The Department of Military Science, through the Army’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), offers students an opportunity to receive a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army, Army Reserve, or National Guard. Upon completion of the Military Science and Leadership program, the student will have acquired skills in leadership, management, problem solving, and decision making, which will facilitate the transition to a civilian career, while serving in the Army Reserve or National Guard, or military career in the Regular Army. Courses and training are conducted on the campus, in the local area or at military training facilities. The Military Science and Leadership Program is divided into basic course and advanced course requirements as outlined below.

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**Army ROTC Basic Course (no service obligation incurred)**

The Army ROTC Basic Course consists of two first year-level courses (MS 101 Introduction to the Army and Critical Thinking and MS 102 Basic Leadership) and two sophomore-level courses (MS 201 Individual Leadership Studies and MS 202 Leadership and Teamwork); the four courses total eight credits. The first year courses focus on the introduction to the Army profession and officership. The sophomore courses focus on the experiential examination of leadership, decision-making, and group dynamics. By the end of the Army ROTC Basic Course, students will possess a basic understanding of the unique aspects of the officer corps, fundamentals of leadership and decision-making, the Army’s institutional values, and principles of individual fitness and healthy lifestyles. All basic course lessons emphasize student classroom practical exercises, inspire intellectual curiosity, and stimulate self-study.

**Army ROTC Advanced Course**

The Army ROTC Advanced Course consists of three distinct components: The leadership and decision-making training of the MS III, or junior year; the Advanced Camp; and lessons that guide the student in a transition from Cadet to Army officer during the MS IV, or senior year. Advanced Course lessons are carefully sequenced, linked, and progressive in their treatment of key officer knowledge and competencies. The ROTC Advanced Course consists of 15 credit hours, acquired through MS 301 Training Management and the Warfighting Functions, MS 302 Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations, MS 401 Leadership and Management, MS 402 American Military History, and MS 403 Company Grade Leadership as described below. The prerequisite for the ROTC Advanced Course is the ROTC Basic Course. This requirement can also be fulfilled by attending an ROTC internship known as the Basic Camp. Additionally, basic course requirements are automatically met by veterans, Army Reservists, and National Guardsmen now enrolled in school who possess a minimum of 54 credit hours and have graduated from a basic training course from any of the armed services.

**Internships**

The military science department offers two types of internships that may, upon mutual agreement between the student’s college and the professor of military science, fulfill other academic internship requirements.

**Leadership Internship (no military obligation incurred)**

This internship is available to any sophomore or junior with four semesters of undergraduate study remaining, provided they have not already completed a basic military training course in any of the armed services. Motivation, initiative, and a drive for adventure are the key characteristics one must possess upon entering this internship. Upon completion, the student may receive additional credit hours and have the opportunity to enter the ROTC Advanced Course to pursue a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army.

**Advanced Camp**

(an internship opportunity worth 3-12 credits, given prior coordination and consent from the student’s college and the professor of military science)

The Advanced Camp provides the single most important block of training and evaluation in the progression of an Army cadet. Throughout the 29 Advanced Camp training days at Fort Knox, KY, cadets encounter stress-inducing physical and mental obstacles, which challenge them as individuals, soldiers, and leaders. The Advanced Camp uses small unit tactical training as the vehicle for further developing self-confidence and evaluating a cadet’s leadership abilities and potential to serve as a commissioned officer. Prerequisites for Advanced Camp attendance are MS 301, MS 302 and an Army contractual obligation for service as a commissioned officer.

**2018-19 Faculty/Staff**

The following is the department’s faculty and staff as of the publication date of this catalog. This list will not be updated again until the next catalog is published in June.

**Professor of Military Science and Department Chair**

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Ms. Mechille Zook - HRA

Mr. Kevin Strait - Supply Tech

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**Minor**

- Military science minor (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/militaryscience/minor)

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**Courses**

**MS 101 Cr.2  Introduction to the Army and Critical Thinking**

This course introduces you to the professional challenges and competencies that are needed for effective execution of the profession of arms and Army communication. Through this course, you will learn how Army ethics and values shape the Army and the specific ways that these ethics are inculcated into Army culture. This semester, you will explore the Seven Army Values and the Warrior Ethos, investigate the Profession of Arms and Army leadership as well as an overview of the Army, and gain practical experience using critical communication skills. Offered Fall.

**MS 102 Cr.2  Basic Leadership**

This course provides an overview of leadership fundamentals such as setting direction, problem solving, listening, presenting briefs, providing feedback, and using effective writing skills. Students explore dimensions of leadership values, attributes, and competencies in the context of practical, hands-on, and interactive exercises. Continued emphasis is placed on recruitment and retention of students. Cadre role models and the building of stronger relationships among students through common experience and practical interaction are critical aspects of the MS 102 experience. Prerequisite: MS 101. Offered Spring.

