Military Science

The U.S. Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) was established at Idaho State University under provisions recommended to the State Board of Education and in accordance with national requirements. Participation by students in the program is voluntary. The objective of the Advanced Course is to provide students who have the ability and desire, the opportunity to become commissioned officers in the United States Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. Students interested in scholarship information may contact Enrollment Officer CPT Johanna Mosby, Garrison Hall Rm B-7B, (208) 282-3754.

Scope of Instruction

Instruction in ROTC is divided into the Basic Course and the Advanced Course. Each is described below.

General

The program of instruction leading to a commission as a second lieutenant consists of academic classes in military science, one or more several-week summer training events, and a bachelor’s degree in an academic major (including the Bachelor of Applied Science). Training in leadership is emphasized. Instruction is given in subjects common to all branches of the Army with emphasis placed on the following: organization of the Army and ROTC; individual weapons and marksmanship; military history; management; leadership; map reading, land navigation and orienteering; U.S. Army and national security; military teaching principles; tactics; communications; operations; logistics; administration; military law; and the role of the United States military in world affairs.

Basic Course

Normally taken the freshman and sophomore years, the Basic Course gives the student the opportunity to experience the Army without incurring any obligation.

Satisfactory completion of the Basic Course fulfills one of the requirements for continuation in the four-year program and acceptance into the Advanced Course. Those students desiring to take the Advanced Course but lacking the credit for the Basic Course may satisfy the requirements by attending a 28-day summer camp or by completing Military Basic Training. Veterans and Reserve/National Guard members may receive credit for the Basic Course.

Students in the Basic Course who are contemplating taking the Advanced Course are highly encouraged to take either the Military Style Fitness class or the Ranger Challenge fitness class.

Advanced Course

In addition to the requirements of the Basic Course, the Advanced Course requires two additional years of military science and a 29-day training course, which provides practical application of instruction previously given. Admission to the Advanced Course is by permission of the Chair of the Department of Military Science.

Scholarships

The Military Science department offers a multitude of scholarships, both Cadet Command Army-sponsored and Idaho State University-sponsored. Cadet Command offers a four-year scholarship to high school graduating seniors which pays up to 100% of tuition and education fees, OR room and board (chosen by the student). There is an additional book allowance. There are also limited numbers of 4, 3 and 2-year scholarships available once a student is on campus. In addition, Army scholarship winners also receive a tax-free subsistence allowance for 10 months per year, increasing yearly upon progression through Military Science. Each student selected for a scholarship must serve in the National Guard, Reserves, or Active Duty as a commissioned officer upon commissioning. For more information, please visit https://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html. Students who are in the Advanced Course (junior and senior status) and some qualifying sophomores will also receive an additional monthly subsistence.

Uniforms

Basic and Advanced Course students will be provided uniforms and equipment for ROTC classes. All such items of clothing and equipment are the property of the U.S. government and are provided solely for the purpose of furthering the military training of the student. Students are responsible for the safekeeping, care, and return of the property issued to them.

Faculty

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Instructor
SPC Bures
Senior Military Instructor

Program Assistant
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Affiliate Faculty/PA

Administrative Assistant
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Admission Requirements

Advanced Course cadets must:

1. Have satisfied one of the following requirements: Successful completion of the Basic Course, the 28-day summer Basic Camp (BC) or Basic Training. In addition, all students must have completed a minimum of 54 credits toward their chosen career field.
2. Be able to complete all requirements for commissioning before their 34th - birthday (waivable to 39 years).
3. Successfully complete the prescribed survey and general screening tests.
4. Execute an individual contract with the government in which they agree to complete the Advanced Course at Idaho State University or any other institution at which they may thereafter be enrolled where such a program is offered.
5. Devote a minimum of eight hours a week to the military training prescribed by the Secretary of the Army.
6. Contract into the Army Reserve ROTC Control Group. This enlistment does not involve additional training or duty but is to insure compliance with the terms of the contract signed by the student.
7. Agree to accept a commission if tendered.
8. Serve as a commissioned officer in the active Army, the Army Reserve, or the National Guard. Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) assignments are available for those who do not want to compete for the active duty assignments. The GRFD assignment allows officers to serve in the Reserves or National Guard with an Army Commission.
9. Complete the requirements for Professional Military Education (PME). The PME system is designed to articulate skills and knowledge that are required of all U.S. Army Officers. The professional military education component consists of two parts, a baccalaureate degree in an academic field and a military history course.

