OFFICER EDUCATION

The Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) prepares students to become commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, or Marines, as well as for civilian careers. Students may be enrolled in ROTC while pursuing a degree at UW–Madison. ROTC courses are open to all undergraduates who have met the prerequisites. The number of ROTC credits that count toward a UW–Madison degree can vary by department and school or college. Prospective and registered students should contact the military program offices listed in this section of the catalog for information about regular course offerings, summer camp programs, and scholarships.

AIR FORCE ROTC—AEROSPACE STUDIES

The Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) program is the primary path available to enter the U.S. Air Force as an officer. Students enroll in the AFROTC program while working toward the bachelor’s degree in any major they choose. They attend an aerospace studies class each semester, a hands-on leadership laboratory, and weekly physical fitness sessions, while learning about how the Air Force works and deciding which job fields match their interests. Upon graduating, they enter active duty service as second lieutenants, in leadership and management roles in the Air Force.

Most career fields have an active-duty commitment of four years after college. If students choose to separate from the Air Force at that time, they can pursue other careers with experience and the distinction of "military officer" on their resumes.

AFROTC is designed for students with three or more years remaining until graduation. To receive an officer’s commission, AFROTC cadets must complete all necessary requirements for a degree as well as courses specified by the Air Force. Courses are often taken for academic credit as part of a student’s electives. The amount of credit given toward a degree for AFROTC academic work is determined by the student’s school or college, and major department.

Scholarships are available to qualified applicants. Scholarships may provide full tuition, laboratory and incidental fees, and reimbursement for textbooks. In addition, scholarship cadets receive a nontaxable allowance ranging from $300 to $500 per month, depending on academic/AFROTC year. Juniors and seniors automatically receive $450 and $500, respectively.

All AFROTC courses are open to all students regardless of membership in the program. Students are invited to take one of the program’s courses to determine if AFROTC is right for them with no obligation to join. For more information, please contact the Recruiting Flight Commander at 608-262-3440 or 608-265-4812; afrotc@mailplus.wisc.edu.

MILITARY SCIENCE—ARMY ROTC

The Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) is the nation’s largest leadership and management-development training program. It offers the opportunity to earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant for Active Duty, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard while pursuing an academic degree. It enables young men and women to prepare themselves to be leaders in the Army or the civilian career field of their choice. The traditional four-year Army ROTC Program is divided into a two-year Basic Course and a two-year Advanced Course. A non-contracted student enrolled in the Basic Course does not incur a military service obligation.

BASIC COURSE

This instruction introduces the student to fundamental military and leadership subjects. It is normally taken over four successive semesters, but may be completed in as few as two semesters. Students should discuss available options with the Scholarship & Enrollment Officer before registering for courses if they have fewer than four semesters to complete the Basic Course.

The regular curriculum consists of a lecture and lab each semester. Freshmen are encouraged to take MIL SCI 101 Foundations of Officership and MIL SCI 110 Leadership Lab 1A in the fall and MIL SCI 102 Basic Leadership and MIL SCI 111 Leadership Lab 1B in the spring. Sophomores are encouraged to take MIL SCI 201 Individual Leadership Studies and MIL SCI 210 Leadership Lab 2A in the fall and MIL SCI 202 Leadership and Teamwork and MIL SCI 211 Leadership Lab 2B in the spring. Students can enroll in a lecture without enrolling in the lab, but cannot enroll in a lab without the corresponding lecture. Labs are intended to provide practical leadership experience and military skills training such as map reading, land navigation, field training, and rifle/pistol marksmanship.

ADVANCED COURSE

Students who have completed the Basic Course or an equivalency (see Two-Year Program) and have passed all enrollment eligibility criteria continue on into the Advanced Course. This course consists of the following to include corresponding leadership labs, physical fitness training sessions, and a four-week summer camp (Cadet Leader Course) at Fort Knox, Ky.

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During labs and physical training sessions students are provided practical leadership opportunities to prepare them for summer camp and their future military careers. Students normally attend summer camp between their junior and senior years of Military Science. Students must complete all components of this course to earn a commission.

TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

Students who are veterans, members of the Army National Guard/Army Reserve, or who have participated in the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Program in high school may qualify for direct entry into the Advanced Course. Students who did not complete the ROTC Basic Course (see above), but have two years of academic study remaining may be eligible to attend the Cadet Initial Entry Training. This course compresses two years of the Basic Course into four weeks and is held at Fort Knox, KY during the summer. Students who believe they qualify for this program should consult with the Scholarship & Enrollment Officer for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Qualified students may compete for Army ROTC scholarships ranging from two to four years in duration. Students must be enrolled and
participating in Army ROTC to be eligible for scholarships. Scholarships are merit based and pay full tuition & fees (both in and out-of-state) or room and board (capped at $5,000/semester) but not both, $600/semester for textbooks and laboratory expenses, and a tax fee subsistence stipend of $300–$500 for each month of the regular school year depending on Military Science level. Interested students should consult with the Scholarship & Enrollment Officer for more detailed information concerning the scholarship eligibility requirements. For additional information about Army ROTC, students may contact Josh Beyerl in the Department of Military Science, 1910 Linden Drive, 608-262-3411, armyrotc@mailplus.wisc.edu.

The naval science curriculum is designed to prepare college students to become commissioned officers in the Navy or Marine Corps. Naval Science courses are normally taken for academic credit as part of a student’s free electives. Enrollment will be in one of the following categories.

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**NAVAL SCIENCE**

**NROTC SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS**

High school students compete nationally for a four-year scholarship and, if selected, receive full tuition, books, uniforms, and a monthly stipend. Obligated military service is incurred at the beginning of the sophomore year. Applicants must meet established age, physical, mental and other requirements.

**NROTC COLLEGE PROGRAM STUDENTS**

College program students are selected by the Professor of Naval Science from undergraduates requesting to participate in the program. College freshmen or sophomores may compete nationally for 3- or 2-year scholarships, respectively. Participation and excellent performance in the NROTC program will likely improve the chances of receiving a scholarship. Applicants must meet established age, physical, mental and other requirements. College program students must be selected for scholarship or a commission guarantee to continue in the Naval ROTC program past their sophomore year.

**MARINE CORPS INSTRUCTION**

Students who desire to become Marine officers take NAV SCI 350 Amphibious Campaigns and NAV SCI 351 Land Campaigns in lieu of NAV SCI 301 Naval Engineering and NAV SCI 302 Naval Weapons. These courses are typically offered every other year.

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**PEOPLE**

**Air Force ROTC—Aerospace Studies**: Professor Lt Col Goar; Assistant Professor Capt Paeth

**Military Science—Army ROTC**: Professor Lieutenant Colonel Blue; Enrollment Officer. Josh Beyerl

**Naval Science**: Professor Murdoch; Associate Professor Barrett; Assistant Professors Dryden, Ebert, Simonds. The assistant professors act as undergraduate advisors and may be contacted through the department office.