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Army ROTC



**“Bayonet Battalion”
Program Guide**

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Welcome to one of the most active ROTC schools in the United States, the ATU Army ROTC “Bayonet Battalion!”

What is Army ROTC?

Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) is a program that will enhance your education by providing unique leadership training and management experience. It helps you develop the qualities necessary for success in either a military or civilian career. Students are given a valuable opportunity to build for the future by earning a college degree and an Army Officer's commission at the same time.

Army ROTC training establishes an essential difference between ROTC and other college graduates. Army ROTC cadets are taught to be leaders and are provided hands-on experience in managing physical, financial, and human resources. They possess a higher level of self-confidence and superior decision-making abilities. Employers value these leadership qualities and prefer them in the people they hire. That is why ROTC students frequently begin their civilian careers at a higher level of responsibility than other college graduates and often go on to even higher levels of success.

Once cadets have completed requirements for a bachelor's or graduate degree and the ROTC program, they will receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. ROTC is the #1 source of commissioned officers in the nation.

Introduction to Army ROTC

In addition to the military curriculum, cadets have the opportunity to participate in the Ranger Challenge Competition, rappelling, intramural sports, and field training exercises in and around Arkansas.

The Bayonet Battalion is organized around a cadet battalion commander and an operations staff. While active duty Army instructors provide Military Science instruction and supervise all cadet training, the cadets themselves are responsible for the planning and actual completion of each training activity. Senior cadets are the officers of the battalion. Junior and sophomore cadets are the noncommissioned officers, while freshman form the core of the platoons.

The Basic Course includes the Military Science 100 and 200 level courses. The instruction is hands-on. Adventure training consists of land navigation, basic rappelling, and obstacle courses. Students have a chance to develop these skills in addition to learning the role and origin of the Army, customs and traditions, branches of the Army, principles of war, military operations and tactics.

By now you probably have at least a few questions about the program and would like to know more. This program guide should answer most, if not all, of your questions. If not, please feel free to contact any member of the Army ROTC staff or the Enrollment Officer, whose information is located below:

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Career Benefits

Participants in the ROTC program develop critical skills in management and leadership that are valuable to any civilian or military career. Students gain confidence, self-discipline, and technical experience. New lieutenants will enter the workforce as a leader and supervise as many as 45 people while being accountable for hundreds of thousands of dollars (millions in some cases) worth of assets. Upon completion of your military service civilian employers actively seek your leadership experience and technical knowledge.

Brand-new Second Lieutenants on active duty earn approximately \$49,000 per year, including housing and subsistence allowances. Soldiers also earn 30 days of leave (vacation) annually while on Active duty and have full medical and dental coverage. Part-time opportunities exist in the Army Reserve and Army National Guard where officers are paid for one weekend of drill per month and two weeks of Annual Training. Guard and Reserve Officers will also receive Active duty pay while training for their specific career field.

There are sixteen basic career fields, called branches, and seven specialized fields. The Army has a branch to accommodate most fields of interest... so check it out for yourself.

Basic Branches:

Adjutant General Corps	Infantry
Air Defense Artillery	Medical Service Corps
Armor	Military Intelligence
Aviation	Military Police
Chemical Corps	Ordnance
Corp of Engineer	Quartermaster
Field Artillery	Signal Corps
Finance Corps	Transportation Corps

Specialized Branches:

Chaplain Corps
Dental Corps
Judge Advocate General
Medical Corps
Army Nurse Corps
Veterinary Corps
Special Forces

Army ROTC

The ROTC program is taken in conjunction with the classes for your selected major and the other general education requirements needed for your degree. The main focus is on leadership development and management with increasing responsibilities as you progress through the program. A typical cadet takes 3-4 credits of ROTC class and lab per semester which count towards the total credits required to graduate. The ROTC program itself can be taken on a four, three, or two year basis. The first two years are considered the Basic Course and the last two years are considered the Advanced Course. Even though ROTC is not an academic major, the university does offer a minor in Military Science.

