMC student may be eligible for a scholarship totaling $18,000 a year for tuition, fees, and books plus receive a non-taxable monthly allowance. During the spring semester of the sophomore year, the student will compete for the opportunity to attend a four-week Field Training encampment (see Field Training section below for in-depth information). Successful completion of field training is mandatory for entrance into the Professional Officer Course (POC), the junior and senior year of the Four-Year Program. As a junior, the student will learn about various leadership roles and management techniques needed to become an effective Air Force officer. During the senior year, students will learn about foreign policy and national security while preparing them for entrance into active duty.

Curriculum in the General Military Course

AIRF 1010/1020 Foundations of the Air Force
AIRF 2010/2020 The Evolution of Aerospace Studies

Leadership Laboratory

As an Air Force ROTC cadet, each student will be required to attend an additional two-hour class period each Thursday known as Leadership Laboratory. Although it is not part of the academic class requirement, it is an essential part of officer training. Leadership Laboratory is a cadet-centered program where the student will learn such things as military customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, and proper wear of uniform. On other occasions, the student will have the opportunity to hear guest speakers discuss a variety of interesting and stimulating topics. Those interested in a commission must sign up for Leadership Laboratory. AIRF 1011/1021 AFROTC Leadership Lab, AIRF 2011/2021 AFROTC Leadership Lab, AIRF 3011/3021 and 4011/4021 AFROTC Leadership Lab.

Air Force ROTC Scholarships

Air Force ROTC offers scholarships on a competitive basis to high school seniors and college students. These scholarships can be offered in selected scientific and technical areas as well as in non-technical areas. Contact the Air Force ROTC detachment for the latest on scholarship opportunities. You may visit www.afrotc.com

Professional Officer Course (POC)

The Professional Officer Course consists of a four semester course series normally taken during the junior and senior years. Three classroom hours of instruction and a two hour Leadership Laboratory is taken each week. Six credit hours may be applied toward graduation. At present, all non-scholarship POC cadets who meet POC eligibility criteria receive a monthly tax free stipend.

Field Training (FT)

Cadets completing the General Military Course attend four weeks of FT during the summer at Maxwell AFB. This rigorous program of leadership training, physical conditioning and academics assesses the cadet's potential to be an Air Force officer. Lastly, cadets also receive survival and firearms training, career information and a military aircraft orientation flight. Cadets receive travel pay and daily pay for attending FT.

Department of Military Science

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The purpose of the Army ROTC program is to select, train and motivate the future leadership of the active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve. The curriculum is available to both men and women and prepares students to become effective leaders and managers in a variety of challenging fields. The Army ROTC curriculum is divided into two courses: a General Military Course open to all students and an Officer Development Course for qualified juniors, seniors and graduate students. The General Course serves to acquaint Auburn students with the Army and its role in our society; The Officer Development course prepares students for service as commissioned officers. Successful completion of both courses and award of a bachelor's degree constitute the normal progression to earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant. Students undecided about pursuit of a commission may participate in the General Military Course. This affords freshman and sophomore students the opportunity to make an informed decision on the advantages of an officer's commission while incurring no military obligation.

General Military Course (The Basic Course)

The Basic Course consists of a four-semester block of instruction normally taken during the freshman and sophomore years. Successful completion of MILS 1010, 1020, 2010 and 2020 together with the associated labs (MILS 1011, 1021, 2011 and 2021) satisfies the academic requirements for progression to the Officer Development Course. Two credit hours per semester are earned for the lecture and lab. Subject to departmental approval, students may complete all four courses in one academic year.

Curriculum in the General Military Course

The basic military science courses provide unique classroom and hands-on instruction in orienteering, small unit tactics, first aid, physical fitness, and leadership skills. They introduce the student to the Army as a profession, lay the foundation of value-based, ethical decision-making, illuminate the Army’s place in society and lay the foundation for the Officer Development Course that follows. The Professor of Military Science may admit the student to the Advanced Program upon completion of these courses.

Courses are offered in the fall and spring semesters and credits earned may be applied as elective credits toward degree requirements in all schools of the university.

Optional Leadership Training Course

Otherwise qualified students who are unable to complete the Basic Course during their freshman and sophomore years may qualify for admission to the Advanced Course by successfully completing the Leadership Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The Leaders’ Training Course consists of approximately four weeks of training conducted during the summer months. Students desiring to exercise this option are required to submit a formal application and pass a general physical. Students who participate in the Leadership Training Course will receive approximately $700 in addition to travel expenses to and from Fort Knox. Uniforms, housing, medical care and meals are furnished by the government during training.

Interested students are strongly encouraged to enroll in a military science course and laboratory during the spring semester. Deadline for applications is March 15, all applicants must contact the Military Science Department no later than March 1.
Officer Development Course (The Advanced Course)

Successful completion of the General Military Course or approved alternative training, a minimum 2.0 grade-point average and medical qualifications are pre-requisites for enrollment in the Officer Development Course. Service veterans, transfer students from junior or military colleges, members of the National Guard or Army Reserve, and former military academy cadets may qualify for direct entry into the Officer Development Course two academic years before their projected graduation.

