

# ARMY COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

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1. **Army Commissioning Program (*Advanced Course*).** This program is divided into two-year and four-year commissioning plans.
  - a. ***Two-Year Compression Commissioning Plan.***
    - i **Upperclassmen and Graduate Students.** Students who have already completed a portion of their university program remain eligible to pursue a commission as an officer in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard. This program is offered to students who have no prior military or military-equivalent training and have approximately 60 course hours remaining prior to receiving an undergraduate or graduate degree. To qualify, students first attend a four-week summer Leadership Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The government pays all travel expenses, furnishes room, board, and clothing, and pays students a per diem of approximately \$900.00. Moreover, students are eligible to compete for two-year scholarships. The university awards students four credit hours for this training. After successfully completing the LTC students may enroll in upper-division Military Science courses and receive a monthly allowance of \$450 for juniors and \$500 for seniors.
    - ii **Veterans.** Student veterans and National Guard or Army Reserve members who have completed some military training and service may start the ROTC program at the upper-division level, if they are academically, otherwise qualified for a commission, and approved by the Professor of Military Science (PMS). National Guard and Army Reserve members may remain in the Guard or Reserve under the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP). Enrolled juniors receive a monthly allowance of \$450 and \$500 per month for seniors, which is in addition to any pay and entitlements provided by the Guard or Reserve.
    - iii **Professional Military Education (PME) Component.** The United States Army mandates that Army ROTC students pursuing a commission as an Army officer complete certain Professional Military Education (PME) requirements in order to be commissioned. The PME consists of a baccalaureate degree and the completion of at least one undergraduate course from each of the following designated fields of study: written communications, military history, and computer literacy. Students desiring to pursue a minor in Military Science, and/or a course of instruction which will satisfy the requirements for a commission in the U.S. Army, are required to seek advising from the PMS in order to ensure that these special requirements are satisfied.
  - b. ***Four-Year Progression Commissioning Plan.***
    - i **Lower-Division Courses (*Basic Course*).** Under the four-year commissioning plan, lower-division military science courses are required prior to taking upper-division military science courses and to compete for a commission as a military officer. Nevertheless, these courses remain open to all students without obligation for present or future military service. These courses provide instruction in basic leadership and endurance skills that are applicable to any future profession. Army scholarship students will receive a monthly allowance of \$300 as freshman and \$350 per month as sophomores. These courses also satisfy university kinesiology requirements (KINE 2115).
    - ii **Upper-Division Courses (*Advance Course*).** The Upper-Division (3000 and 4000 level) courses offered by the department are normally taken during the junior and senior years or while pursuing graduate work and prepare students to be commissioned as officers in the United States Army. Enrollment in upper-division courses incurs the obligation to accept a commission after graduation and serve in the U.S. Army Reserve, the Army National Guard, or the Active Army. Students enrolled in upper-division courses receive a monthly subsistence allowance of \$450 as a junior and \$500 as a senior. Students are required to attend the Leaders Development Assessment Course during the summer between their junior and senior years. The government pays all travel expenses, furnishes room, board, and clothing, and pays students a per diem of approximately \$900.00. The university awards students four credit hours for the training. Lower-division military science courses are required prior to enrolling in upper-division courses if pursuing the four-year commissioning plan.
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