10. Participate in either the Ranger Challenge fitness class or the Military Style Physical Fitness class every semester until commissioned.

**Minor in Military Science**

(For contracted cadets ONLY)

**Required Military Science Courses:**

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Total Credits: 35

¹ This is a 1-credit course, taken once each semester, for a total of 4 credits.
² Optional, if student qualifies.

**Required Courses/Activities**

**Basic Course (select a, b, or c):**

a) The following four courses:

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Optional:

- MSL 1110 Military Style Physical Fitness Civilian Only
- MSL 1104 Ranger Challenge

b) Attendance at ROTC Leaders Training Course ¹

6 credits

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c) Prior military service

**ROTC Advanced Course (For contracted cadets ONLY):**

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Optional:

- MSL 1104 Ranger Challenge
- MSL 3380 ROTC Nurse Seminar Training
- MSL 3390 Leader Development and Assessment Course LDAC ²

³ Required if student is on scholarship and/or contracted.

² Attendance at Leader Development and Assessment Course (MSL 3390) is required of all contracted students normally between junior and senior year. Students may sign up for MSL 3390 to receive academic credit for Leader Development and Assessment Course.

**Courses**

**MSL 1101 Leadership and Personal Development: 2 semester hours.**

Introduces personal challenges and competencies critical for effective leadership. Learn life skills such as critical thinking, goal setting, time management, physical fitness, and stress management, as related to leadership, officership, and the Army profession. Develop basic knowledge and comprehension of Army leadership dimensions, the ROTC program, its purpose, and its advantages. COREQ: MSL 1101L. F

**MSL 1101L Leadership and Personal Development Laboratory: 0 semester hours.**

Practical application of classroom instruction, leadership exercises, adventure training, military skills, and tactical instruction. Military branch and rank orientation is also applied. COREQ: MSL 1101. F

**MSL 1102 Introduction to Tactical Leadership: 2 semester hours.**

Setting direction, problem-solving, listening, presenting briefs, providing feedback, and using effective writing skills. Students explore dimensions of leadership values, attributes, skills, and actions in the context of practical, hands-on, and interactive exercises. Explore in more detail the Army's leadership philosophy and learn fundamental military concepts. COREQ: MSL 1102L. S

**MSL 1102L Introduction to Tactical Leadership Laboratory: 0 semester hours.**

Practical application of classroom instruction, leadership exercises, adventure training, military skills, and tactical instruction. Military branch and rank orientation is also applied. COREQ: MSL 1102. S
MSL 1104 Ranger Challenge: 1 semester hour.
Students are instructed in basic military/survival skills: field expedient bridging, marksmanship, individual weapons familiarization, individual tactical movement, and physical readiness. Culminates in team competitions with other universities. May be repeated for up to 4 credits by Military Science students. F

MSL 1110 Military Style Physical Fitness Civilian Only: 1 semester hour.
Participate in and learn to lead a physical fitness program. Emphasis on developing an individual fitness program and the role of exercise and fitness in one's life. Equivalent to PEAC 1110. F, S

MSL 2201 Innovative Team Leadership: 3 semester hours.
Explore creative and innovative tactical leadership strategies and styles; examine team dynamics and two historical leadership theories. Includes planning, executing and assessing team exercises and participating in leadership labs as well as land navigation and squad tactics. COREQ: MSL 2201L. F

MSL 2201L Innovative Team Leadership Laboratory: 0 semester hours.
Practical application of classroom instruction, leadership exercises, military branch, and rank orientation is also applied. COREQ: MSL 2201. F

MSL 2202 Foundations of Tactical Leadership: 3 semester hours.
Terrain analysis, patrolling, operation orders, and other challenges of leading tactical teams in the contemporary operating environment (COE). Students assess their own leadership styles and practice communication and team building. COE case studies reflect the importance of teamwork and tactics in real-world scenarios. COREQ: MSL 2202L. S

MSL 2202L Foundations of Tactical Leadership Laboratory: 0 semester hours.
Practical application of classroom instruction, leadership exercises, advancement, military skills, and tactical instruction. Military branch and rank orientation is also applied. COREQ: MSL 2202. S

