Military Sciences offers coursework from a number of departments including the Departments of Military Science, History, Government and Geography. This path allows the student to pursue a diverse program that incorporates military history, ethics, public administration and the use of the military as an instrument of educational enhancement. While the Military Science classes are taught through a military lens, the components of adaptability, teamwork, comprehensive fitness, leadership and critical thinking are interdisciplinary and applicable regardless of a student’s chosen future career paths.

The Programs


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The Courses

MILS 101: 1 s.h.
Intro to Military Science 1
An introduction to the fundamental components of service as an officer in the United States Army. Initial lessons form the building blocks of progressive lessons in values, fitness, leadership and officership. By means of both written and oral presentations regarding the history of military art, battle history, technical studies and the relationship of the armed forces with society, students will be encouraged to develop a habit of critical reflection. In addition to developing a foundation of military officership and leadership, students will receive practical instruction in the application of military art and basic soldier skills. Meets one hour per week plus a weekly 90-minute leadership lab. MILS 101 in fall and MILS 102 in spring.

MILS 102: 1 s.h.
Intro to Military Science 2
An introduction to the fundamental components of service as an officer in the United States Army. Initial lessons form the building blocks of progressive lessons in values, fitness, leadership and officership. By means of both written and oral presentations regarding the history of military art, battle history, technical studies and the relationship of the armed forces with society, students will be encouraged to develop a habit of critical reflection. In addition to developing a foundation of military officership and leadership, students will receive practical instruction in the application of military art and basic soldier skills. Meets one hour per week plus a weekly 90-minute leadership lab. MILS 101 in fall and MILS 102 in spring.

MILS 179: 3 s.h.
Experimental

MILS 279: 3 s.h.
Experimental

MILS 210: 2 s.h.
Self and Team Development
A continuation of the fundamentals introduced the previous year by focusing on leadership theory and decision making. “Life skills” lessons during this year include problem solving, critical thinking, leadership theory, followership, group interaction, goal setting and feedback mechanisms. The use of practical exercise is significantly increased over previous semesters, as cadets are increasingly required to apply communication and leadership concepts. Meets two hours per week plus a weekly 90-minute leadership lab. MILS 210 in fall and MILS 211 in spring.

MILS 211: 2 s.h.
Military Leadership
A continuation of the fundamentals introduced the previous year by focusing on leadership theory and decision making. “Life skills” lessons during this year include problem solving, critical thinking, leadership theory, followership, group interaction, goal setting and feedback mechanisms. The use of practical exercise is significantly increased over previous semesters, as cadets are increasingly required to apply communication and leadership concepts. Meets two hours per week plus a weekly 90-minute leadership lab. MILS 210 in fall and MILS 211 in spring.

MILS 301: 3 s.h.
Management and Leadership
Advanced instruction in topics introduced during the basic course. Emphasis on leadership. Situations require direct interaction with other cadets and test the student’s ability to achieve set goals and to get others to do the same. Students master basic tactical skills of the small unit leader. Principles and techniques of effective leadership, methods of developing and improving managerial abilities and leadership qualities, and a basic understanding of interpersonal interactions. Use is made of recent developments in the administrative and behavioral sciences to analyze the vidual, group and situational aspects of leadership and the management of resources. Participation in operations and basic tactics to demonstrate leadership problem solving and to develop leadership skills. Meets two hours per week plus a weekly 90-minute leadership lab. Prereq: Open only to advanced-course cadets. MILS 301 in fall and MILS 302 in spring.

MILS 302: 3 s.h.
Military Tactics
Advanced instruction in topics introduced during the basic course. Emphasis on leadership. Situations require direct interaction with other cadets and test the student’s ability to achieve set goals and to get others to do the same. Students master basic tactical skills of the small unit leader. Principles and techniques of effective leadership, methods of developing and improving managerial abilities and leadership qualities, and a basic understanding of interpersonal interactions. Use is made of recent developments in the administrative and behavioral sciences to analyze the vidual, group and situational aspects of leadership and the management of resources. Participation in operations and basic tactics to demonstrate leadership problem solving and to develop leadership skills. Meets two hours per week plus a weekly 90-minute leadership lab. Prereq: Open only to advanced-course cadets. MILS 301 in fall and MILS 302 in spring.

MILS 379: 3 s.h.
Experimental

MILS 479: 3 s.h.
Experimental

MILS 489: 3 s.h.
Experimental

MILS 579: 3 s.h.
Experimental

Military Science
MILS 401: 3 s.h.
Contemporary Military Issues 1
Emphasis is placed on developing planning and decision-making capabilities in the areas of military operations, logistics and administration. Concepts of organization theory and the principles of management and management and leadership relationships are investigated as they apply to the general theory and practice of the management functions of planning, organizing, staffing, direction, coordination, control, innovation and representation. Meets two hours per week plus a weekly 90-minute leadership lab. Prereq: Open only to advanced course cadets. MILS 401 in fall and MILS 402 in spring.

MILS 402: 3 s.h.
Contemporary Military Issues 2
Emphasis is placed on developing planning and decision-making capabilities in the areas of military operations, logistics and administration. Concepts of organization theory and the principles of management and management and leadership relationships are investigated as they apply to the general theory and practice of the management functions of planning, organizing, staffing, direction, coordination, control, innovation and representation. Meets two hours per week plus a weekly 90-minute leadership lab. Prereq: Open only to advanced course cadets. MILS 401 in fall and MILS 402 in spring.

MILS 479: 3 s.h.
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