Program Description

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Maine is a voluntary program designed to enhance a student’s education by providing a unique and challenging leadership and management experience. This program helps students develop self-esteem, self-discipline, physical stamina, teamwork skills, and other qualities essential to success in any workplace.

Completion of the program allows students the opportunity to commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard. In preparation for leading the soldiers, instruction emphasizes leadership, management, ethics and military history. Learning focuses on instruction and applied techniques. No obligation is required until a student’s junior year, however, cadets may contract sooner if desired.

The Army ROTC four-year program is divided into two parts: the basic course, which is normally — taken during the first and second years of college — and the advanced course — taken during junior and senior years. Students generally receive academic credit for the military sciences courses as an alternative to an elective. The basic course consists of one class per week plus a two-hour lab, during which students apply their instruction to hands-on exercises. In the advance course, students attend a three-hour class and a two-hour lab. Students also are paid to attend a four-week Advanced Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky, after their junior year.

The Army ROTC involves both classroom and applied learning. Through hands-on instruction, students learn and practice related skills while participating in activities like orienteering, paintball, rifle marksmanship and field training exercises. The program stresses teamwork and the application of leadership principles to overcome situational problems and obstacles. As students progress, the cadre provide senior cadets the opportunity to lead and teach underclassmen.

Advanced placement credit may be given to qualified veterans, soldiers currently in the Army Reserve or National Guard, or students who participated in JROTC. To benefit college students transferring from a junior college who were unable to attend the ROTC basic course, or entering a graduate program, Army ROTC has a designated two-year program. As a prerequisite, applicants must successfully complete a paid four-week Basic Camp, held each summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Upon completion, students receive course credit for the ROTC basic course and begin the ROTC advanced course in the fall semester.

The program is proud of the quality of the Army officers it produces. Our officers have gone on to have careers in the Army, Army Reserves and Army National Guard. UMaine ROTC is the recipient of the General Douglas MacArthur Award.

Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to join the Color Guard, the 20th Maine Honor Society, or compete for a spot on the elite Ranger Challenge team. Visit umaine.edu/armyrotc for more information.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for Army ROTC, students must be full-time, working toward a degree (undergraduate or graduate), physically qualified, a U.S. citizen and under the age of 34 at graduation. Students register for military science courses while signing up for their main course of study. Students can also receive assistance from the department’s campus liaison.

Umained’s Advantage

- Compete for scholarships
- Experience travel and gain life experience
- Improve your self discipline
- Apply leadership principles to any situation
- Be part of a nationally-awarded and recognized program
REPRESENTATIVE COURSES

By completing the military science requirements, students may qualify for a minor with:

- 20 credit hours of military science
- 3 credit hours of military history
- 1 credit hour of physical education

Courses include:

- Applied Leadership and Management
- Military Justice
- Communications Systems Military Organization
- Contemporary Leadership Problems
- Military Theory
- Ethical Decision Making
- National Security
- Guidance and Personnel Services
- Physical Training
- Instructional Methods
- Operational Tactics
- International Relations
- Speech Communication
- Land Navigation
- Ethical Decision Making
- Logistics Management
- Military History

SPECIALIZED INFORMATION

Enrolled cadets are eligible for competitive Army ROTC scholarships that pay full tuition and fees, $1,200 for books and a stipend between $300 and $500 per month or room and board for two to four years. Enrolled students qualify for special scholarships available only to Army ROTC members. High school students interested in applying for a three or four-year scholarship can apply online (armyrotc.com). National Scholarship awardees will receive free room and board.

NURSING AND SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Nursing students are eligible to compete for the same two-to-four year scholarships listed above. They also have the opportunity to participate in the Nurses’ Summer Training Program, which allows students to complete a two-to-three week internship at various military medical facilities throughout the United States and Germany.

All contracted ROTC students have the opportunity to attend the Airborne Course, Air Assault School, Mountain Warfare Training, the Cultural Understanding and Leadership Program, and participate in internships with active Army units for two to three weeks.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Through Army ROTC, students have the opportunity to choose from 17 career fields including: air defense artillery, adjutant general, armor, aviation, cyber, chemical, engineer, field artillery, finance, infantry, medical service, military intelligence, military police, nursing, ordnance, quartermaster, signal and transportation. Students also have the option of being commissioned to the Army, Army Reserves or Army National Guard.