The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (AROTC) Program at Texas State is designed to develop the professional skills vital to Army officers. The purpose of the program is to educate, develop, and inspire qualified students for a commission in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, or Army National Guard.

The freshman and sophomore years of AROTC are called the Basic Course, and the junior and senior years are called the Advanced Course. Entry into the Basic Course requires no formal application; however, an interview is advisable because the student may be eligible for advanced placement. Registration is accomplished at the same time and in the same manner as for other college courses. Enrollment in the Basic Course does not confer any military status or commitment upon the cadet. Successful completion of, or constructive credit for, the Basic Course is necessary before progressing to the Advanced Course.

Students entering the Advanced Course should have two academic years remaining at Texas State. Coordination should be made with the Professor of Military Science well in advance of anticipated enrollment in order to allow adequate time for application processing. A student may meet some prerequisites as a result of prior military training, ROTC training with any service, or successful completion of the AROTC Cadet Initial Entry Training. An interview is advisable in order to determine if a student meets any of the above prerequisites.

Students in the Advanced Course attend a Cadet Leader Course during the summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky between their junior and senior years. The purpose of this course is to train cadets to Army standards, to develop their leadership skills, and to evaluate their officer potential while giving them practical field experience in a military environment.

Textbooks and materials for military science classes are furnished without cost to the student.

Some cadets are eligible to participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program, which allows them to serve in the National Guard or Army Reserve concurrently with AROTC. The Department of Military Science should be consulted for additional information regarding this program.

Army scholarships are available on a competitive basis to cadets enrolled in AROTC. These scholarships pay 100% of tuition and fees or room and board, plus a $600 allowance per semester for books and necessary supplies. All scholarship cadets also receive the following tax-free stipend per month: freshmen, $300.00; sophomores, $350.00; juniors, $450.00; and seniors, $500.00. Eligible non-scholarship cadets who sign an AROTC contract may begin receiving the stipend during their sophomore year.

Opportunities to attend Airborne, Air Assault, and other service schools are available to eligible cadets on a competitive basis.

Pursuant to Texas Education Code 51.302, up to three semester hours of credit in an upper-level ROTC course may be applied to the general education core curriculum American History Component (HIST 1310 or HIST 1320) and up to three hours to the general education core curriculum Government/Political Science Component (POSI 2320 only).

All AROTC cadets are required to attend a weekly 90-minute leadership laboratory. This gives them an opportunity to practice basic military skills and the art of leadership.

Minor

- Military Science

Courses in Military Science (MS)

MS 1000. Leadership Laboratory.
This course concentrates on practical leadership training. Must be taken concurrently with all other MS courses. Repeatable for credit with different emphasis
0 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 1211. Foundations of Officership.
This course introduces the Army profession and the role of the commissioned officer. It focuses on leadership, ethics and military customs as well as practical skills like physical fitness and stress management. Students must enroll in MS 1000 concurrently
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 1212. Basic Leadership.
This course is designed to broaden the introduction to the Army and the skills needed to be a successful Army officer. It focuses on leadership, communication and problem solving as well as nutrition and personal development. Students must enroll in MS 1000 concurrently
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 2211. Individual Leadership Studies.
This course is designed to develop the student’s self-confidence, leadership skills and problem solving abilities. It focuses on critical thinking, communication and conflict resolution skills
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 2212. Leadership and Teamwork.
This course focuses on self-development guided by group processes. Experiential learning activities are designed to challenge current beliefs, knowledge and skills. This course also provides equivalent preparation for the ROTC Advanced Course and the Leaders Training Course
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 2313. American Military Studies and Battle Analysis.
This course is designed to study Military History as it applies to the principles of war and current military doctrine. Students will analyze historical battles and lessons learned and apply them to the modern battlefield. (WI)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
MS 3311. Leadership and Problem Solving I.
This course is designed to enable a student without prior military experience to rapidly integrate into the cadet battalion and perform successfully. Key elements are introduction to physical fitness, how to plan and conduct training, basic tactical skills and military reasoning.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 3312. Leadership and Problem Solving II.
This course is designed to enable a student without prior military experience to rapidly integrate into the cadet battalion and perform successfully. Key elements are introduction to physical fitness, how to plan and conduct training, basic tactical skills and military reasoning.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 4311. Leadership and Management.
This course is designed to help cadets make informed career decisions and it continues their education in Army operation, training management, communications and leadership. (WI)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 4312. Officership.
This course focuses on completing the transition from cadet to lieutenant. It includes a basic foundation of military law, skills and information on leadership and military science, application and demonstration of knowledge and mastery of military skills reasoning. (WI)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MS 4313. Independent Study in Military Science.
This course will be designed to meet the needs of the individual student. It will be a directed and closely monitored program targeted at the students' weaknesses/interests. The course will primarily deal with topics pertinent to the military profession; such areas as leadership, management, ethics, law and their application. Course will require week/ bi-weekly progress review with instructor. (WI)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter