
FACULTY

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DEGREES OFFERED

Students enrolled in Military Science can earn a Military Science Minor and can be members of the U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). Successful completion of ROTC and the earning of a Bachelor (or Master) degree, can lead to an officer's commission in the United States Army, Army Reserve, or National Guard. All Truman academic majors can participate in ROTC.

GOALS

Army ROTC is a national program to attract, motivate, and prepare selected men and women with leadership potential, personal integrity, physical fitness, patriotism, and dedication for service as commissioned officers in the Active Army, U.S. Army Reserve, or National Guard. Military Science develops student leadership, ethics, and personal skills; reinforces a student's sense of honor and personal responsibility; enhances communication and decision-making skills; and increases awareness of national defense issues.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Leadership, management, and adventure experiences are common to each Military Science Program.
1. Four-year programs. Open to all freshmen students of good moral character. The freshmen- and sophomore-level courses do not obligate the student to the ROTC or military service.
 2. Two-year programs. Available for students who have completed their sophomore year of college. Most students eligible for the two-year program attend a four-week leaders training course prior to entering the MS 300 level course. This course provides placement credits for MS 100, MS 101, MS 200, and MS 201 Military Science courses and 7 credit hours toward graduation.
 3. Nursing Students. Nursing students may participate in either the four-year or two-year nursing program. All nursing students may participate in the Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) during the summer between their junior and senior year. The NSTP is a clinically focused practicum designed to provide nursing students valuable clinical experience and further refine leadership, clinical and administrative nursing skills alongside an army nurse corps officer. All nursing students who complete either the two or four year nursing program receive a commission as an officer in the Army Nurse Corps.
 4. Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP). Students who are members of the U.S. Army Reserve or National Guard may receive placement credit for MS 100, MS 101, MS 200, and MS 201 and enrollment in the MS 300 level courses provided they meet all other conditions for enrollment. SMP students remain with their Reserve or Guard unit and receive Sergeant's pay of \$217 per month, plus the Montgomery GI Bill benefit of \$274 per month, Montgomery GI Bill Kicker of \$350 per month and up to 100% tuition assistance while simultaneously participating as an ROTC cadet at Truman and receiving an additional \$350 per month ROTC subsistence allowance. Two- and four-year non-ROTC scholarship students may also participate in the SMP once enrolled in MS 300 and are accepted for enlistment in the Army Reserve or National Guard.
 5. Veterans. Military veterans may be allowed placement credit for MS 100, MS 101, MS 200, and MS 201 and enrollment in the MS 300 level courses, provided they

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- meet all other conditions for enrollment in the ROTC Program.
6. Junior ROTC Graduates. Graduates of Junior ROTC programs in high school, junior college, or military schools may be given placement credit for MS 100, MS 101, MS 200, and MS 201 and can be enrolled in the MS 300 level courses, provided they meet all other conditions for enrollment in the ROTC Program.

ARMY ROTC BENEFITS

The Army ROTC Program at Truman offers students many benefits. Major ones are:

1. Opportunity for a challenging, important, and well-paid job at graduation in one of many professional fields. Army officers, after initial schooling, are given challenging leadership assignments in student selected fields at home or abroad. Starting compensation is up to \$32,500 per year with annual salary increases and continual opportunities for advancement.
2. College financial benefits. Students accepted into the Advanced Program (MS III and IV) of Army ROTC receive approximately \$4,000 (\$350-\$400 per month for 20 months, plus pay and transportation expenses for the 5-week summer training session).
3. Scholarships. Qualifying students are eligible to compete for two- and three-year ROTC scholarships. These scholarships can provide full tuition, a \$300 per semester textbook allowance, lab fees, and miscellaneous educational expenses, plus pay a \$350-\$400 per month subsistence allowance up to \$2,000 per year for each year of the scholarship. Four-year and Three-year Advance Designee ROTC Scholarship recipients may additionally qualify for university room and board incentives.
4. An option of two careers-civilian or military. Students receiving commissions as second lieutenants have the option of requesting four years active duty, or joining the U.S. Army Reserve or National Guard. Reserve Officers fulfill their military commitment by joining a unit near home or wherever they choose to live after graduation. Reserve or National Guard duty can be guaranteed prior to enrollment in MS 300 for most students desiring it.
5. Competitive salary and benefits. In addition to a competitive starting salary, military officers receive special tax incentives, free medical and dental care, 30 days a year paid vacation, and special reduced-price shopping facilities.
6. Training in leadership and personnel management. Regardless of a student's area of study or interest, the ability to work effectively with people is a key to personal satisfaction, effective service, and career advancement. Military Science provides constant student leadership experiences that provide practice in planning, supervising, training, counseling, and decision making.
7. Opportunity for additional training and travel. Cadets can compete for additional military training throughout the United States and overseas. Once commissioned, many Army officers train and travel overseas. Additionally, space-available travel is possible on military aircraft worldwide.
8. Multiple extracurricular and social activities. The Military Science Division sponsors many Truman student activities. They include the University Color Guard, Cannoneers, and Ranger Challenge Team. An annual Dining-In and Military Ball are also conducted for enrolled students.