Basic Course

Military Science I Year

This year serves as the cadets' first introduction to the Army. Topics covered include time management, goal setting, stress management, military courtesy, military history, basic first aid, fundamentals of leadership, field training, and drill and ceremony. Cadets take both the Military Science I class and the Leadership Laboratory. The MS I class meets for a one hour class and the Leadership Lab is held on Thursday afternoon for 2 hours. During each semester, cadets also have the opportunity to attend a 3-day field training exercise (FTX). While on the FTX cadets stay in barracks or tents and conduct events such as: day and night land navigation, squad tactics, obstacle course, Field Leader Reaction Course (FLRC), and weapons firing at the rifle range. There is no military service obligation from taking these courses unless you have applied for and accepted an Army ROTC Scholarship. Army ROTC Scholarship cadets are required to take the class and lab each semester while in college.

Military Science II Year

The MS II year is an expansion of the topics taught in the first year of the program. Cadets are introduced to tactics, troop leading procedures, basics of operations orders, and ethics. MS II cadets take the Military Science II class and the Leadership Lab. The MS II class meets for a two hour class and takes part in a two hour lab on Thursday afternoons. MS II cadets may also attend the 3-day field training exercise (FTX) each semester. Like the MS I year, there is no military service obligation for taking this course unless you are on scholarship.

Leader's Training Course (LTC)

Cadets attend the Leader's Training Course (LTC) if they have two years remaining in school before graduation, **have no prior military experience**, did not complete the first two years of ROTC, and would like to enter the ROTC program in their junior year. Those who choose this option attend the course the summer before they begin their junior year (MS III year of ROTC) or before starting Grad School. LTC is a 4-week course conducted at Fort Knox, KY and cadets will receive training pay while in attendance. Travel, housing, food, uniforms, and equipment are provided for all attendees. Cadets learn the same skills and fundamentals of military science, leadership, values, and ethics taught in the two years of the Basic Course.

Advanced Course

Military Science III Year

The third year of ROTC marks the beginning of the Advanced Course. While non-scholarship cadets may take the first two years with no military obligation, MS III and MS IV cadets must sign a contract incurring a military service obligation to serve full or part-time once commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Cadets who enroll in the advance course must have academic junior, senior or graduate student status with 3-4 semesters remaining before graduation. The cadet and their academic adviser will complete an academic planning sheet prior to enrolling in the program to ensure timely completion of the ROTC program and all degree requirements.

The course sequence in this year is focused on the application of leadership and small-unit tactics. Cadets are assigned leadership positions within the Bayonet Battalion and are evaluated on their performance and leadership abilities. MS III cadets practice briefing operations orders, executing small-unit tactics, leading physical training, and preparing to have a successful performance at the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC). Cadets take the Military Science III class and the Leadership Lab.

Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC)

Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) is a paid five-week leadership course conducted at Fort Lewis, WA typically during the summer between the junior and senior year of college. At LDAC, cadets take on various leadership roles and are evaluated on their performance and leadership abilities. Cadets also participate in adventure training, to include: confidence and obstacle courses, rappelling, water safety, weapons firing, and patrolling. Cadets must attend and successfully complete this course to receive an Army commission.

Military Science IV Year

This is the final year of the ROTC program and the main focus is to prepare cadets to become successful lieutenants in the Army upon graduation and commissioning. Senior cadets apply for their branches of interest early in the fall and receive the branching results from the ROTC selection board late in the fall semester. Cadets are assigned cadet battalion staff positions and are responsible for evaluating MS III cadets and planning all training operations. Cadets take both the Military Science IV class and the Leadership Lab. The MS IV class meets on Tuesdays and is taught by the Professor of Military Science (PMS). MSIV cadets are introduced to the Military Decision Making Process (MDMP), battle analysis, leadership counseling, staff operations, and military law. Upon completion of the course program and graduation, cadets will receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Military Science Minor

As mentioned earlier, the ROTC program does not serve as a major. However, cadets have the opportunity to obtain a minor in Military Science. The minor is open only to those ROTC cadets pursuing a bachelor's degree from the university. In order to complete the minor, students must complete the required ROTC coursework requirements established by the university to qualify for the award of a minor.

Physical Training (PT)

Physical fitness and leading a healthy lifestyle are important parts of being in the military. Cadets will participate in PT to increase muscular strength and endurance. PT consists of grass drills, guerilla drills, push-up and sit-up improvement, ability group runs, cross-fit workouts, and swimming. The basic course cadets will be required to attend physical training specified by the Military Science course criteria. Contracted cadets are required to attend PT sessions.

Army ROTC Program Options

Students have a wide variety of options available to ensure they are able to experience college and ROTC. Listed below are the options for students interested in taking ROTC classes and receiving a commission.

Four-Year Program

The four-year program is divided into two parts—the Basic Course and the Advanced Course. The Basic Course comprises the first two years of college and except for scholarship cadets, is voluntary and all students are eligible. After the completion of the Basic Course, students that meet the eligibility requirements and have demonstrated leadership potential must contract to continue to the Advanced Course. Scholarship cadets must contract to activate their scholarship. The Advanced Course consists of four consecutive semesters of coursework and attendance at the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) following the first year in the Advanced Course.

Three-and-a-Half Year Program

Some cadets find out about or decide to try out the program in the middle of their first year of college. In this case, students enroll in the MS I class for the spring semester and then can double up on the MS I and II classes the next fall semester if they decide to continue in the program. Therefore, students complete the Basic Course in three semesters as opposed to four. The rest of the requirements are identical to the four-year program.

Three-Year Program

The three-year program is available to students who want to start ROTC as a sophomore. Students may complete the Basic Course in one year instead of two by taking both the MS I and II classes at the same time or they may attend LTC to “catch up” on the missed classes. Students in this program are considered “compression” students. The rest of the requirements are the same as the four-year program.

Two-Year Program

The two-year option allows eligible students to contract at the time they are academic juniors, seniors or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. Criteria for eligibility are as follows:

- Qualified prior service in the military **OR**
- Member of the Army Reserve or Army National Guard with basic training complete **OR**
- Completion of at least 3 years of JROTC **plus** 1 year of ROTC classes **OR**
- Graduate of the Army ROTC Leadership Training Course (LTC) **AND**
- At least 60 credits of college coursework completed towards a bachelor's degree or a graduate student with a B.A. or B.S.

Students in the two-year option also attend LDAC following the first year of the Advanced Course and complete all required coursework as detailed in the last two years of the four-year program.

Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)

The Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) allows cadets to gain leadership experience as members of an Army National Guard (ARNG) or U.S. Army Reserves (USAR) unit while simultaneously participating in ROTC to receive a commission. SMP cadets follow the three-year or two-year plan as mentioned above. SMP cadets cannot be deployed while contracted in ROTC. The requirements to participate as an SMP cadet are:

- Contract into ROTC Basic or Advanced Course
- U.S. Citizen
- Complete the SMP agreement
- At least 30 credits completed **OR**
- Graduate student with a B.A. or B.S. already completed
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA
- Meet Army height/weight standards
- Pass Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT)
- Completed Basic Training
- Take the DoDMERB physical exam and be considered medically qualified for military service

Students who are **ineligible** to participate in SMP:

- 4 year National ROTC Scholarship recipients (Nursing included)

Scholarship Programs

National Army ROTC Scholarships (4-year and 3-year)

This scholarship type is awarded to high school seniors who will soon graduate or obtain an equivalent certificate. Competition for these scholarships is high, as over 30,000 students from across the country compete for them annually. Scholarships cover full tuition and mandatory fees for the term of the award.

Scholarship awardees also receive a book allowance of \$1200 per year and receive a monthly tax-free stipend. The scholarship process is centralized at Cadet Command. Interviews are conducted at local Army ROTC programs prior to being eligible for selection. The scholarship process is from approximately April 15th of the high school junior year through May 31st of the senior year, but applications must be complete by January 1st of the senior year.

Basic Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be at least 17 years of age within the first semester in which the scholarship benefits begin.
- Must be no more than 31 years of age on Dec 31st of the year in which you will commission.
- Be a high school graduate or possess an equivalent certificate.
- Have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5.
- Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT and 19 on the ACT. (SAT of 990 or ACT of 21 for a nursing scholarship).
- Must complete either the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) or the President's Challenge Fitness Test.

All applicants must meet all eligibility criteria to receive further scholarship consideration. Those applications selected for further scholarship consideration will schedule a medical examination and be contacted for a personal interview.

Personal Interview

A person-to-person interview is required at an ROTC office.

Medical Examination

Scholarship applicants will schedule a medical examination by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) once they are notified. Your medical evaluation status is not a consideration in the scholarship selection; however, all winners must be medically qualified to receive scholarship benefits.

Military Service Obligation

If you are selected for a National ROTC Scholarship, you are required to sign a contract with the Department of the Army. If you are under 18 years of age when you enroll, your parents or guardian must also sign this contract. This contract contains a requirement to repay the United States Government for all financial aid received if after you begin your sophomore year you fail to comply with the terms of the contract. This repayment may be either monetary or in the form of enlisted service. The choice rests with the Army and not the scholarship cadet.

- Attend the 5-week Leadership Development Assessment Course between your junior and senior years of college.
- Accept a commission to serve on either active duty or reserve duty upon completion of the required academic and Army ROTC courses.
- Serve in the Army for a period of 8 years. This may be fulfilled by:
Serving on Active duty for 4 years followed by 4 years in the Army Reserve, Army National Guard, or the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) or by serving 8 years in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard, including 4-6 months active duty for initial training. Term of obligation begins at time of commissioning.

Campus-Based Scholarships (2, 2-1/2, 3, 3-1/2, or 4 year)

Campus based scholarships are offered to students who were not offered or did not apply for the National Army ROTC Scholarship. These scholarships range in length from 2 to 4 years. Scholarships will cover full tuition and fees each year for the length of the scholarship awarded. Scholarship awardees also receive a book allowance of \$1200 per year and receive a monthly tax-free stipend.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Same as the eligibility for the National Scholarships with the following changes:

- Have a minimum college GPA of 2.5 (term and cumulative) with at least 15 credit hours completed.
- For 3-1/2 and 4-Year Scholarships only: Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT and 19 on the ACT.
- Must complete a personal interview with the Professor of Military Science
- Must pass the APFT for scholarship benefits to begin.
- Must be medically qualified for military service for scholarship benefits to begin.

Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria to receive scholarship consideration by the selection board.

Military Obligation

If you are selected for a campus-based scholarship your obligations are the same as for the National Army ROTC Scholarship.

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship (2 Year)

The Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) program is designed for cadets who are interested in obtaining a commission in the Army Reserve or the Army National Guard. GRFD scholarships pay full tuition and mandatory fees. Scholarship awardees receive a book allowance of \$1200 per year and a monthly tax-free stipend. These cadets also receive weekend drill and annual training pay as participants in SMP, a requirement for these scholarships. More details regarding the Simultaneous Membership Program were provided earlier.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Same as for Campus Based Scholarships with the following additions:

- Must participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).
- Must complete the ROTC Basic Course requirements **OR** Basic Training. (Must complete AIT for full benefits of the Montgomery GI bill "Kicker").
- Must have completed at least 60 credit hours of coursework toward a bachelor's degree
- Must pass the APFT and be DoDMERB qualified.

Military Obligation

If you are selected for a GRFD scholarship, you are required to:

- Sign a GRFD contract, guaranteeing service in the Army National Guard or Army Reserve upon commissioning.
- Accept a commission to serve in the National Guard or Reserve upon completion of the required academic and ROTC courses.
- Serve in the Army for a period of 8 years. This may be fulfilled by:
Serving on Active duty for 4 years followed by 4 years in the Army Reserve, Army National Guard, or the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) or by serving 8 years in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard, including 4-6 months active duty for initial training. Term of obligation begins at time of commissioning.

Dedicated Army National Guard Scholarship (2 or 3 Year)

This scholarship is specific to those students who wish to stay in the Army National Guard upon commissioning. Dedicated ARNG scholarships pay full tuition and mandatory fees each year for the length of the scholarship awarded. Scholarship awardees receive a book allowance of \$1200 per year and a monthly tax-free stipend. These cadets also receive weekend drill and annual training pay as participants in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).

