

MILITARY STUDIES MINOR

Program Overview

The Military Studies program is designed for students interested in learning about military skills and careers. The mission of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs is threefold. First, students are developed mentally, morally, and physically in order to make them strong leaders. Second, a desire for development in mind and character is instilled in students so they may assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government. Finally, students are imbued with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty in order to graduate with a basic professional background and motivation toward their careers.

Army ROTC is an elective curriculum you take along with your required college classes. It gives you the tools, training and experiences that will help you succeed in any competitive environment. Along with great leadership training, Army ROTC can pay for your college tuition. Because Army ROTC is an elective, you can participate your freshman and sophomore years without any obligation to join the Army. When you graduate, you will be commissioned as an Officer in the Army.

Those who succeed in the Army ROTC program are students who excel and want something more out of the college experience. Generally, these students are scholars who keep their grades up, athletes who are physically strong, and leaders who have a great desire to learn.

Enrolling in the Army ROTC Basic Course does NOT involve a commitment of service to the Army unless you have received an ROTC Scholarship.

Drake University students can receive a minor in military studies by completing 18 hours of specialized coursework in military studies. The minor is not restricted to ROTC participants; any Drake student may participate in this curriculum. In particular, individuals interested in public service careers, media students who may want to report on military matters, or individuals who may come into contact with the military through business associations may benefit from this program.

The military science minor includes 12 hours from a combination of either the Army or Air Force ROTC program and 6 credit hours from non-ROTC courses on related military topics. Completion of the minor in military studies is not contingent upon a commission in the Armed Forces being tendered.

Code	Title	Hours
12 hours of Army or Air Force ROTC coursework		12
Select two of the following: ¹		6
ENG 166	DISCOURSES OF WAR	
HIST 012	WORLD HISTORY, 1750-PRESENT	
HIST 075	US HISTORY TO 1877	
HIST 139	WORLD WAR I	
PHIL 090	ETHICS	
POLS 121	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY	
POLS 136	INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES	
POLS 150	HUMAN RIGHTS AND WORLD POLITICS	
POLS 152	TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE	
POLS 166	REVISITING VIETNAM	
Total Hours		18

¹ Students may petition with the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to gain approval of other courses to meet this requirement.

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