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Students participate in the military science program, or Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), through cross-enrollment with the University of Houston. Classes emphasize leadership and management, using instruction common to all branches of the U.S. Army. Students may complete their ROTC courses by enrolling in either a four-year, three-year, or two-year program. Graduates are commissioned for active duty, in the Army Reserve or in the Army National Guard.

Degree Requirements for Military Science Program

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 17–19). Further details on ROTC programs at Rice are available on page 25. 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.

Four-Year Program. The four-year program consists of a two-part basic course, which students take during their first and second years, and a two-part advanced course, which students take during their third and fourth years. Students enrolled in the first two years of ROTC participate with no military obligation. Veterans receive credit for the basic course and may enter the advanced course once they have completed at least 60 semester hours.

Two-Year Program. Students with two years of undergraduate study remaining are eligible to enter the advanced course following successful completion of a five-week basic camp. There is no military obligation for attending basic camp. Students attend basic camp during the summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and are paid approximately $700 for the five-week period. Veterans are exempt from this requirement and may enter directly into the advanced course.

Advanced Camp. All students, whether in the two-year or in the four-year program, attend a five-week advanced camp at Fort Lewis, Washington, between their junior and senior years. Each student is paid approximately $700 for this camp.

Financial Assistance. All contracted students, whether they have scholarships or not, receive a $150 monthly stipend. Two-, three-, and four-year scholarships are available for students participating in the ROTC program at Rice. Students with a grade point average above 2.70 and students in technical majors are prime candidates for selection. The application deadline for four-year scholarships is in November; the deadline for three-year scholarships is in April. Scholarship students receive annual tuition assistance of up to $16,000. The U.S. Army also covers the costs of books and educational fees (e.g., health, athletic, and lab fees) for scholarship students up to a maximum amount set annually by the U.S. Army Cadet Command.

See MILI (pages 438–439) in the Courses of Instruction section (these are University of Houston listings).