9. A meaningful contribution to the defense of freedom and democracy by serving as an Officer in the United States Army.
10. Opportunities to earn an advanced degree with governmental assistance or at governmental expense.
11. Career opportunities in over 45 fields and specialties.

SPECIAL FACILITIES

The Division of Military Science operates the rappelling tower, located near the University tennis courts.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT LABORATORIES

As a unique feature of the Military Science Program, the Leadership Laboratories provide students valuable hands-on experience that complements class instruction and enhances leadership skills. Battle dress uniforms are provided and worn to most labs.

MILITARY SCIENCE—4 YEAR PROGRAM

(Open to all Majors)

Semester
Hours

FRESHMAN YEAR (MS I)-Fall Semester

MS	100	Introduction to Military Science I	. . . . .	1
MS	100	Leadership Lab	. . . . .	0

SPRING SEMESTER

MS	101	Introduction to Military Science II	. . . . .	1
MS	101	Leadership Lab	. . . . .	0

SOPHOMORE YEAR (MS II)-Fall Semester

MS	200	Perspectives in Leadership I	. . . . .	2
MS	200	Perspectives in Leadership Lab	. . . . .	0

SPRING SEMESTER

MS	201	Perspectives in Leadership II	. . . . .	3
MS	201	Perspectives in Leadership Lab	. . . . .	0

JUNIOR YEAR (MS III)-Fall Semester

MS	300	Military Leadership Development	. . . . .	3
MS	300	Military Leadership Development Lab	. . . . .	0

SPRING SEMESTER

MS	301	Advanced Leadership Development	. . . . .	3
MS	301	Advanced Leadership Development Lab	0

ADVANCED CAMP (5-weeks, Summer)

MS	302	Advanced Leadership Practicum	6
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SENIOR YEAR (MS IV)-Fall Semester

MS	400	Seminar: Leadership & Management	3
MS	400	Leadership & Management Lab	0

SPRING SEMESTER

MS	401	Advanced Seminar: Leadership & Management	3
MS	401	Advanced Leadership & Management Lab	0

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MILITARY SCIENCE—2 YEAR PROGRAM

(For Veterans, JROTC Graduates, Reserve, and National Guard Students) **Successful completion of at least 54 semester hours required prior to enrollment.**

*(For Truman students who did not take ROTC during their freshmen and sophomore years, and transfer students)**

Semester
Hours

*Leaders Training Course (4 weeks Summer)	7
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JUNIOR YEAR, FALL SEMESTER

MS	300	Military Leadership Development	3
MS	300	Military Leadership Development Lab	0

SPRING SEMESTER

- MS 301 Advanced Leadership Development3
- MS 301 Advanced Leadership Development Lab . . .0

ADVANCED CAMP (5-weeks, Summer)

- MS 302 Advanced Leadership Practicum6

THIRD SEMESTER

- MS 400 Seminar: Leadership & Management3
- MS 400 Leadership & Management Lab0

FOURTH SEMESTER

- MS 401 Advanced Seminar: Leadership & Management3
- MS 401 Advanced Leadership & Management Lab0

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PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR COMMISSIONING

In addition to completion of Military Science course requirements and Army ROTC Advanced Camp, a student must, in order to be eligible for a commission in the U.S. Army, demonstrate proficiency in computer literacy and math reasoning, and complete one course in each of the following areas:

A Written Communication Skills Course designed to promote writing effectiveness. Recommended courses: Advanced English Composition, Creative Writing, Business Writing OR Scientific Writing & Languages, Writing for Mass Communicating. Alternate Courses: Linguistics, Logic, other courses with Professor of Military Science’s permission.

A Human Behavior Course in order to gain knowledge of human and societal development as a basis for understanding of the human aspects of command, military operations and training, and combat and training developments. Recommended courses are: General Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Ethics. Alternate courses with Professor of Military Science’s permission.

A Military History Course. This requirement will be fulfilled in the Military Science course. Alternate courses are: History of War, American Military History Course (covers WW I and WW II), American Military Affairs, European Military History (19th and/or 20th century), History of U.S. Foreign Policy (20th century), Other courses with Professor of Military Science’s permission.

MINOR OFFERED

MILITARY SCIENCE MINOR

The Military Science Minor requires the successful completion of 18 semester hours of the following courses:

- MS 300 Military Leadership Development3
- MS 301 Advanced Leadership Development3
- MS 302 Advanced Leadership Practicum6
- MS 400 Seminar: Leadership & Management3
- MS 401 Advanced Seminar: Leadership & Management3

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**MS 100 – Introduction to Military Science I
1 hour**

MS 100 provides an introductory course designed to familiarize students with the United States Army, leadership principles, basic health issues and the importance of

appropriate physical activity. Students will be required to learn and execute basic military skills and develop an understanding of a balanced personal health and fitness program. Basic classroom instruction will be reinforced through weekly leadership laboratories. Students are required to participate in weekly physical fitness training, and take a Leadership Laboratory with this course. This course along with MS 101 fulfills the Personal Well-Being as an Essential Skill requirement.

