Program Overview

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is a leadership development program that prepares qualified students to serve as Army Officers in the Active Duty Army, Army Reserve and National Guard. Once a student completes the requirements of the Army ROTC program, as well as the requirements for their academic major, they are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. The program consists of two phases of instruction, the Basic Course and the Advanced Course.

The Basic Course

The Basic Course consists of MSL 101 Fundamentals of Leadership/Management, MSL 102 Basic Leadership, MSL 201 Advanced Leadership/Management, and MSL 202 Advanced Leadership/Management as well as co-requisite Leadership Labs for each course. The Basic Course is normally taken by students during their freshman and sophomore years of college. Areas of emphasis include familiarization with the Army's mission, branches, rank structure, and customs, as well as leadership and management skills such as communication, time management, problem solving, team building, and physical fitness. The Basic Course requirements can take the place of several general education requirements (see chart) as well as free electives.

### NSU Course | AROTC Substitutions Course
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HED 100 | MSL 101 or MSL 102
HIS 100, HIS 101, HIS 102 | HIS 380
PED 100 | MSL 201 or MSL 202

Students who enroll in the Basic Course do not incur a Military Service Obligation unless they apply for and are awarded an Army ROTC scholarship.

The Advanced Course

The Advanced Course consists of MSL 301 Advanced Leadership/Management, MSL 302 Advanced Leadership/Management, MSL 401 Theory and Dynamics of Military Team, and MSL 402 Theory and Dynamics of Military Team as well as co-requisite Leadership Labs for each course. Students who are enrolled in the Army ROTC Advanced Course are also required to take HIS 380 American Military History.

Advanced Course students also participate in a 30 day training event at Ft. Knox, KY during the summer between MSL 302 Advanced Leadership/Management and MSL 401 Theory and Dynamics of Military Team. The Advanced Course is normally taken by students during their junior and senior years of college or as a graduate student. Areas of emphasis include critical thinking, small-unit leadership, map reading and land navigation, advanced communication skills, cultural awareness, planning, and ethics.

Students must complete the Basic Course (or receive credit for prior military service or JROTC participation) and meet all the requirements to contract in order to enroll in the Advanced Course.