



# Military Science

## ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

### Undergraduate Programs

#### MINOR:

- Military Science and Leadership

### Professional Associations

AUSA – Association of the United States Army  
ROA – Reserve Officers Association

### Informational Web Sites

Eagle Battalion Home Page:

[www.uwlax.edu/rotc](http://www.uwlax.edu/rotc)

Army ROTC Scholarships:

[www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.jsp)

Army ROTC:

<http://www.armyrotc.com/edu/univwilacrosse/index.htm>

### Department Overview

The Military Science Department, through the Army's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), offers students an opportunity to receive an officer's commission and serve as a leader in the Regular Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. Upon completion of the ROTC program, the student will have acquired skills in leadership, management, problem solving, and decision making that prepares students to serve both as an officer in the military and in civilian leadership positions. Courses and training are conducted on campus, in the La Crosse area, or at military training facilities. The ROTC program is divided into the basic and advanced courses, as outlined on the next page.

### Career Opportunities

College graduates of the Army ROTC program are commissioned second lieutenants in the Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard and serve in officer positions with immediate managerial/ leadership responsibilities.

### Occupational Outlook

The Army offers outstanding opportunities for promotion and advancement in all career fields. Officers are given ample leadership experience and increasing levels of responsibility. Worldwide assignment opportunities and continually changing challenges are integral to a military career.

Additional opportunities are available to officers selected to attend graduate school. These include training in specialized health fields as well as general advanced degree programs. Officers who serve on active duty may also be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which offers significant educational benefits. Officers enjoy opportunities for special skill training such as an Army parachutist, or elite training as an Army Ranger. As a graduate of Army ROTC and as a commissioned officer, students will have the leadership and management skills necessary for success in both military and civilian endeavors.

View degree requirements:  
[www.uwlax.edu/catalog](http://www.uwlax.edu/catalog)

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#### ARMY ROTC BASIC COURSE

No service obligation incurred

The Army ROTC Basic Course consists of two freshman-level courses (MS 101-102) and two sophomore-level courses (MS 201-202). The freshman year focuses on an introduction to the Army profession and officership. The sophomore year focuses on the examination of leadership, decision-making, and group dynamics. By the end of the Army ROTC Basic course, students will possess a basic understanding of the unique aspects of the officer corps, fundamentals of leadership and decision-making, the Army's institutional values, and principles of individual fitness and healthy lifestyles. These courses emphasize practical exercises, inspire intellectual curiosity, and stimulate self-study.

#### ARMY ROTC ADVANCED COURSE:

The Army ROTC Advanced Course consists of three distinct components: the leadership and decision-making training of the MS 301 and 302 courses, Advanced Camp; and the MS 401 and 402 courses that guide a student in a transition from Cadet to Army Officer during their final year in the program.

Completion of the ROTC Basic Course is a prerequisite for entrance into the ROTC Advanced Course. Students may fulfill the Basic Course requirement by attending a 30 day ROTC summer internship known as Basic Camp. Additionally, basic course requirements are automatically met by veterans, Army Reservists, and National Guardsmen currently enrolled in school that possess a minimum of 30 credit hours and have graduated from a basic training course from any of the armed forces.

#### MILITARY SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP MINOR

The Military Science and Leadership minor is available to all students; being a contracted cadet in ROTC is not required. Required courses include MS 301, 302, 401, 402, MS 403, EFN 347 and WS 255. Students must also select at least two elective courses from ANT 352, GEO 307, POL 234, and EFN 447. Students must complete Advanced Camp (no credit) or a three-credit community leadership internship (CEI 450).

### Program Features

The ROTC program is not an academic major, but is designed to be taken in conjunction with the regular academic subjects required for an undergraduate degree. ROTC provides students with training in both leadership and management to develop their abilities through practical experience. The Military Science Department's purpose and objective is to develop college educated men and women to serve in positions of responsibility in the Active Army, Reserve, or Army National Guard. Cadets are encouraged to take part in extracurricular activities including Color Guard and Ranger Challenge, as well as other typical extra-curricular activities. There are additional U.S. Army training programs open to cadets such as Airborne School, Air Assault School and Cadet Troop Leader Training.

ROTC courses are open to all undergraduates. Joining ROTC is simply a matter of registering for one of the military science classes. Students do not incur any military obligation during the first two years of ROTC (except scholarship students). Students attending Viterbo University (in La Crosse), Winona State University and St. Mary's University (in Winona, MN) are also eligible to take all UWL military science classes. Classes are held at Viterbo and Winona in addition to UWL.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Army ROTC scholarships are merit-based and provide financial assistance to outstanding individuals. Scholarships are allocated annually to the UWL ROTC program, which conducts selection boards and awards scholarships to the most qualified individuals. Each scholarship pays full tuition, fees, and certain other costs. Scholarship students also receive \$1,200 annually for purchase of textbooks. Four-year scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to students entering college for the first time. Three-year and two-year scholarships are awarded to students already enrolled in college. Applications and deadlines are available at the ROTC scholarship web site (<http://uwlax.edu/rotc/scholarships.html>) or at the Military Science Department.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In addition to the scholarship program, all contracted ROTC cadets receive a monthly stipend of up to \$500 during the academic year. Additional benefits (allowances through the Montgomery GI Bill and tuition assistance/reimbursement) are available to students who are members of the Army Reserve or National Guard while enrolled in ROTC.