The Advanced Course is designed to develop a candidate’s leadership and management potential, physical stamina, and poise, as well as the character traits desired of an Army Officer. The program’s objective is to produce the highest caliber junior officer, fully capable of accepting command in the modern Army, exercising management responsibilities and serving the broader community.

The Advanced Course consists of a four-semester block of instruction taken during the junior and senior years (MILS 3010, 3020, 4010 and 4020). Successful completion of the courses, together with a leadership laboratory (MILS 3011, 3021, 4011 and 4021) each semester fulfills military science academic requirements for award of an officer’s commission. Three credit hours per semester are earned for the lecture and laboratory. Students currently receive a tax-free subsistence allowance of $450 (juniors) and $500 (seniors) while enrolled.

Students enrolled in the Officer Development Course are required to successfully complete approximately four weeks of leadership training at Fort Lewis, Washington, during the summer to become eligible for commissioning. Attendance at the Leadership Development Assessment Course normally occurs in the summer following the junior year. The purpose of the course is to provide each candidate hands-on experience in leadership development as well as extensive training in military tactics, techniques and related subjects vital to success as a junior officer. Students attending the Leadership Development Assessment Course receive approximately $700 in addition to travel expenses to and from Fort Lewis. Uniforms, housing, medical care and meals are furnished by the government during the training.

Additional voluntary training at one or more of a variety of active Army service schools is available to select students each summer. Students may apply for attendance at Airborne School, Air Assault School, The Northern Warfare Training Center and Cadet Troop Leadership Training. Students who successfully complete the appropriate course are authorized to wear the Parachutist, Air Assault or other applicable skill badge.

Students who successfully complete the Army ROTC curriculum, and earn a bachelor’s degree, serve on active duty or with the Army National Guard or Army Reserve. Active duty is for a period of three or four years with the opportunity for qualified officers to apply for extended service. Current salary and allowances for a single Second Lieutenant exceed $42,000. Medical and other benefits are also provided at no cost.

Professional Military Education Requirements

All Army ROTC cadets seeking a commission are required to pass a Written Communication Skills course (currently fulfilled by the University Core Curriculum) and World Military History (HIST 3640). An alternate military history course may be substituted with the approval of the Professor of Military Science.

Simultaneous Membership Program

Second, third and fourth year students are eligible to participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program with the Army National Guard or Army Reserve. Students participating in this program affiliate with an Army unit as a student officer, thus affording them the opportunity for enhanced leadership development. Students in this program receive a salary, additional tax-free benefits and GI Bill educational benefits (if otherwise qualified).

Military Science Minor

The Department of Military Science offers a minor under the following conditions. Fourteen semester hours in Military Science [MILS] are required, including 12 at the 3000/4000-level, and a three-hour 3000-level Military History course. (See p. 16 on limits.)
technical majors and Tier III liberal arts (for a complete list, see the Auburn NROTC home page). Although the program emphasizes engineering and science majors, students may enroll in any Auburn University major leading to a baccalaureate degree. In addition to the requirements of their major, scholarship students must complete 24 semester hours of Naval Science courses, calculus I and II, calculus-based physics I and II, a modern historiographical security policy course and world cultures course. Summer activities include two at-sea training cruises and one summer period of career orientation lasting for about four weeks. Marine Option students participate in a six-week orientation course at Quantico, VA in lieu of the second at-sea training cruise. Scholarship students may resign without obligation anytime prior to the beginning of their second year in the program. Successful completion of the ROTC program leads to a commission as an Ensign, U.S. Navy, or Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps.

Two-Year NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship - Selections for this program are made on a national basis from nominations submitted by NROTC units or officer recruiters from around the country. Selected applicants attend the Naval Science Institute (NSI) in Newport, RI, for six weeks during the summer prior to their junior year. Successful NSI completion qualifies students for enrollment in the advanced course (junior year) of the NROTC Program. The two-year scholarship covers the final two years of college; provides tuition, fees, $375 per semester for textbooks, and subsistence stipend for a maximum of 20 months. The program is open to college students who have completed their sophomore year or third year in a five-year curriculum. The deadline for application is 15 March of the applicant's junior year. Upon graduation students are commissioned as Ensigns, U.S. Navy, or Second Lieutenants, U.S. Marine Corps.

