
Military Science

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Offered by the Department

Army ROTC curriculum leading to a commission as a second lieutenant in the US Army.

Minor in military science.

Curriculum

The Department of Military Science offers a two, three, and four-year Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program designed to develop future officers in the areas of leadership, management, foreign policy, national security, military history, and military skills. The Army ROTC program also offers a series of optional adventure outings and on-campus activities during the school year. These include orienteering, rappelling, sports programs and social activities. Enrollment in the Army ROTC program is not a requirement for taking military science courses. The Military Science Department offers a varied class schedule to meet students' requirements.

The Army ROTC program consists of one course per semester along with scheduled leadership laboratories and field training. The four-year program is divided into two parts: the basic course and the advanced course. The basic course is usually taken in the freshman and sophomore years. No military commitment is incurred during this time, and students may withdraw at any time through the end of the second year. The first year consists of two-unit introductory courses each semester. The second year consists of two-unit courses with instruction on organizational leadership theories. Uniforms, necessary military science textbooks, and materials are furnished without cost.

After completing the basic course, students who have demonstrated officer potential, have met physical and scholastic standards and agree to contract are eligible to enroll in the advanced course. This course is normally taken in the final two years of college and consists of outlined military science and designated enrichment courses that include communication skills, military history, and computer literacy. In addition, the advanced course consists of a paid five-week Advanced Camp held during the summer between the junior and senior years. This camp permits students to put into practice the leadership principles and theories acquired in the classroom. All students in the advanced course receive uniforms, necessary military science textbooks, pay for the Advanced Camp, and a living allowance of up to \$4,000 each school year.

Upon completion of the advanced course, students are commissioned Second Lieutenants in the US Army. The available options after commissioning are active duty for a minimum of three years or three months active duty for training followed by part-time participation in the US Army Reserve or US Army National Guard.

Several special programs are available for students who have previous ROTC training or active military service. These programs allow for part- or full-placement credit for the basic course. In addition, a program is available for simultaneous participation in both Army ROTC and the Army Reserve or Army National Guard.

Two-Year Commissioning Program

This program offers students the opportunity to be commissioned officers after two years of Army ROTC instead of four years. The two year program is designed for community and junior college graduates and students who did not take Army ROTC during their first two years or who have prior military experience. The five-week summer Leaders Training Course (LTC), Military Science 221, provides the military skills and leadership training normally taught during the freshman and sophomore on-campus courses. LTC is conducted at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and a paid salary, transportation, meals, and lodging will be furnished. LTC graduates enroll in Military Science 301 to enter the advanced course.

Cross Enrollment

Students can participate in Army ROTC while attending any other college or university in San Diego County. For further information concerning cross enrollment, contact the Department of Military Science at 619-594-4943.

Applying for the Program

SDSU students enroll in military science courses by signing up during registration in the same manner as for other university classes. There is no advance application needed for the freshman or sophomore classes. Students need to contact the Department of Military Science to enroll in the Army ROTC program and to receive information on lab schedules and activities.

Students enrolling in other area colleges and universities need to contact the Department of Military Science at SDSU for curriculum requirements and application procedures at 619-594-4943.

Financial Assistance

All students have the opportunity to compete for two, three, and four-year scholarships. These scholarships cover all tuition, laboratory, and book fees, and a \$350 monthly subsistence allowance during the school year. Scholarship applications are processed by the Department of Military Science. In addition, two-year scholarships are available at the Leaders Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where you will be in competition only with the students attending the camp. Contact the department chair for details. Paid positions (part-time) are available through simultaneous membership in local reserve and National Guard units.

Military Science Minor

The minor in military science consists of a minimum of 15 units to include Military Science 301, 302, 411; and six units selected from Military Science 410, 499, and Sociology 499.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Courses (MIL S)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula* and *University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

MIL S 96. Leadership Laboratory (1) I, II

Application of individual skills and military tasks appropriate to a small unit leader. Prepares cadets for higher level leadership positions. Emphasis is on performance in leader roles which includes instruction. Maximum credit two units. Credit earned in this course not applicable to a bachelor's degree.

MIL S 100A-100B. Introduction to the US Army (2-2) I, II

Semester I: Structure, organization, and missions of the US Army. Preparation and development for officer status. Semester II: Officer leadership, development, and functions. Emphasizing command responsibilities for a basic foundation of military fundamentals.

MIL S 210. Contemporary Military Leadership Theories: Individuals and Groups (2) I

Scientific approach to leadership theory and its applicability to military settings through study of human behavior and leadership models at individual and group levels using simulations, case studies, and diagnostic instruments.

MIL S 211. Contemporary Military Leadership Theories: Organizations (2) II

Leadership at the organizational level with application to military settings with emphasis on developing leader skills and examination of theories and concepts of civil-military relations, using simulations, case studies, and diagnostic instruments.

MIL S 221. Cadet Basic Field Training (3)

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

Five-week field training with training in structure, organization, and missions of the US Army; officer leadership, development, and responsibilities; basic military skills; personal conditioning; oral and written military communications.

MIL S 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

MIL S 301. Skills of Military Leadership (3) I

Prerequisite: Equivalent of two-year basic course program.

Techniques and skills required of military leaders. Military methods of instruction, review of essential map reading skills and case studies of military leadership techniques.

MIL S 302. Theory and Dynamics of the Military Organization (3) II

Prerequisite: Equivalent of two-year basic course program.

Current tactical doctrine and military techniques of planning and coordination required to apply doctrine to small unit operations.

MIL S 410. Senior Leadership Seminar (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Military Science 301 and 302.

Leadership and management problems encountered in a mid-level sized organization. Role of the junior officer. Designed to prepare senior cadets for positions as leaders and managers of resources at the platoon/company level.

MIL S 411. Contemporary Military Policy (3) II

Prerequisites: Military Science 301 and 302.

The military justice system as it has evolved from international law principles and established national security policies. History of military law, the philosophy and structure of the system to include court-martial ethics and decision-making.

MIL S 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

MIL S 499. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.