

MILITARY SCIENCE

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The Department of Military Science conducts the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program to prepare men and women to serve as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army, United States Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard. Upon completion of a bachelor or graduate degree, and completion of the ROTC program, students earn a commission as an Army Officer. Graduates serve in one of 18 basic career fields such as Infantry, Aviation, Military Intelligence, Signal Corps, and Nursing. Army ROTC accepts students from all majors at CSB/SJU.

The Fighting Saints Battalion Army ROTC program assists students in developing essential and marketable leadership skills. The core coursework includes 18 to 28 credits in topics such as the art and science of leadership, the Army Values, problem-solving skills, responsibility, basic military skills, military history, physical training, and adventure training. Students register and earn academic credit for Army ROTC courses in the same manner as other elective courses.

Programs

Three scholarship opportunities are available in the Department of Military Science for students to earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Four-Year Scholarship Program

The four-year program is divided into two parts- the basic course and the advanced course. Open to all students that meet the medical, physical, and academic standards. The basic course is typically completed in the first two years of college. The freshman and sophomore classes are open to all students at CSB/SJU without a service obligation. After completing the basic course and demonstrating leadership potential, students contract into the advanced course. The advanced course includes four concurrent semesters of coursework. Students attend a paid four-week leadership course at Fort Knox, KY during the summer after the junior year.

Three-Year Scholarship Program

The three-year program is designed for students who decide to start ROTC as a sophomore. Students complete the basic course in one year instead of two. This option requires permission from the Department Chair or Scholarship and Enrollment Officer.

Two-Year Scholarship Program

The two-year program enables eligible students to contract in the advanced course at the time they are academic juniors or seniors with four semesters remaining before graduation. Eligible students are those with one or more of the following:

- Prior service in the military.
- Member of the National Guard or Reserve with basic training completed.
- Completion of three or more years of Junior ROTC in high school.
- Completion of the Army ROTC Basic Camp, summer before junior year

Students who are members of the National Guard or Army Reserve can participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), which

provides additional income and the opportunity to serve in a leadership position in the student's unit of choice.

Benefits

The Department of Military Science offers many benefits to students. In addition to the financial benefits listed below, students will experience personal growth by gaining confidence, improving self-discipline, and building physical and mental toughness. The ROTC experience gives students a marketable asset: leadership skills.

Scholarships

Army ROTC processes scholarship applications throughout the year. Scholarships range from two to four years in duration. Scholarships cover tuition and fees, \$1,200 per year for textbooks and course materials, and a monthly stipend. Two and three-year Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty scholarships are also available. These scholarships provide the same benefits but require the student to serve in the US Army Reserve or National Guard after graduation and commissioning.

Guaranteed Job after Graduation

Upon commissioning, students have a full-time job in the Active Army or part-time job in the National Guard or Army Reserve. The military obligation of service is eight years after commissioning (four years Active Army and four years in the reserve component, or up to eight years in the National Guard or Army Reserve). The actual obligation is determined at the time of contracting in the advanced course. Cadets are selected for specific career fields based on their preference, overall performance, and the needs of the Army.

Income

Students contracted in the advanced course and contracted scholarship students receive a stipend of \$420 per month, for up to nine months of the year. Students with prior service, SMP Cadets, and members of the National Guard or Army Reserve may be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) benefits, tuition assistance or tuition reimbursement, and an additional \$350 per month.

Program content, benefits, requirements, and personnel are subject to change by the U.S. Department of the Army.

Majors

(None)

Minors

(None)

MILS 101 Foundations of Officership (2 Credits)

MILS 101 focuses on introduction to the Army and basic Soldier skills. It introduces students to the Army and the Profession of Arms. Students will examine the Army Profession and what it means to be a professional in the U.S. Army. The overall focus is on developing basic knowledge and comprehension of the Army Leadership Requirements Model while gaining a complete understanding of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, its purpose in the Army, and its advantages for the student. Students also learn to perform basic Soldier skills to survive in a field environment and to support their development as an Army leader. A two-hour leadership lab and two one-hour physical fitness sessions per week are required in addition to class. Fall

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

MILS 102 Basic Leadership (2 Credits)

This course is a continuation of MILS 101 and is designed to introduce Cadets to the personal challenges and competencies that are critical for effective leadership. Cadets learn how the personal development of life skills such as critical thinking, performance and resilience enhancement skills, and communication will benefit them throughout their life and career. Cadets learn the basics of the communications process and the importance for leaders to develop the essential skills to effectively communicate in the Army. Cadets will begin learning the basics of squad level tactics that will be reinforced during a weekly lab. A two-hour leadership lab and two one-hour physical fitness session per week are required in addition to class. Spring.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

MILS 201 Individual Leadership Studies (3 Credits)

MILS 201 focuses on leadership and ethics. The course adds depth to the Cadets knowledge of the different leadership styles. Cadets will conduct a leadership analysis of famous leaders and self-assessment of their own leadership style. The Army Profession is presented through the understanding of values, ethics and how to apply both to different situations they may encounter as a leader. Army Values and Ethics and their relationship to the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and philosophy of military service are also discussed. Cadets are then required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom during hands-on performance-oriented environments. A two-hour leadership lab and two one-hour physical fitness sessions per week are required in addition to class. Fall.

