

Military Science

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Degrees Offered: None

The goal of the U.S. Army ROTC program is to develop technically competent, physically fit, and highly motivated men and women for positions of responsibility as commissioned officers in the active army, the army reserve, and the National Guard. Upon completion of the curriculum, students will have an understanding of the fundamental concepts and principles of the military as an art and as a science. The leadership and managerial experience gained through ROTC provides great benefit for students in both their civilian endeavors and in their military careers.

Degree Requirements

Rice does not offer a bachelor's in Military Science. However, interested students can obtain a degree in any of the other programs offered by Rice, with a minor in Military Science obtained by attending courses at the University of Houston. The financial aid available to a ROTC student may be used for Rice courses as well as the University of Houston ROTC courses.

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 20–23). For requirements for a specific degree program, see the pages for that degree program. Further details on ROTC programs at Rice are available on page 27. For more information on the Army ROTC program in particular, contact the military science department at the University of Houston by calling 713-743-3875.

Statutory Authority. General statutory authority for establishment and operation of the ROTC program, including the scholarship program, is contained in Title 10, United States Code, Chapter 103 (Sec. 2102-2111). Specific rules and procedures are found in U.S. Army Regulation 145-1.

Course Credit. ROTC classes may be taken for elective credit toward any degree plan at the University of Houston or Rice University. Freshman- and sophomore-level classes are open to all students, regardless of age or physical condition. *No military obligation is incurred as a result of enrollment in these courses.* Junior- and senior-level courses are more restrictive and do require a military obligation. ROTC scholarship students also incur a military obligation.

Four-Year Program. The four-year program is divided into two courses: the basic course, which is normally attended by students during their freshman and sophomore years, and the advanced course, attended during the junior and senior years. Advanced course students attend a six-week advanced camp in Fort Lewis, Washington, normally between their junior and senior years.

The Basic Course. The basic course consists of four semesters of military science, which include MILI 121, MILI 122, MILI 201, and MILI 202. These freshman- and sophomore-level classes are open to all students without obligation.

The Advanced Course. Students entering the advanced course must enter into a contract to pursue and accept a commission in the active Army, the Army Reserve, or the National Guard. To be considered for contracting into the advanced course, the student must be a full-time student in a course of instruction that leads to a degree in a recognized academic field, have a minimum of two years of academic work remaining in a curriculum leading to a baccalaureate or advanced degree, be under age 30 when commissioned, and pass a physical examination.

Two-Year Program. The two-year program is designed for students who did not take the basic course but are otherwise eligible to enroll in the advanced course. This program allows students completing their sophomore year to attend a five-week Leader's Training Course during June and July at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in lieu of taking the first two years of ROTC. *There is no military obligation for attending Leader's Training Course.* The army provides transportation, room, and board. Students are paid approximately \$700 for the five-week period.

Laboratory Requirements. A military science laboratory is required for students enrolling in MILI 121, MILI 122, MILI 201, MILI 202, MILI 301, MILI 302, MILI 401, and MILI 402. This laboratory provides opportunities for marksmanship training, rappelling, drill and ceremonies, communications training, and other activities.

Veterans. Veterans who have served on active duty or in the army reserve or National Guard are also eligible for the ROTC program. Although veterans are not required to take the basic course, they are encouraged to do so. All students, including veterans, must have a minimum of 60 credit hours prior to enrolling in the advanced course.

National Guard and Army Reserve Members. Students enrolled in ROTC may also be members of the Army Reserve/National Guard. Through the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), those students enrolled in the advanced course will be placed in a leadership position as a cadet and will receive pay and entitlements from the National Guard or Army Reserve in the pay grade of Sergeant (E-5).

Financial Assistance. The United States Army offers, on a competitive nationwide basis, four-, three-, and two-year scholarships. The scholarships cover up to \$20,000 of tuition. Recipients also receive benefits for educational fees (to include lab fees), a book allowance, and a subsistence allowance of \$350 per month. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must be under age 27 on the anticipated graduation date. Applications are available from the military science department. Veteran applicants can extend the age limit up to a maximum of three years, based on prior active duty service.

Other Financial Aid. All students enrolled in the advanced course will receive a subsistence allowance of \$350 per month. For more information, contact the military science department. GI Bill recipients still retain benefits.

Tuition. Members of the Army or the Army Reserve, National Guard, Texas State Guard, or other reserve forces may be exempted from the nonresident tuition fee and other fees and charges.

Special Training. Basic- and advanced-course students may volunteer for and may attend the U.S. Army Airborne and Air Assault courses during June, July, and August. Cadet Troop Leadership training positions are also available to advanced-course cadets during the summer months.

Miscellaneous. Cadets in the advanced course are paid an allowance of \$350 per month during the school year. Military textbooks and uniforms are furnished to all cadets.

The Corps of Cadets sponsors an annual military ball in addition to other social events throughout the school year. The Department of Military Science sponsors extracurricular activities such as the University of Houston Color Guard and the Ranger Challenge Team.

Minor in Military Science. To qualify for a minor in military science, students must complete a minimum of 18 semester hours of course work, of which 12 must be advanced. Nine semester hours must be completed in residence, of which 6 must be advanced. Students must also attend advanced camp. Students must attain a 2.00 grade point average or higher in military science courses attempted at this university. Students may receive credit for 100- and 200-level courses based on prior military training, completion of ROTC Basic Camp, completion of JROTC training, or completion of one year at a service academy.

See MILI in the Courses of Instruction section (these are University of Houston listings).