Basic Eligibility Requirements: Same as for Campus Based Scholarships

Military Obligation

If you are selected for a Dedicated ARNG scholarship, you are required to:

- Serve 8 years in a National Guard unit, which includes a 3-6 month Active duty term for initial training. Term of obligation begins at time of commissioning.
- Accept a commission to serve in the National Guard upon completion of the required academic and ROTC courses.

Nurse Cadets

ROTC provides an opportunity for college nursing students to receive practical, hands-on leadership experience. The courses provide a chance for students to develop leadership, management, communication, and decision-making skills in a non-threatening environment. Physical training and confidence building activities also provide students with the chance to be mentally and physically challenged. Students who are interested in obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from an accredited college or university may enroll in ROTC on the two-, three-, or four-year plan as mentioned earlier. Upon completion of the program, students are commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

Basic Eligibility Requirements: Same as for Campus Based Scholarships

Military Obligation

If you are accepted as a nursing scholarship cadet, you are required to:

- Sign a contract with the Department of the Army. The contract contains a requirement to repay the United States Government for all financial aid received if you fail to comply with the terms of the contract. This repayment may be monetary or in the form of enlisted service, the choice rests with the Army and not the scholarship cadet.
- Accept a commission to serve on Active duty or possibly Reserve duty upon completion of the required academic and ROTC courses.
- Serve in the military for a period of 8 years. This may be fulfilled by serving on Active duty for 4 years followed by 4 years of service in the National Guard, Reserve, or Inactive Ready Reserve. You may elect to serve the entire 8 years on Active duty if you desire. Term of obligation begins at time of commissioning

Nurse Scholarships

Two to four year scholarships are available to nursing students accepted into an accredited School of Nursing program that leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Students that receive these scholarships receive the same benefits and follow the same course curriculum as regular cadets in the 2-4 year programs. Scholarships pay full tuition and fees per year for the duration of the scholarship. Scholarship awardees receive a book allowance of \$1200 per year and a monthly tax-free stipend.

Non-Scholarship Students

Students can participate in ROTC without a scholarship and will receive the ROTC monthly stipend during their junior and senior year once contracted. These students may elect to participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) with a National Guard or Army Reserve unit to receive additional financial benefits. ROTC course requirements are the same as for other two-year program students, with the exception of military obligation. Non-scholarship nursing students are required to serve for 8 years, with 3 years Active duty time and the option to serve the rest in the Active, National Guard, Reserve, or Inactive Ready Reserve. SMP Nurse cadets may serve their obligation in the Reserve or National Guard on a very limited basis.

Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP)

Nursing cadets have the opportunity to attend the Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) following LDAC the summer between their junior and senior year. NSTP is an optional 3-week, 120-hour clinical rotation in an Army hospital where cadets work one-on-one with an Army Nurse preceptor/instructor. Cadets receive hands-on experience while the Army provides the cadet pay, meals, lodging, and transportation to and from the training location.

After Graduation

Once cadets have completed all ROTC course requirements and nursing program requirements, students receive their commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. Nursing students must complete the same commissioning requirements as regular cadets. After commissioning, Nursing Officers must take and pass the

NCLEX within 60 days. New lieutenants then attend the Nurse Officer Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX and finally proceed to their first duty assignment. Army Nurses receive the same pay and benefits as their peers.

Continuing Education

After one year of service, you may apply to attend a clinical specialty course in one of the following areas: preoperative nursing, critical care, psychiatric/mental health, OB/GYN, community health, or emergency nursing. Once you obtain career status you may also apply for selection to graduate degree programs for anesthesia nursing, health care administration, and family nurse practitioner.

Financial Benefits: One of the most confusing aspects of deciding which program works for you is the myriad of financial benefits available, depending on your situation. While not everyone can receive a scholarship, there are financial benefits even for those without a scholarship. Some of the alternative benefits include federal or state tuition assistance, Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), Post 911 GI Bill, and the ROTC stipend.