Prerequisites: None

MILS 202 Leadership and Teamwork (3 Credits)

This course is a continuation of MILS 201 which focuses on Army Doctrine and Decision Making. The course begins with analytical techniques, creative thinking skills and the Army problem solving process as related to situations faced by leaders when making decisions. Troop Leading Procedures and the Operations Order will lead Cadets to an understanding of Army Doctrine and Symbology. Squad tactics will be covered in classes on Unified Land Operations, Offensive Operations and Defensive Operations. Cadets are then required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during a weekly lab. A two-hour leadership lab and two one-hour physical fitness sessions per week are required in addition to class. Spring.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

MILS 210 American Military History I: 1609 to 1918 (2 Credits)

Army ROTC's Military History course examines the evolution of American warfare from colonial times through the Civil War and World War I to increase Cadets', students', and citizens' understanding of the art of war, political discourse, and the human condition. Participants analyze past events through reading and discussion to gain perspective on the present. The course will not force the memorization of hundreds of dates or allow passive attendance of a lecture; it will challenge students to develop critical thinking to better understand our complex world. Fall.

Prerequisites: None

MILS 211 American Military History II: 1918 to present (2 Credits)

Army ROTC's Military History course continues its examination of the evolution of American warfare from the origins of World War II to the recent past to increase Cadets', students', and citizens' understanding of the art of war, political discourse, and the human condition using the same methods as MILS 210. Spring.

Prerequisites: None

MILS 271 Individual Learning Project (1-4 Credits)

Supervised reading or research at the lower-division level. Permission of department chair required. Consult department for applicability towards major requirements. Not available to first-year students.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

MILS 301 Leadership and Problem Solving (4 Credits)

MILS 301 is an academically challenging course where you will analyze, test, and relate the fundamentals of Army Leadership, the Profession, Army Values and Ethics, Personal Development, and small unit tactics at the platoon level. At the conclusion of this course, you will be capable of planning, coordinating, navigating, motivating, and leading a squad and platoon in the execution of a mission during a classroom practical exercise, a Leadership Lab, or during a Field Training Exercise (FTX). You will be required to write peer evaluations and receive feedback on your abilities as a leader and how to improve those leader skills that can further develop you into a successful officer. This course includes reading assignments, homework assignments, small group assignments, briefings, case studies, practical exercises, a mid-term exam, and a final exam. You will receive systematic and specific feedback on your leader attributes, values, and core leader competencies from your instructor, other ROTC cadre, and MS IV Cadets who will assist in your evaluation. Successful completion of this course will help prepare you for the SROTC Advanced Camp, which you will attend in the summer at Fort Knox, KY. A two-hour leadership lab and two one-hour physical fitness sessions are required per week in addition to class. Prerequisites: Successful completion of all MILS 100 and 200 level courses or constructive credit. Fall.

Prerequisites: MILS 101 and MILS 102 and MILS 201 and MILS 202

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

MILS 302 Leadership and Ethics (4 Credits)

This course is a continuation of MILS 301 and focuses on applied leadership in small unit operations. It is an academically challenging course where you will study, practice, and apply the fundamentals of direct level leadership and small unit tactics at the platoon level. At the conclusion of this course, you will be capable of planning, coordinating, navigating, motivating, and leading a platoon in the execution of a mission. A two-hour leadership lab and two one-hour physical fitness sessions are required per week in addition to class. Spring.

Prerequisites: MILS 301

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

MILS 341 Leadership and Management (4 Credits)

MILS 341 focuses on development of the Army Officer. It is an academically challenging course where you will develop knowledge, skills, and abilities to plan, resource, and assess training at the small unit level. You will also learn about Army programs that support counseling subordinates and evaluating performance, values and ethics, career planning, and legal responsibilities. At the conclusion of this course, you will be familiar with how to plan, prepare, execute, and continuously assess the conduct of training at the company or field grade officer level. A two-hour leadership lab and two one-hour physical fitness sessions are required per week in addition to class. Fall.

Prerequisites: MILS 301 and MILS 302

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

MILS 342 Officership (4 Credits)

Continues the methodology of MILS 341. This course is an academically challenging course where you will develop knowledge, skills, and abilities required of junior officers pertaining to the Army in Multidomain Operations and Company Grade Officer roles and responsibilities. This course includes reading assignments, homework assignments, small group assignments, briefings, case studies, practical exercises, a mid-term exam, and a final exam. A two-hour leadership lab and two one-hour physical fitness sessions are required per week in addition to class. Spring.

Prerequisites: MILS 301 and MILS 302 and MILS 341

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

Restrictions: Students with the 2024-2025 Registration Cohort or 2025-2026 Registration Cohort attributes may not enroll.

MILS 371 Individual Learning Project (1-4 Credits)

Supervised reading or research at the upper-division level. Permission of department chair and completion and/or concurrent registration of 12 credits within the department required. Consult department for applicability towards major requirements. Not available to first-year students.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

MILS 397 Internship (1-4 Credits)

ROTC internships can cover a wide range of majors and Army disciplines. Tasks will relate to the Cadet's future career field as an Army Officer, incorporate principles from their major, and include needs of the ROTC department. Mentoring younger Cadets, the intern's peer group, and potential ROTC Cadets is also expected. Fall or Spring.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: MILS XXXL

Attributes: Experiential Engagement (EX)