Military Science (MILS)

The normal four-year sequence of ROTC instruction is divided into the Basic Program and the Advanced Program. Participation in the Basic Program, normally undertaken in the freshman and sophomore years, is voluntary and involves no obligation for military service. The four courses in the Basic Program are intended to develop leadership skills, to familiarize the student with military customs and organization, and to introduce selected weapons and general military subjects. All credits earned in these courses may be applied toward graduation.

Basic Program

Open to all students who have an interest in Military Science, the basic program is required of students who hold ROTC Scholarships. For the general student, there is no military obligation associated with participation in the Basic Program courses. All military leadership courses are offered with a lab. The lab is optional for the general student in the 100- and 200-level courses, but is required of all students at the 300- and 400-level.

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Advanced Program

The Advanced Program is offered for students who have successfully completed the Basic Program, who meet the academic and physical standards, and who are selected on the further basis of leadership potential. (Satisfactory completion of a five-week basic camp in the summer after the sophomore year, or suitable prior military experience, or three years of JROTC, may substitute for a portion of the Basic Program for this purpose.) The Advanced Program, normally taken during the junior and senior years, offers a total of 12 credit hours. The four courses include instruction in leadership, ethics, tactics, military law, administration, and exercise of command. Advanced Program cadets receive a tax-free allowance of up to $500 each month for up to 10 months of the academic year, and are also paid during the four-week summer camp they are required to attend between the junior and senior years.

The Advanced Program cadet may be selected to enter active duty or participate in the Reserve Force Duty Program (RFD) as means for fulfilling the incurred obligation for military service. Under the RFD program, the student is commissioned in either the National Guard or the U.S. Army Reserve.

In addition to the Basic and Advanced Programs of classroom instruction, the Department of Military Science at Wofford sponsors numerous extracurricular activities which are designed to complement skills learned in the classroom. Presently offered are adventure activities such as rappelling, orienteering, white water rafting, and paint-ball war games.

MILS 101. Military Leadership I. 0 to 1 Hours.
A basic orientation to ROTC and the U. S. Army. Course topics include leadership, the role and structure of the Army, military customs and courtesies, basic marksmanship, and map reading. Leadership laboratory is required. Open to freshmen with permission of instructor.

MILS 102. Military Leadership II. 0 to 2 Hours.
A continuation of Military Science 101. Course topics include leadership, map reading, land navigation, and development of skills needed to work effectively as members of a team. Leadership laboratory is required. Open to freshmen with permission of instructor.

MILS 201. Military Leadership III. 3 Hours.
Comprehensive instruction in leadership and management skills, map reading and land navigation, squad and platoon tactics, first aid, and communications. One weekend leadership laboratory is required in addition to the weekly labs.

MILS 202. Military Leadership IV. 3 Hours.
A comprehensive study of leadership, principles of war, principles-centered leadership, troop-leading procedures, problem-solving techniques, individual tactical skills, and orienteering. Leadership laboratory is required. Open to sophomores with permission of instructor.

MILS 301. Military Leadership V. 3 Hours.
A study of Army values and ethics, the principles of war, principles-centered leadership, troop-leading procedures, problem-solving techniques, individual tactical skills, and orienteering. Leadership laboratory is required. Open to sophomores with permission of instructor.

MILS 302. Military Leadership VI. 3 Hours.
Development of basic military skills for National Advanced Leadership camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. Instruction includes offensive and defensive squad tactics, operations orders, and military briefings. One weekend leadership laboratory is required in addition to the weekly labs.

MILS 401. Military Leadership VII. 3 Hours.
A comprehensive study of leadership, principles of war, the law of war, military ethics, and professionalism. Includes an examination of challenges and U.S. global threats. Students plan and conduct required leadership laboratories. One weekend leadership laboratory is required in addition to the weekly labs.

MILS 402. Military Leadership VIII. 3 Hours.
A continuation of the comprehensive study of leadership, military justice, military logistics, Army personnel management, Army training management, Army battle doctrine, and the transition from student to officer. Students plan and conduct required leadership laboratories. One weekend leadership laboratory is required in addition to the weekly labs.