MSL 2290 ROTC Leaders Training Course: 6 semester hours.
5-week summer course taken at Fort Knox, KY provides an introduction to military science for students having little or no military experience. Provides experiences in management, teaching, first aid, physical conditioning. Qualifies student for ROTC Advanced Course. PREREQ: Permission of Chair. F

MSL 3301 Adaptive Technical Leadership: 4 semester hours.
Study, practice, develop, and evaluate adaptive leadership skills using squad tactical operations scenarios and systematic feedback on leadership attributes and actions. Cadets develop tactical leadership abilities to enable success at the summer Leadership Development and Assessment Course. PREREQ: Contracted MLS student. COREQ: MSL 3301L. F

MSL 3301L Adaptive Team Leadership Laboratory: 0 semester hours.
Practical application of classroom instruction, leadership exercises, adventure training, military skills, and tactical instruction. Military branch and rank orientation is also applied. COREQ: MSL 3301. F

MSL 3302 Leadership in Changing Environments: 4 semester hours.
Intense situational leadership challenges to build cadet awareness and skills in leading tactical operations up to platoon level. Review aspects of combat, stability, and support operations; conduct military briefings; develop operation orders. Explore, evaluate, and develop skills in decision-making, persuading, and motivating team members in the COE. PREREQ: MSL 3301. COREQ: MSL 3302L. S

MSL 3302L Leadership in Changing Environments Laboratory: 0 semester hours.
Practical application of classroom instruction, leadership exercises, adventure training, military skills, and tactical instruction. Military branch and rank orientation is also applied. COREQ: MSL 3302. S

MSL 3310 ROTC Physical Fitness: 1 semester hour.
Participate in, plan and lead physical fitness programs. Develop the physical fitness requirements of an officer in the Army. Emphasis on developing an individual fitness program and the role of exercise and fitness in one's life. May be repeated for up to 8 credits by contracted Military Science students. COREQ: Enrolled in MSL class. F, S

MSL 3320 Leadership in US Military History: 3 semester hours.
Introduction to American military experience. Personal and military examples of changes made as a result of lessons learned from history. Accounts from major wars and battles throughout U.S. history are described to focus on how leadership decisions affected the success or failure of military operations. PREREQ: Contracted student or permission of Instructor. F, S

MSL 3380 ROTC Nurse Seminar Training: 3 semester hours.
Clinical leadership experience with an Army Nurse Corps preceptor at an Army hospital in the US or overseas after completion of Leader Development and Assessment Course (MSL 3390). PREREQ: MSL 3390 and one clinical nursing course. F

MSL 3390 Leader Development and Assessment Course LDAC: 6 semester hours.
Culmination of MSL 3301 and MSL 3302; Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Washington. Required of all contracted students, normally between junior and senior years. PREREQ: MSL 3301 and MSL 3302. F

MSL 4401 Developing Adaptive Leaders: 4 semester hours.
Develop proficiency in planning, executing, and assessing complex operations, and in functioning as a member of a staff. Provide performance feedback to subordinates by assessing risk, making ethical decisions, and leading fellow ROTC cadets. Lessons on military justice and personnel processes prepare cadets to make the transition to becoming officers. PREREQ: MSL 3301 and MSL 3302. COREQ: MSL 4401L. F

MSL 4401L Developing Adaptive Leaders Laboratory: 0 semester hours.
Practical application of classroom instruction, leadership exercises, adventure training, military skills, and tactical instruction. Military branch and rank orientation is also applied. COREQ: MSL 4401. F

MSL 4402 Leadership in a Complex World: 4 semester hours.
Explore dynamics of leading in complex situations of current military operations in the COE. Examine differences in customs and courtesies, military law, principles of war, and rules of engagement in the face of international terrorism. Explore aspects of interacting with non-government identities/civilians on the battlefield. PREREQ: MSL 4401. COREQ: MSL 4402L. S

MSL 4402L Leadership in a Complex World Laboratory: 0 semester hours.
Practical application of classroom instruction, leadership exercises, adventure training, military skills, and tactical instruction. Military branch and rank orientation is also applied. COREQ: MSL 4402. S

MSL 4492 Military Science Internship: 6 semester hours.
Apply skills learned in MSL program. PREREQ: Permission of Chair. COREQ: Simultaneous membership in ROTC and Army Reserves/National Guard. S

MSL 4499 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
This course is not described in the catalog. The course title and number of credits are announced in the class schedule by the scheduling department. Experimental courses may be offered no more than three times.