College Program - The College Program is a non-scholarship option that offers a two- or four-year program. There is no calculus or physics requirement and no preference for technical majors. Interested students should apply directly to the Auburn NROTC Unit during the fall of their freshman year for the four-year program or prior to the spring of their sophomore year for the two-year program. The program pays for uniforms and instructional fees for Naval Science courses. College Program students selected for advanced standing prior to their junior year receive a stipend for a maximum of 20 months. Advance standing is only available starting the junior year of college. Stipend per academic month is $350 junior year and $400 senior year. College Program students will complete Naval Science and other university courses, a few specific university courses, and attend one summer training session at sea for Navy Option midshipmen or Quantico, VA, for Marine Option midshipmen. When accepted, two-year applicants will attend the six-and-a-half week Naval Science Institute program in Newport, RI, during the summer between their sophomore and junior years. Upon graduation, two- and four-year College Program midshipmen may be commissioned Ensigns, U.S. Navy, or Second Lieutenants, U.S. Marine Corps.

Navy Nurse Corps NROTC Scholarship - The Navy pays tuition, fees, $375 per semester for textbooks, all equipment, and uniform items within the BSN degree curriculum. Subsistence pay and active duty pay for summer training is equivalent to the pay provided by the Navy-Marine Corps Scholarship Programs. Students must major in a nursing program leading to a BSN degree. Naval Science course requirements for Nurse Option students consist of 12 semester hours of Naval Science courses and a world cultures course. Summer activities include one at-sea training cruise and one shore-based hospital training period. Nurse Corps NROTC scholarship eligibility and selection procedures are the same as regular four-year NROTC Scholarship Program requirements. Upon graduation, Nurse Corps NROTC Scholarship midshipmen are commissioned as Ensigns, U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

Tweeddale Scholarship - The Professor of Naval Science (PNS) is allowed to award two Tweeddale Scholarships each year. The program focuses on students majoring in specific technical fields (e.g. Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science, Chemistry, or Physics). A strong math/science background in high school and a B or better in calculus, if completed, is desired. Candidates will be interviewed by the PNS and must comply with Navy standards regarding leadership potential and military/physical fitness. As part of the application process, the candidate will submit a revised degree plan for review by the PNS. The degree plan must be verified by the students faculty advisor and must demonstrate that the student will be able to complete all Naval Science requirements and still graduate on time with his/her assigned class year group. Candidates must have completed at least one but no more than four academic terms with a cumulative GPA above peer mean or 3.0, whichever is higher. Transcripts must reflect a grade of C or better in all courses attempted. Candidates must have completed one academic term of college level math or science. Upon acceptance, the student is required to complete NAVS 1010 as soon as possible. The Navy pays tuition, fees, $375 per semester for textbooks, and provides a monthly stipend the same as the four-year scholarship.

Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) Officer Development (OD) Controlled Scholarships - NSTC OD Controlled Scholarships, including Nurse Corps option, are awarded annually by NSTC OD. The Navy pays tuition, fees, $375 per semester for textbooks, and provides a monthly stipend the same as the four-year scholarship. This program provides an avenue for the PNS to nominate College Program midshipmen who have demonstrated solid academic and professional performance and indicate potential for program completion and future commissioned service. The NSTC OD Controlled Scholarship Board meets twice per year to select scholarship nominees. NROTC College Program students must have received academic and aptitude marks in Naval Science for a period of at least one academic term prior to nomination. Students enrolled in Naval Science courses, but not members of the NROTC, who have received academic marks for a period of at least one academic term, may be nominated, provided they enroll in the NROTC College Program prior to their nomination. Nominees should have a cumulative grade point average at least equal to the average of all students in the same college or degree program. However, all nominees with a cumulative GPA equal to or above 2.5 will be considered.

Uniforms, Naval Science textbooks, and equipment necessary for the NROTC Program are furnished in all programs.

Active Duty Service Requirements upon Graduation

Active duty service requirements for scholarship midshipmen vary depending on the warfare area they enter. The basic requirement is eight years, five of which must be on active duty. The remaining three years may be completed on active duty or in the reserves. Specific requirements per warfare community are as follows:

- Surface and Submarine Warfare - 8 years total, at least 5 on active duty
- Naval Aviator (Navy and Marine pilot) - 8 years active duty after qualification as a Naval Aviator
- Naval Flight Officer (Navy and Marine non-pilot aviators) - 6 years active duty after qualification as a Naval Flight Officer
- Marines and Nurse Corps - 8 years total, at least 4 on active duty

Curriculum

The Naval Science curriculum consists of one 3-credit class per semester for eight semesters. In addition, all NROTC students attend two 0-credit Naval Science laboratory class periods and two one-hour physical training sessions per week. Naval Science subjects are listed in this bulletin. Naval Science course hours are considered part of the normal load, which is defined as 15 to 18 credits per semester. Six hours of Naval Science may be used as electives in any major.

Naval Science Minor

The Department of Naval Science offers a minor to any student, regardless of NROTC affiliation, who completes 15 semester hours of Naval Science, 9 of which must be courses numbered 3000 or above.

The following courses qualify:

- NAVS 1010
- NAVS 1020
- NAVS 3030
- NAVS 3050
- NAVS 4030
- NAVS 4050
- NAVS 2010
- NAVS 2060
- NAVS 3060
- NAVS 4020

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