DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE

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The Department of Military Science at Sam Houston State University is administratively aligned with the Associate Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Course of Instruction

Army Reserve Officer’s Training Corps (ROTC) classes are offered on an elective basis. Students may take the lower-division courses and summer Army training such as Airborne School without obligation for military service. Students who desire to pursue upper-division courses may complete the ROTC program and compete for an officer commission on Active Duty, in the U. S. Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. A minor in military science is offered.

Army ROTC Scholarships

The United States Army offers two, three, and four-year competitive scholarships annually. The four year scholarship is awarded by a National Board and can be accessed at http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html. Two and three year scholarships are vetted and awarded by the Department of Military Science based on annual availability and the strength of the applicant. Competitive candidates will have a minimum 2.5 GPA, strong physical fitness attributes, and demonstrated leadership capability. These scholarships pay full tuition and fees and provide $1,200.00 for books and supplies. Scholarship and non-scholarship contract students receive a subsistence allowance of $300.00, $350, $450, and $500 per month for freshman, sophomore, juniors, and seniors respectively for up to ten months per year. Several other private scholarships are awarded annually to students enrolled in Military Science courses. All students are encouraged to contact the Department of Military Science for an application or to learn more.

Tuition Rates

In-state rates for fees and tuition are given to out-of-state students that have agreed to accept a commission in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard.

Academic Substitution

Limited course substitution is available with permission of both the PMS and the department chair concerned.

Academic Minor

Students may seek a minor in Military Science with the approval of the dean of the college in which the student pursues his/her major. Requirements are eighteen hours of advanced Military Science and six hours from the Professional Military Education (PME) component courses listed here (http://undergraduate-catalog-2014-2016.shsu.edu/home/course-descriptions.html#mlsc).

• No-Obligation Program (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/military-science/no-obligation-program)  
• Army Commissioning Program (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/military-science/army-commissioning-program)

MLSC 1101. Applied Leadership Lab I. 1 Hour.
A practical laboratory of applied leadership and skills that is required for each 1000-level Military Science Basic Course. Activities include rappelling, preliminary and advanced rifle marksmanship, first aid, field leadership reaction course and physical conditioning. Concurrent enrollment inMLSC 1101 and MLSC 1201/1202 are accepted substitutes for activity kinesiology. Three hours per week.

MLSC 1201. Foundations Of Officership. 2 Hours.
An introduction to the United States Army, its heritage, mission, organization, goals and leadership doctrine. Two hours per week.

MLSC 1202. Basic Leadership. 2 Hours.
Seminar and practical application with primary focus on interpersonal communication, leadership and management of small teams/groups: professionalism and ethics are discussed. Two hours per week.

MLSC 2101. Applied Leadership Lab II. 1 Hour.
A practical laboratory of applied skills and leadership. Activities include rappelling, rifle marksmanship, basic land navigation, and fundamentals of tactics. Concurrent enrollment inMLSC 2101 and MLSC 2201/2202 are accepted substitutes for activity kinesiology. Three hours per week.

MLSC 2201. Individual Leadership Studies. 2 Hours.
Instruction is basic in scope and includes leadership, land navigation, written and oral communications, methods of instruction, and first aid. Two hours per week plus Applied Leadership Lab II.

MLSC 2202. Leadership And Teamwork. 2 Hours.
An in-depth study of leadership types, temperaments and styles, oral and written communications, radio and wire communications and career development. Two hours per week plus Applied Leadership Lab II.
MLSC 2401. Leader'S Training Course (Ltc). 4 Hours.
An optional four-week leadership intern program conducted during June and July at Fort Knox, Kentucky, consisting of basic leadership and adventure-type training. This course is for the student who is considering enrollment in the ROTC Advanced Course, but who does not have credit for the Basic Course. The Army provides transportation, room, board, and clothing. The student is paid approximately $750.00 for the four-week period and is eligible to compete for a two-year Army ROTC scholarship. No service obligation is incurred. 750.00 for the four-week period and is eligible to compete for a two-year Army ROTC scholarship. No service obligation is incurred.

MLSC 3101. Applied Leadership Lab III/IV. 1 Hour.
A practical application laboratory, which is planned by the MSIV (senior) students, executed by the MSIV (senior) students, and supervised by department staff and faculty. Activities include: safety/first aid, drill and ceremony, land navigation, rappelling, rifle marksmanship, and tactics. This class is required for contracted cadets enrolled in the MLSC 3301, 3302, 4301, or 4302 classes. Three hours per week.

MLSC 3301. Military Ldrshp, Command & Com. 3 Hours.
A study of military leadership utilizing light infantry organization and doctrine. Emphasis is placed on contemporary trends in leadership and management as well as on individual, team and squad military skills. Practical application for oral presentation, communication, written communications and land navigation. Three lecture hours per week plus Applied Leadership Lab.

MLSC 3302. Leadership And Ethics. 3 Hours.
An application of military leadership utilizing light infantry organization and doctrine. Emphasis is placed on execution of individual tasks and effectiveness in leading small units in tactical and administrative functions in preparation for the Leadership Development Assessment Course at Ft. Lewis, Washington, during the summer. Three lecture hours per week plus Applied Leadership Lab, and pre-camp preparation.

A required four-week course during June and July of practical and theoretical instruction at an Army training center. Normally attended between the junior and senior years with transportation, room and board expenses paid by the Army. Advanced Camp cadets are paid approximately $750 for the four-week period. $750 for the four-week period.

MLSC 4301. Leadership And Management. 3 Hours.
An introduction to basic military staff procedures to include: command and staff organizations and function; the military writing style and procedures; and oral presentations using the military briefing style. Additionally, the course will survey professional ethics and values and how they relate to the professional Army officer. Three lecture hours per week plus Applied Leadership Lab.

MLSC 4302. Officership. 3 Hours.
An introduction to a variety of systems and programs that will assist the student?s transition from Cadet to Lieutenant. This course includes an introduction to battalion and company level training management and logistics; the Officer Professional Management System (OPMS); officer and noncommissioned officer evaluation reporting system (OER, NCOER); financial planning and personal affairs for the military officer; a lieutenant?s first assignment in the Army; and the Military Justice System. Three lecture hours per week plus Applied Leadership Lab.

MLSC 4303. Spc Tpcs In Military Science. 3 Hours.
Independent concentrated study on an individual basis on current topics in Military Science. Performance will be based on oral presentation, written tests and research papers. Times to be arranged with PMS.