MILITARY SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

Military Science and Leadership

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The Military Science and Leadership (MSL) courses are part of the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) and provide a dynamic student-focused learning environment designed to develop adaptive and agile leaders of character. ROTC is a unique program in that it is led by Active Duty and National Guard cadre, but run primarily by the students. Cadre facilitate the lecture portion of the curriculum and the students plan and execute the leadership labs and physical training. MSL courses focus on management and leadership skills and prepare a student to receive a commission as an Army officer for either active duty, the Army National Guard, or the Army Reserve.

MSL classes include three components: lecture, leadership lab, and physical training sessions:

**Lecture** – Cadre-facilitated discussions focus on leadership development, leadership theories, Army fundamentals, written and oral communication skills, cultural awareness, mentoring, problem solving, and emphasize practical leadership application.

**Leadership Lab** – Provide engaging, hands-on, and realistic application of the lecture lessons of the previous weeks. The focus of labs is on field craft and army fundamentals. The two-hour lab sessions are planned and executed by the Advance Course (MSL 300) cadets, giving them an opportunity to utilize unit training management and troop-leading procedures preparing them for their summer training event.

**Physical Training** – Includes techniques to improve muscular strength and endurance and cardio-respiratory capacity. Includes strength and aerobic exercises, water confidence training, distance running, military drills and team sports. There are three, one-hour physical training sessions per week; however, non-contracted students are only required to attend one.

**Additional Opportunities.** Students also participate in off-campus training exercises and competitions designed to reinforce training and challenge their physical and mental capacities.

**Basic Courses.** 100- and 200-level MSL courses are open to any UW-Eau Claire undergraduate student, regardless of major. Students may start the classes in either the fall or spring semester. Taking these classes requires no obligation to the Army. These courses give students the opportunity to learn about the Army and how the Army implements leadership. Additionally, credits from the Basic Courses (MSL 100 and MSL 200) can be applied towards the Leadership Studies Certificate. These classes can be taken during study abroad.

**Advanced Courses.** 300- and 400-level MSL courses are open to any UW-Eau Claire undergraduate student regardless of major. Taking these classes requires that the student make a commitment to contract as a Cadet, which requires service to the active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard after graduation. Enrollment requires receiving credit for the basic courses and meeting Army prerequisites. Students must have four semesters remaining in full-time status to complete the MSL 301/MSL 302/MSL 401/MSL 402 course series. Students hold leadership positions throughout the semester and have significant responsibilities in planning and leading training during leadership lab and physical training. All advanced cadets attend the capstone Advance Course at Fort Knox, KY. MSL 301 and MSL 302 must be taken in sequence followed by the capstone summer training. Students are required to take an upper level U.S. military history course, which can be fulfilled by taking HIST 384, HIST 376, or HIST 377. These courses can be applied to the Military Leadership minor (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/business/military-science-and-leadership/military-leadership-minor/).

**ROTC Scholarships.** Cadets may be eligible for tuition scholarship, room and board scholarship, study abroad scholarship, or federal tuition benefits. For more information, visit www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.jsp (http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.jsp) or contact the ROTC cadre in Schneider 209. Interested students must contact the ROTC Office to determine the correct course in which to enroll, to get enrollment permissions, and to complete required paperwork.

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