

DAUNTLESS BATTALION ARMY ROTC

Army ROTC FAQ:

What is ROTC? ROTC stands for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. It is an elective Leadership Development Course taken in conjunction with a college student's normal course load. Those who complete the four years of training earn a commission as an Officer in the U.S. Army and may serve full-time (Active Duty) or part-time (Army Reserve or National Guard) after graduation. Officers may choose between 17 basic branch specialties.

What is the training like? The ROTC program follows an Army-sanctioned curriculum consisting of Military Science Classes as well as hands-on Leadership Labs, Physical Training and Field Training. This is not a Basic Training/Boot Camp-like experience. The program is designed to develop leaders over a four year period, focusing not only on individual Soldier skills, but also on leadership tasks and methods. It gradually increases in intensity, and can be quite demanding during the final two years (Advanced Course) to ensure our graduates are ready to assume their place among the Officer Corps ranks. Advanced Course Cadets also attend an evaluated Advanced Camp at Fort Knox, KY the summer between third and fourth year. Voluntary Army training opportunities (Airborne, Air Assault, Mountaineering, SCUBA, Internships, etc.) are available as well.

Must I commit to service to join ROTC? The first two years of ROTC (Basic Course) are open to all full-time students, without obligation. In order to move forward into the Advanced Course the third year, or earlier if the student earns a scholarship or is ready to commit, all students must sign a contract with the Army for service upon graduation.

Are there financial benefits associated with joining ROTC? Students may compete for merit-based full tuition scholarships. Applicants must have good grades, be physically fit and show leadership potential. If selected, students must sign a contract for future service in order to receive benefits. Once under contract, all Cadets (scholarship or non-scholarship) receive a monthly \$420 stipend. Additionally, contracted Cadets have a career to move into upon graduation.

May I do both ROTC and Athletics? Many of our ROTC Cadets are college athletes, and we encourage it. There are many similarities between competing in sports and serving on an Army team. Hard work, commitment, drive, resilience, teamwork and a winning attitude are attributes of both athletes and Cadets. We make concessions with the training schedule to allow athletes to compete with their teams.

How do I join? Enrolling in Army ROTC is as simple as adding the 1-credit Military Science Instruction 101 to your fall course schedule and completing a few non-binding enrollment forms with the ROTC program. Contact us: Enrollment Officer – Mr. Keith Karbel, keith.r.karbel.civ@mail.mil, (610) 490-7035; ROTC Instructor/Adviser – Sergeant First Class Brian Souders, bsouders@wcupa.edu, (610) 430-4403; West Chester University Army ROTC Building at 809 Roslyn Avenue, behind Sykes Student Union.

Our Dauntless Battalion provides training on campus at Widener, Villanova and West Chester Universities. The program is also open to students at nearby Immaculata, Neumann, Penn State Brandywine, Penn State Abington, Cheyney and Bryn Mawr.

Do you have what it takes to lead? Join Army ROTC and show it!

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