**MS 101 – Introduction of Military Science II
1 hour**

MS 101 introduces students to mapreading, survival techniques preventive medicine, substance abuse prevention, and continued leadership experiences. Basic classroom instruction will be reinforced through weekly leadership laboratories. Students are required to participate in weekly physical fitness training and take a leadership laboratory with this course. This course along with MS 100 fulfills the Personal Well-Being as an Essential Skill requirement.

**MS 125 – Ranger Challenge
1 hour**

Ranger Challenge is the national ROTC “Varsity” team competition that tests mental and physical endurance and teamwork. Ranger Challenge offers eight weeks of training covering eight separate events. The events are the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), orienteering, one-rope bridge, weapon assembly/disassembly, grenade assault course, weapons firing, small unit patrolling, and a 10 kilometer road march. Students will train 14.5 hours per week and four of the eight weekends, in preparation for the final Ranger Challenge competition. This course is only offered during the fall semester.

**MS 200 – Perspectives in Leadership I
2 hours**

Emphasis is on developing leadership skills and self-confidence. Students learn and practice leadership techniques and study communication skills, human behavior, motivation, counseling, and general principles of organizational and individual leadership. Students also study American Military History from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War. Enrollment is limited to those students who have completed or received credit for MS 100 and MS 101. Students are required to participate in weekly physical fitness training and to take the Leadership Lab with this course. Students are required to take the Army Physical Fitness Test. Prerequisite: MS 100 which may be taken concurrently.

**MS 201 – Perspectives in Leadership II
3 hours**

Emphasis during this course is on the continued practice and refinement of leadership skills. Students also learn effective military writing and speaking. Students are introduced to the Army’s concept of ethics and values. Enrollment limited to students who have completed or received credit for MS 200. Students are required to participate in weekly physical fitness training and to take a Leadership Lab with this course. Students are required to take the Army Physical Fitness Test. Prerequisite: MS 100, 101 and MS 200 (MS 101 may be taken concurrently).

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MS 300 is a leadership practicum in management decision-making and problem-solving in small group situations. Emphasis is placed on basic military leadership and tactical and technical skills development. The mandatory lab enables students to apply military skills learned in prior classes and leadership labs and prepare for Advanced Camp. Map reading and military communications practical exercises are also conducted. The military aspects of the Civil War through the Spanish-American War are also studied. Successful completion of the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and participation in leadership lab are required. Prerequisites: MS 100, 101, 200, 201 or Basic Camp.

MS 301 – Advanced Leadership Development**3 hours**

Students learn the leader's role in directing and coordinating individual and small unit efforts to execute offensive and defensive tactical missions. Tactics, combat support, and troop leading procedures are also studied, as well as the American military involvement in World War I. Successful completion of the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) is required. The mandatory Leadership Lab will allow practical application of skills learned in class. Prerequisite: MS 300.

MS 302 – Advanced Leadership Practicum**6 hours**

A five-week practical training exercise in a field training environment at a military installation to develop, demonstrate, and evaluate leadership capabilities. Required for all cadets prior to being commissioned. Successful completion of the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), Land Navigation Course, rifle marksmanship, and leadership performance evaluation is required for practicum credit. Students are paid for this experience. Prerequisite: 301.

MS 303 – Special Topics: Leadership Assessment.**Program****3 hours**

Designed to determine the viability of using U.S. Army leadership assessment techniques and procedures for use in assessing student leadership on a University-wide basis. Prerequisite: Basic Course Credit.

MS 305 – Battle Analysis**1 hour**

Students learn the "Staff Ride" methodology and develop critical thinking, briefing and writing skills used in a formal analysis of a military battle. This course satisfies the mandatory Army ROTC training requirement.

MS 400 – Seminar: Leadership and Management**3 hours**

Advanced leadership skills, counseling, personal management, command and staff functions, training management, written and oral communications, and military skills are emphasized. The U.S. Army role in World War II and Korea are also examined. The required Leadership Lab complements classroom instruction and emphasizes practical application of course topics while students function as leaders in the cadet battalion. Successful completion of the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and participation in Leadership Lab are required. Prerequisite: MS 301.

MS 401 – Advanced Seminar: Leadership and**Management****3 hours**

This capstone Military Science experience is designed to assist students with the transition to duty in the Active Army, Army Reserve or National Guard. Emphasis is on professional and personal ethics, personal financial planning, the military logistic systems, and Military Law. The U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the Cold War, Desert Storm, and the future role of the U.S. Army in support of national policy are also studied. Successful completion of the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and participation in Leadership Lab are required. Prerequisite: MS 400.

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Note: Date in parentheses indicates year of employment at Truman.

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