Military Science, Minor

DEPARTMENT

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MN in Military Science, Minor
The Army Military Science Program, also known as Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), is an officer-producing program that commissions qualified students into the United States Army, just like West Point. Our program is a part of a national ROTC program that has historically produced leaders such as Gen. Colin Powell, former Secretary of State; Earl Graves, chairman and publisher, Black Enterprise magazine; and Henry Cisneros, former president and chief operating officer, Univision Communications, Inc. Our program is founded in both theoretical instruction and practical application of leadership. Students learn a range of skills (such as decision making, time management, communications, and counseling) that prepare them to succeed in both military and civilian settings.

Students who are uncertain about what ROTC is all about and what it can offer may enroll in introductory courses for either one or two units. The courses acquaint the student with ROTC, the Army, and what opportunities are available. The emphasis in the introductory courses is on familiarization in the basics of ROTC and Army life, adventure training, success in college, and learning to be physically fit.

Those students who want to continue in the program and pursue an opportunity to serve their country as a commissioned officer enroll in a structured curriculum from 12-21 units over a period of two years (see course listings, next page). The emphasis in these courses is on development of leadership skills, decision-making skills, written and oral communications skills, time management, and continued physical fitness. Students who enroll in this curriculum are required to attend the Leadership Development and Assignment course at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. This course is a 30-day leadership laboratory in which students apply leadership skills while leading peers through variety of exciting events. Students' travel and accommodations are paid for and students are paid to attend.

Enrollment Requirements
Those students who are simply interested in finding out about our program should enroll in one of our introductory courses (see course listings, next page). Those who are considering pursuing the full military science course must meet certain requirements. Information on these requirements can be obtained by telephoning or visiting the Army ROTC office on campus, 278.2887, or in California, 800.660.ROTC.

Financial Assistance
All students who qualify and formally enroll in the Military Science Program earn at least $3,000 a year and can earn in excess of $50,000 during their college careers. Qualified students receive a stipend from $300 to $500 (tax free) each month depending on their academic status ($300 freshman, $350 sophomore, $450 junior, and $500 seniors) during the school year. In addition cadets attending our nationally run leadership development course can earn approximately $700. Students who qualify may elect to join a California National Army Guard or a United States Army Reserve unit as an officer trainee and be paid a minimum of $288 per weekend drill. The Army also has made available two-, three, and four-year scholarships - on a competitive basis - which pay all tuition, book, and fees in addition to a tax-free stipend each month.

Extracurricular Activities
The Military Science Program offers students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of challenging and exciting activities that emphasize teamwork and increase a student's self-discipline and personal confidence. Some of these activities include leadership reaction courses, rappelling, orienteering, water survival training, marksmanship, map reading, helicopter insertions, and various individual confidence-building exercises. For those who seek additional training, the Military Science Program offers cadets the opportunity to attend a U.S. Army school such as Airborne, Air Assault, Northern Warfare, and Sapper.

REQUIREMENTS
Military Science Minor Requirements

Each student enrolled in the ROTC Advanced Course and who completes the 21 units (19 upper-division) necessary for commissioning will be eligible for the award of a Minor in Military Science. Coordination with the department faculty adviser is required.

Required courses (21 units)
MS 50A, 50B, 131, 132, 141, 142, 150A, 150B; HIST 144; KAC 42

Optional course (3 units)
MS 192

Total (21-24 units)

Note: The Military Science Minor also requires a 2.0 GPA and 6 upper-division units in residence.

Professional Military Education Requirements (PME). In addition to the required courses above, students in the ROTC Advanced Course must fulfill prescribed professional military education requirements by satisfactorily completing courses in written communication, human behavior, military history, and computer literacy. Students must obtain approval from their military science department faculty adviser to ensure their planned course of study will satisfy this requirement prior to graduation and commissioning.

FACULTY

The faculty members of the Department of Military Science are hand-selected by the Department of the Army based on their proven leadership abilities and record of superb performance. Each instructor has years of experience in teaching and counseling. In addition to post graduate degrees in a variety of disciplines and extensive military professional education, all faculty members bring a unique perspective and a wide range of life experiences to the program. Many have been a part of the making of our nation's recent history. All of the faculty and the staff in the Military Science Department are extremely committed to the welfare, education, and success of the student while at Fresno State and beyond.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.

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