

JOIN US AT THE BEARKAT BATTALION!



**ARMY OFFICER:
INSPIRING STRENGTH
IN OTHERS**

BEING A BEARKAT BATTALION CADET

Being a cadet in the Bearkat Battalion has a lot of benefits that other, larger, ROTC programs can't provide. The smaller class of the Advanced Courses guarantees each cadet the in-depth training necessary to be prepared to excel at Advanced Camp and in your career.

In addition to training to become an officer and leader in the U.S. Army, being a member of the Bearkat Battalion is about camaraderie. The battalion provides a lounge, computer lab and weight room for cadets to use between classes while on campus. There are also numerous extra curricular activities that are available for cadets.

- **Color Guard** – Bearkat Battalion cadets provide Color Guard services for Sam Houston sporting events, graduations, and other campus events.
- **Intramural Sports** – ROTC cadets form highly competitive intramural sports teams that participate in the university's Intramural Sports Program year round.
- **Schuder's Rangers** – A highly dedicated group of cadets who spend one additional afternoon each week conducting advanced training in all the leadership skills of an officer, including land navigation, patrolling and tactical training.
- **Cannon Crew** – Every time the 'Kats score a touchdown or field goal you'll hear our Cannon Crew celebrate.
- **Ranger Challenge** – An intense two-day competition in the Fall Semester in which our battalion competes against other ROTC programs in the state, where we regularly place in the top 3 against the biggest programs in Texas. Only the most physically fit and dedicated cadets are able to secure a place on the all male or the coed teams. If you ever wondered what adventure racing or extreme sports would be like this is your chance to find out.

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ARMY ROTC



The Smartest College Course You Can Take

WHAT IS ARMY ROTC?

Army ROTC is a unique college elective. It takes no more of your time than would most other college courses. The credits received from ROTC classes go toward your degree. And when you graduate, you'll receive a degree and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

ROTC training goes beyond the typical college classroom. You could be leading your classmates on a tactical "mission", or taking part in outdoor adventure training designed to improve your ability to solve problems under stress.

You'll learn skills you would expect to find in an Army officer and are in demand in today's civilian world, including how to motivate co-workers, cope with the unexpected, and organize large, complex tasks. You'll learn from experienced Army officers and noncommissioned officers and, in time, help pass on what you've learned to newer students as well.

HOW IS ROTC ORGANIZED?

Traditionally, Army ROTC is a four-year program. The first two years comprise the Basic Course. Whether you want to just get a feel for the program, add some leadership classes to your resume or go through the full program, you can enroll in the Basic Course classes without incurring any future military obligation (if you don't have an ROTC scholarship).

After you've successfully completed the Basic Course, you can qualify to gain admission into the Advanced Course, which comprises your Junior and Senior years of college. Every course consists of a class and accompanying lab. During class time you will learn the academic skills of

leadership in the Army. In the lab you will take what you have learned in the classroom and put it to work in a field environment.

BASIC COURSE

FALL SPRING

MS I/Fresh.	MLSC 1101/1211	MLSC 1101/1212
MS II/Soph.	MLSC 2101/2211	MLSC 2101/2212

As an MS I or MS II, classroom studies will include military history and organization, lessons in resource and time management and a general introduction to the Army. The Basic Course lab will include introductory marksmanship, confidence training on the ROTC Leadership Reaction Course, Tactical Paintball, and an introduction to Army Physical Fitness.

ADVANCED COURSE

FALL SPRING

MS III/Junior	MLSC 3101/3311	MLSC 3101/3312
MS IV /Senior	MLSC 3101/4311	MLSC 3101/4312

As a cadet in the Advanced Course you'll get to put your newfound management skills to the test. You'll also continue your training in the skills of a soldier and leader, including tactics, land navigation, marksmanship and physical fitness.

As an MS III, class and lab time will be spent honing your leadership skills and preparing you to excel at Advanced Camp, which you will attend during the summer between your MS III and MS IV years. At camp, you'll be asked to handle the complex tasks of a unit leader and will be tested on your newly developed soldiers' skills

Returning from Advanced Camp as a MS IV, your management skills will continue to be sharpened. As you prepare to graduate from college, your leadership skills will be honed as you bear the responsibility of preparing the next class of MSIIIs for their summer at Advanced Camp. And when you graduate from college, you're ready to be a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.



CAN I ENROLL EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT A FIRST TERM FRESHMAN?

The ROTC program is traditionally a four-year program, in which an incoming freshman enrolls during the first semester in college. However, enrollment can still be achieved up through the end of the second year in college. Basic Course ROTC credit and Advanced Course enrollment can be achieved in a few different ways:

- Sophomores can compress the Basic Course into one year.
- Sophomores with JROTC may meet the requirements of the first year of the Basic Course.
- Sophomores can attend Basic Camp during the summer preceding their junior year.
- Veterans, Army National Guardsmen and U.S. Army Reservists can enroll directly into the Advanced Course at the start of their junior year.

WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ROTC?

- Army ROTC offers 4, 3 and 2 year scholarships. The ROTC scholarship covers tuition, mandatory fees and an annual book allowance of \$1200. High School seniors must apply no later than 10 January at www.goarmy.com/rotc.
- All contracted cadets are provided a tax-free personal stipend (subsistence allowance) of \$420 per month. The allowance typically begins on the day the student is contracted as a cadet.