List of Benefits Available (Depending on Your Status)

ROTC Scholarship		Full Tuition and Mandatory Fees
Book Allowance		\$1200/year
CH 30 Montgomery GI Bill		\$1,075/month (full-time)
CH 1606 Selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill		\$309/month (full-time)
Montgomery GI Bill SMP Kicker		\$350/month
Federal Tuition Assistance		\$250/ credit hour 100% tuition, up to \$4500/year
National Guard Tuition Assistance		\$250/ credit hour 100% tuition, up to \$5000/year
Drill Pay as E-5 (FY09)		\$266/month
ROTC Stipend	Freshman:	\$300/month
	Sophomore:	\$350/month
	Junior:	\$450/month
	Senior:	\$500/month
Student Loan Repayment		up to \$65,000
Accessions Bonus		\$10,000

Commissioning Requirements

The goal of the ROTC program is to commission quality cadets as second lieutenants in the United States Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard upon completion of the ROTC program and graduation from college. In order to commission, cadets must complete the following:

- Graduate with a bachelor's degree (or higher) from a college or university.
- Finish the ROTC course requirements based on your specific program.
- Complete all Professional Military Educational (PME) requirements.
- Meet all medical requirements.
- Pass Army Physical Fitness Test.
- Meet height/weight standards.
- Successfully complete the Leadership Development Assessment Course.
- Scholarship cadets must not be over age 31 on 31 December of the year commissioned.
- Non-scholarship cadets cannot be over age 35 when commissioned without a waiver.

FAQs

How do I take classes?

It's easy! Army ROTC courses are listed in the Arkansas Tech University Course Catalog under Military Science (MS). Just register for the classes you want when you select your other courses for a semester. There is no military obligation to take the MS 1000 and MS 2000 level courses. However, the MS 3000 and MS 4000 classes are for eligible students only and incur an obligation to military service.

Do I have an obligation to the military?

If you take only the first two years of the ROTC program (Basic Course) there is no military obligation unless you are a scholarship cadet. In order to progress to the last two years of the program (Advanced Course), you must contract with the United States Army and therefore will incur a military service obligation.

What skills will I learn?

Participants in the ROTC program develop critical skills in leadership, management, and analytical decision-making that are valuable to any career, civilian or military. Students gain confidence, self-discipline, as well as technical and tactical experience.

What if I'm a college senior planning to go on to graduate school?

Students in this category must be able to complete the Advanced Course. This requires 4 consecutive semesters in full time student status and participation in the two-year program. If a student has no prior military training they are required to attend the Leader's Training Course (LTC) the summer prior to the start of grad school.

How much money can I make?

Second Lieutenants on Active duty earn approximately \$47,000 per year, including housing and subsistence allowances. Soldiers earn 30 days annual paid leave (vacation) while on Active duty and have full medical/dental coverage. Part-time opportunities exist in the Army Reserve and Army National Guard where officers are paid for one weekend of drill per month and two weeks of Annual Training.

What kinds of jobs are available?

Full and part-time career opportunities exist in the basic and specialized career fields listed on page 5 of this guide.

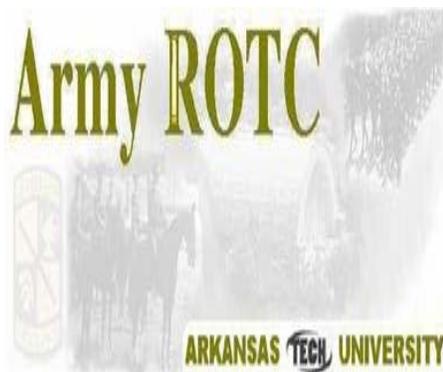
What responsibilities will I have as a new second lieutenant?

New second lieutenants will enter the workforce as a leader and will supervise up to 45 Soldiers while being accountable for unit equipment worth up to millions of dollars. Civilian employers want your leadership experience and technical knowledge so if you decide to leave the military many opportunities await you.

Who do I talk to?

Come visit the program! Talk to cadets and cadre (staff) to see if the program is right for you. If you are interested, the Enrollment Officer will help you get started.

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