

## How does Army ROTC fit in at Marist?

Army ROTC courses fit into most Marist College academic programs as electives. Students normally take one course per semester right along with their other classes.

Army ROTC takes no more of your time than most other college courses. The traditional Four-Year Program is made up of two years of basic courses and two years of advanced courses.

You can enroll in the Basic Course without making any commitment to the military. The Basic Course teaches the principles of leadership and fundamental military skills, while introducing you to the U.S. Army and officer career opportunities. Outdoor adventure activities are also included.

The Advanced Course provides extensive training and experience in decision making, officer ethics and professionalism. Advanced ROTC also includes a paid, five-week leadership course between your junior and senior years.

If you missed the first two years, the Two-Year Program offers the same leadership and management training as in the Four-Year Program, but at an accelerated pace. You will start with the Leader's Training Course, a four-week, paid summer program which is equivalent to the Basic Course. Then you'll continue into the Advanced Course during your last two years of college.

## Overview

Military Science is a course of study that is independent of an undergraduate's major or the school the student attends. The program teaches cadets the leadership skills and knowledge they will need to be commissioned as officers in the Active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. There are two types of cadets: contracted and non-contracted. With respect to time, contracted cadets often treat ROTC participation like a part-time job. Contracted cadets receive a monthly stipend between \$300 and \$500 for 10 months of each year, plus a book allowance of \$450 per semester. Non-contracted cadets are typically freshmen and sophomores who are enrolled in the program to see if they like it, but have no obligation. The four components of the ROTC Program are classroom instruction, leadership labs, field training exercises, and physical fitness training.



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## **The Word on the Army ROTC**

How does Army ROTC differ from other college courses? In Army ROTC, you'll do stuff that'll challenge you both mentally and physically. As you find yourself rappelling from cliffs or leading your team through various obstacles, you'll develop skills you can use throughout your entire life and career - thinking on your feet, taking charge and making smart decisions.

While gaining exposure to the many career opportunities of an Army officer, you'll also gain confidence, self-discipline and experience—all prerequisites for future success in both civilian and military careers.

## **Here's what Army ROTC can do for you**

As a college and ROTC graduate, you'll be serving as an Army officer, either full time on active duty or part time in a reserve component while you begin your civilian career.

After Army ROTC, problem solving, team building and decision making will be second nature. Plus, you'll have the self-assurance of knowing you pushed yourself to the limit. With experience like this, there won't be anything in your career you can't handle. To future employers, ROTC graduates symbolize responsibility, leadership, and hard work.

## **Classroom Instruction**

Classes introduce cadets to military customs, courtesies, traditions, history and organization. Classroom time per week is one hour for freshmen, two hours for sophomores, and three hours for both juniors and seniors.

## **Leadership Labs**

Labs provide a performance oriented learning environment in which cadets receive practical opportunities to apply skills learned in the classroom. Labs are designed and supervised by ROTC instructors and administered by senior Army ROTC cadets.

## **Field Training Exercises**

Field Training Exercises build on classroom and lab experience by offering cadets the opportunity to refine their leadership skills while leading small groups in a variety of situations. Cadets participate in two weekend field training exercises each semester. These exercises provide cadets with opportunities to train, build their confidence, and test their skills in activities such as rappelling, land navigation, and squad tactics

## **Physical Fitness Training**

Physical training and health is an integral component of cadet development. Cadets participate in Physical Training (PT) three days per week.

## **Not just anyone joins Army ROTC**

Army ROTC cadets are leaders on campus. They're top performers in academic fields—from engineering to nursing, business to liberal arts. They're athletes and band members. They're active in campus government, community service and intramural sports. In short, they're the students who will be in greatest demand by employers when they graduate.

## **Basic Enrollment Criteria**

- Full time student (at least 12 credits/semester) with at least two years until graduation (BA/BS/MA/MS)
- Cumulative GPA above 2.0
- Good physical health
- Leadership potential

## **Obligation**

Introductory basic courses let you take a look at officer opportunities without obligation. Once you accept a scholarship or enter advanced ROTC, you make a commitment to serve, if selected, as an officer in the Active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard when you graduate.

## **Qualify for a scholarship**

Army ROTC awards two-, three- and four-year scholarships to hundreds of students each year, based solely on merit. Qualify, and you could receive a substantial scholarship for tuition and educational fees, plus money for books and a monthly allowance to help cover the day-to-day costs of college.

## **How do I get started?**

Registering for an Army ROTC course is all it takes to get started. For registration details, contact the Army ROTC Department.

## **For additional information, contact:**

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