**MS 201 Cr.2  Individual Leadership Studies**

This course explores the dimensions of creative and innovative tactical leadership strategies and styles by examining team dynamics and two historical leadership theories that form the basis of the Army leadership framework. Aspects of personal motivation and team building are practiced through planning, executing, and assessing team exercises. Prerequisite: MS 102. Offered Fall.

**MS 202 Cr.2  Leadership and Teamwork**

This course explores the dimensions of creative and innovative tactical leadership strategies and styles by examining team dynamics and two historical leadership theories that form the basis of the Army leadership framework. Aspects of personal motivation and team building are practiced through planning, executing, and assessing team exercises. Prerequisite: MS 201. Offered Spring.

**MS 301 Cr.3  Training Management and the Warfighting Functions**

This is an academically challenging course where you will study, practice, and apply the fundamentals of Army leadership, officership, Army values and ethics, personal development, and small unit tactics at the platoon level. At the conclusion of this course, you will be capable of planning, coordinating, navigating, motivating and leading a squad and platoon in the execution of a mission during a classroom PE, a leadership lab, or during a Leader Training Exercise (LTX). You will be required to write peer evaluations and receive feedback on your abilities as a leader and how to improve those leader skills that can further develop you into a successful officer. This course includes reading assignments, homework assignments, small group assignments, briefings, case studies and practical exercises, a mid-term exam, and a final exam. You will receive systematic and specific feedback on your leader attributes, values, and core leader competencies from your instructor, other ROTC cadre, and MS IV Cadets. Prerequisite: MS 202. Offered Fall.

**MS 302 Cr.3  Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations**

This is an academically challenging course where you will study, practice, and apply the fundamentals of Army leadership, officership, Army values and ethics, personal development, and small unit tactics at the platoon level. At the conclusion of this course, you will be capable of planning, coordinating, navigating, motivating and leading a squad and platoon in the execution of a mission during a classroom PE, a leadership lab, or during a Leader Training Exercise (LTX). You will be required to write peer evaluations and receive feedback on your abilities as a leader and how to improve those leader skills that can further develop you into a successful officer. This course includes reading assignments, homework assignments, small group assignments, briefings, case studies and practical exercises, a mid-term exam, and a final exam. You will receive systematic and specific feedback on your leader attributes, values, and core leader competencies from your instructor, other ROTC cadre, and MS IV Cadets. Prerequisite: MS 301. Offered Spring.

**MS 401 Cr.3  Leadership and Management**

This course transitions the focus of student learning from being trained, mentored and evaluated to learning how to train, mentor and evaluate underclass students. Students learn the duties and responsibilities of an Army staff officer. Students will also learn about the special trust, proposed by the U.S. Constitution to Army officers; a trust above and beyond other professions. Further, students will learn Army values and ethics and how to apply them to everyday life as well as in the Contemporary Operating Environment. Finally, students will learn about the officer’s role in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, counseling subordinates, administrative actions and methods on how to best manage their career as Army officers. Prerequisite: MS 302. Offered Fall.

**MS 402 Cr.3  American Military History**

A historical review and analysis of the development of military strategy and weapons; a detailed study of the history of the United States military; an analysis of contemporary, post-World War II issues; and a study of selected battles. Offered Annually.
Company Grade Leadership
This is an academically challenging course where you will study, practice, develop, and apply critical thinking skills pertaining to Army leadership, officership, Army values and ethics, personal development, and small unit tactics at platoon level. This course includes reading assignments, homework assignments, small group assignments, briefings, case studies, practical exercises, mid-term exam, and a capstone exercise in place of the final exam. For the capstone exercise, you will be required to complete an oral practicum where you will be evaluated on your knowledge of the 20 Army Warfighting Challenges (AWFC) covered throughout MS 401 and MS 402 coursework. In addition, you will be assessed on leadership abilities during classroom PE, leadership labs, or Leader Training Exercises (LTX). You will receive systematic and specific feedback on your leader attributes, values, and core leader competencies from your cadre, PMS, and other MS IV Cadets who will evaluate you using the Cadet Officer Evaluation Report (COER).
You will be required to write peer evaluations and receive feedback on your abilities as a leader and how to improve those leader skills. At the conclusion of this course, you will be able to plan, coordinate, navigate, motivate and lead a platoon in future operational environments.
Successful completion of this course will assist in preparing you for your BOLC B course and is a mandatory requirement for commissioning.
Prerequisite: MS 401. Offered Spring.

Independent Studies in Military Science
Students design individual plans of study in consultation with a MS faculty member. Designed for MS students who have excellent records in the department. Repeatable for credit - maximum three. Consent of department. Offered Occasionally.