AIR FORCE ROTC (AEROSPACE STUDIES)

School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies

West Chester University students are eligible to participate in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) through an agreement with Saint Joseph’s University. All aerospace studies courses will be held on the Saint Joseph’s campus. Credits can be transferred to WCU and appear on the official transcript. The AFROTC program enables a college student to earn a commission as an Air Force officer while concurrently satisfying requirements for his or her baccalaureate degree.

Program

The Department of Aerospace Studies at Saint Joseph’s University offers three- and four-year curricula leading to a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. In the four-year curriculum, a student enters the General Military Course (GMC) during the freshman and sophomore years, attends a four-week summer training program, and then takes the Professional Officer Course (POC) in the junior and senior years. A student is under no contractual obligation to the Air Force until entering the POC or accepting an Air Force scholarship. In the three-year curriculum, a student completes AER courses during the sophomore year, and then enters the POC in the junior year. The subject matter of the freshman and sophomore years is developed from a historical perspective and focuses on the scope, structure, and history of military power with the emphasis on the development of air power and its relationship to current events. During the junior and senior years, the curriculum concentrates on the concepts and practices of leadership and management, as well as the role of national security forces in contemporary American society.

In addition to the academic portion of the curriculum, each student participates in a two-hour Leadership Laboratory each week. During this period the day-to-day skills and working environment of the Air Force are discussed and explained. The Leadership Lab utilizes a student organization designed for the practice of leadership and management techniques. The labs do not carry course credits and are registered as pass/fail only. Cadets must attend at least 80% of class sessions to receive a passing grade.

Air Force ROTC offers scholarships for two, three, and four years on a competitive basis to qualified applicants. All scholarships are applied to tuition and lab fees, and include a textbook allowance, plus a tax-free monthly stipend which varies from $300 to $500, depending on graduation date.

For further information on the program, scholarships, and career opportunities, contact:
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Information is also available on the Saint Joseph’s University AFROTC (http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/afrotc) website.

Policies

- See undergraduate admissions information. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions)
- See academic policies. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures)

All undergraduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures outlined in the undergraduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department program(s) may be listed below.

Courses

MSI

MSI 101. Introduction to ROTC. 1 Credit.
This course is designed to teach self-confidence through team study and activities in basic drill, physical fitness, rappelling, leadership reaction course, first aid, making presentations, and basic marksmanship. Includes fundamental concepts of professional leadership in both classroom and outdoor laboratory environments. One hour and a required leadership lab, plus participation in three, one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in a weekend exercise also is required. Typically offered in Fall.

MSI 102. Introduction to Leadership. 1 Credit.
Learn/apply principles of effective leading. Reinforce self-confidence through participation in physically and mentally challenging exercises with upper-division ROTC students. Develop communication skills to improve individual performance and group interaction. Relate organizational ethical values to the effectiveness of a leader. One hour and a required leadership lab, plus participation in three, one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in a weekend exercise also is required. Typically offered in Spring.

MSI 113. Army Physical Readiness Training. 1 Credit.
This course is designed to provide the necessary information and skills to enable the cadet to participate in and lead fitness activities safely and effectively, which is essential to the Army way of life. This will include discussion of fitness principles and practical application of techniques discussed. The course will investigate methods of improving muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardio respiratory fitness, flexibility and body composition. Pre / Co requisites: MSI 113 requires a corequisite of MSI 201 or MSI 202. Typically offered in Fall & Spring. Repeatable for Credit.

MSI 199. Transfer Credits. 1-50 Credits.
Transfer Credits. Repeatable for Credit.

MSI 201. Self-Team Development. 2 Credits.
Learn/apply ethics-based leadership skills that develop individual abilities and contribute to effective team building. Develop skills in oral presentations, writing concisely, planning events, coordinating group efforts, advanced first aid, land navigation, and basic military tactics. Learn fundamentals of ROTC’s Leadership Development Program. Two hours and a required leadership lab, plus required participation in three, one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in a weekend exercise also is required. Pre / Co requisites: MSI 201 requires prerequisites of MSI 101 and MSI 102. Typically offered in Fall.

MSI 202. Individual-Team Military Tactics. 2 Credits.
Introduction to individual and team aspects of military tactics in small-unit operations. Includes use of radio communications, making safety assessments, movement techniques, planning for team safety/security, and methods of pre-execution checks. Practical exercises with upper-division ROTC students. Learn techniques for training others as an aspect of continued leadership development. Two hours and a required leadership lab, plus required participation in three, one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in a weekend exercise also is required. Pre / Co requisites: MSI 202 requires prerequisite of MSI 201. Typically offered in Spring.

MSI 301. Leading Small Organizations I. 3 Credits.
Series of practical opportunities to lead small groups, receive personal assessments and encouragement, and lead again in situations of increasing complexity. Uses small-unit defensive tactics and opportunities to plan and conduct training for lower-division students to develop these skills as vehicles to practice leading. Three hours and a required leadership lab, plus required participation in three, one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in a weekend exercise also is required, and one or two more weekend exercises may be offered for participation. PREREQ: Army ROTC advanced course standing or approval of the professor of military science. Typically offered in Fall.
MSI 302. Leading Small Organizations II. 3 Credits.
Continues methodology of MSI 301. Analyze tasks, prepare written or oral guidance for team members to accomplish tasks, delegate tasks, and supervise. Plan for and adapt to the unexpected in organizations under stress. Examine and apply lessons from leadership case studies as well as the importance of ethical decision making in setting a positive climate that enhances team performance. Three hours and a required leadership lab, plus required participation in three, one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in one weekend exercise and three other one-day exercises is required.
Typically offered in Spring.

MSI 399. USMC ROTC (PLC). 3 Credits.
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Typically offered in Summer.

MSI 400. US Military History. 3 Credits.
Students develop an awareness of the relationship of military establishment to society particularly the US.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

MSI 401. Leadership Challenges and Goal Setting. 3 Credits.
Plan, conduct, and evaluate activities of the ROTC cadet organization. Articulate goals and put plans into action to attain them. Assess organizational cohesion and develop strategies to improve it. Develop confidence in skills to lead people and manage resources. Learn/apply various Army policies and programs in this effort. Three hours and a required leadership lab, plus required participation in three, one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in one weekend exercise also is required, and one or two more weekend exercises may be offered for optional participation.
Typically offered in Fall.

MSI 402. Transition to Lieutenant. 3 Credits.
Continues the methodology from MSI 401. Identify and resolve ethical dilemmas. Refine counseling and motivating techniques. Examine aspects of tradition and law as related to leading as an officer in the Army. Prepare for a future as a successful Army lieutenant. Three hours and a required leadership lab, plus required participation in three, one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in one weekend exercise also is required, and one or two more weekend exercises may be offered for optional participation.
Typically offered in Spring.

MSI 410. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Students become familiar with army supply management operations and procedures focusing on inventory and requisitioning procedures.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

MSI 499. USMC ROTC (PLC). 3 Credits.
Military Science transfer credit.
Typically offered in Summer.