MILITARY SCIENCE (MILS)

Courses

MILS 101 | INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP I
Units: 3
This course introduces cadets to the personal challenges and competencies that are critical for effective leadership. Cadets learn how the personal development of life skills such as critical thinking, goal setting, time management, physical fitness, and stress management relate to leadership, officer skills, and the Army profession. The focus is on developing basic knowledge and comprehension of Army leadership dimensions while gaining a big-picture understanding of ROTC, its purpose in the Army, and its advantages for the student. Relative examples and discussions are used to relate leadership to not only the military, but also to Corporate America.

MILS 102 | INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP II
Units: 3
This course overviews leadership fundamentals such as setting direction, problem-solving, listening, presenting briefs, providing feedback, and using effective writing skills. Cadets explore dimensions of leadership values, attributes, skills, and actions in the context of practical, hands-on, and interactive exercises. The principles discussed in this curriculum can be used to prepare managers for Corporate America by building a solid foundation for the understanding of leadership.

MILS 201 | FOUNDATIONS OF LEADERSHIP I
Units: 3
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 (trait and behavior theories). Cadets practice aspects of personal motivation and team building in the context of planning, executing, and assessing team exercises and participating in Leadership Labs. Focus is on continued development of the knowledge of leadership values and attributes through an understanding of Army rank, structure and duties, and basic aspects of land navigation and squad tactics. Case studies provide tangible context for learning the Soldier’s Creed and Warrior Ethos as they apply in the Contemporary Operating Environment (COE).

MILS 202 | FOUNDATIONS OF LEADERSHIP II
Units: 3
This course examines the challenges of leading tactical teams in the complex Contemporary Operating Environment (COE). The course highlights dimensions of terrain analysis, patrolling, and operations orders. Further study of the theoretical basis of the Army leadership framework explores the dynamics of adaptive leadership in the context of military operations. Cadets develop greater self-awareness as they assess their own leadership styles and practice communication and team building skills. COE case studies give insight into the importance and practice of teamwork and tactics in real-world scenarios.

MILS 301 | ADAPTIVE TACTICAL LEADERSHIP
Units: 3
Military Science 301 will develop leadership and organizational skills, time management, and technical competence in military-related subjects. Students concentrate on the practical application of the leadership fundamentals and techniques learned in the ROTC Basic Course and prepare for success at the Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Washington, and as future commissioned officers in the U.S. Army. The course consists of both classroom instruction and practical field application where cadets are placed in leadership roles.

MILS 302 | APPLIED TEAM LEADERSHIP
Units: 3
MILS 302 uses increasingly challenging situational leadership challenges to build Cadet proficiency and skills in leading tactical operations. Having learned squad-level tactics in MILS 301, cadets will now learn to effectively lead up to platoon level. Cadets will review aspects of combat, stability and support operations. They will also conduct military briefings and develop proficiency in garrison operations orders. The focus is on exploring, evaluating and developing skills in decision making, persuading and motivating members of a team to accomplish a common mission. MILS 302 Cadets are evaluated on what they know and do as leaders as they prepare to attend the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC).

MILS 401 | ADAPTIVE TEAM LEADERSHIP
Units: 3  Repeatability: No
Prerequisites: MILS 301 and MILS 302
This course 401 transitions the focus of student learning from being trained, mentored, and evaluated as an MILS III Cadet to learning how to train, mentor, and evaluate underclass Cadets. MILS IV Cadets learn the duties and responsibilities of an Army staff officer and apply the Military Decision Making Process, Army Writing Style, the Army’s Training Management Cycle and METL Development processes during weekly Training Meetings. Cadets learn to safely conduct training by understanding and employing the Deliberate Risk Management Process. Cadets learn how to use the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness (CSF) program to reduce and manage stress. At the conclusion of this course, you will be capable of planning, coordinating, navigating, motivating, and leading a cadet platoon, company, and/or battalion in the execution of a Leadership Lab, Ranger Challenge Exercise, and a Leadership Development Exercise (LDX).

MILS 402 | COMPANY GRADE LEADERSHIP
Units: 3  Repeatability: No
Prerequisites: MILS 301 and MILS 302 and MILS 401
This is an academically challenging course were you will study, practice, develop, and apply critical thinking skills pertaining to Army leadership, officer skills, 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 that you will be evaluated on your knowledge of the 20 Army War fighting Challenges (AWFC) covered throughout MILS401 and 402 coursework. In addition, you could 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 MILS IV Cadets.