Reserve Officers' Training Corps

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at the University of Arkansas provide physical and mental challenges that are not offered anywhere else on campus. The ROTC programs prepare young men and women for careers as professional military officers. In addition to academic studies, each service requires that all students attend a weekly leadership laboratory.

The freshman and sophomore courses are electives offered to male and female students who may earn four hours of academic credit in Aerospace Studies or up to six hours in Military Science. Absolutely no military obligation is incurred by non-scholarship students as a result of their enrollment in or completion of any or all of their freshman or sophomore ROTC courses.

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In addition to the first two years of academic study (see above), the University, in cooperation with the U.S. Air Force, offers two years of advanced instruction in Aerospace Studies. The advanced instruction prepares students for the responsibilities and privileges of a commissioned officer. This advanced instruction offers three hours of academic credit per semester for Air Force cadets.

Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) cadets must attend and successfully complete field training. AFROTC cadets usually attend field training between their sophomore and junior years. Air Force ROTC cadets may volunteer to attend various professional development courses during their non-field-training summers.

Each student must successfully complete the summer field training to qualify for the advanced ROTC program. All veterans who have completed basic training and 180 days of service with any component of the U.S. Armed Forces are exempt from the freshman AFROTC course.

Financial assistance is also available in the form of monthly stipends for cadets officially enrolled in the advanced training program, who have successfully completed summer field training. Additionally, Air Force ROTC offers four-, three-, and two-year scholarships to competitively selected students. All scholarship students receive a monthly tax-free allowance ranging from $300 to $450, payment of tuition expenses, textbook payment, and payment of certain other fees. Additional information and applications for this assistance may be obtained on the Web at http://www.afrotc.com/.

A student who successfully completes the Advanced Course in Air Force ROTC and receives a degree will be awarded a commission and will serve on active duty in the U.S. Air Force.

All textbooks, instructional material, and equipment required for ROTC courses are furnished at no cost to the student.

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In addition to the first two years of academic study, the University, in cooperation with the U.S. Army, offers two years of advanced instruction in Military Science, Leadership, Ethics, and Personal Confidence. The advanced instruction prepares students for the responsibilities and privileges of a commissioned officer. This advanced instruction offers four hours of academic credit per semester for Army cadets. Additionally, all students enrolled in the final two years of ROTC receive a monthly tax-free allowance ranging from $450 to $500.

Army ROTC cadets attend a paid 28-day Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) between their junior and senior school years. Cadets may attend professional development training such as Leadership Internships, Airborne, Air Assault, British Exchange Program, Northern Warfare, Nurse Summer Training Program, Mountain Warfare and Cultural Immersion Overseas Program in the summer during their sophomore year. During summer field training, cadets receive room and board.

For students having a minimum of two academic years in school remaining (undergraduate, graduate, or a combination of the two), an alternate two-year program is offered. Students entering the two-year ROTC program attend a 28-day Leaders Training Course (LTC) during the summer. Students who attend LTC and are otherwise qualified are eligible for two-year scholarships. Rising juniors, seniors and graduate students who meet the U.S. Army Cadet Command’s Scholar-Athlete-Leader criteria and are unable to attend the LTC may elect to participate in the Accelerated Cadet Commissioning Training (ACCT) program conducted on the UA campus.

Students with high school-level military schooling (JROTC, NDCC, or Military Academy) may qualify for the advanced ROTC program without completing the freshman or sophomore courses. All veterans who have completed basic training and 180 days of service with any component of the U.S. Armed Forces can receive full credit for the freshman and sophomore courses and may enter ROTC at the advanced level, once junior academic standing has been achieved.

Financial assistance is also available to qualified students enrolled in ROTC courses. The Army offers two, two-and-one-half, three, three-and-one-half, and four-year scholarships. Freshman or sophomore students who are not enrolled in Army ROTC may qualify for on-campus two or three-year scholarships. Juniors, seniors, and graduate students who have at least two full years of college remaining may also qualify for on-campus two or three-year scholarships. Scholarships can be used to pay for graduate school. Scholarship students receive a monthly tax-free allowance ranging from $300 to $500, payment of all tuition expenses, textbook payment ($1,200 per year), and payment of certain other fees. Additionally, some qualified three- and four-year scholarship winners
may receive free room and board, provided they meet the University of Arkansas requirements for the Room and Board Scholarship.

Army ROTC scholarship and advanced course students must agree to successfully complete at least one semester of American Military History, LDAC, and a Staff Ride (Terrain Walk) prior to commissioning. Depending on the degree plan, Army ROTC may count from zero to 19 hours of elective credits for undergraduate students.

Army ROTC also offers a unique financial assistance program available to all non-scholarship Army ROTC Advanced Course students through the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP). This program allows students with 27 or more hours to be enrolled in Army ROTC while simultaneously serving with an Army Reserve or Army National Guard unit. Financial benefits of this program presently provide approximately $600 to $1,700 per month to enrolled students. Prior Service National Guard and Army Reserve students may also qualify for the Montgomery G.I. Bill, MGIB Kicker, the Veterans Administration Workstudy Program, Federal Tuition Assistance, and/or the Arkansas Army National Guard Tuition Assistance Program. Army ROTC Scholarship Nurse Cadets may also receive reimbursement for expenses related to Nursing Uniforms, Immunizations, Clinical Fees, Nursing Malpractice Insurance and the NCLX-RN review and testing.

A student who successfully completes the Advanced Course in the Army ROTC program and receives a degree may be accepted for a regular or reserve commission in one of the sixteen branches of the Army.

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