

AIR FORCE ROTC (AEROSPACE STUDIES)

Overview

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 their 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 takes 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 (<https://sites.sju.edu/afrotc/>) website.

Policies

- See undergraduate admissions information. (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions/>)
- See academic policies. (<https://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 programs may be listed below.

Courses

MSI

MSI 101. Introduction to the Army: Foundations of Agile and Adaptive Leadership. 1 Credit.

This course focuses on introduction to the Army and basic soldier skills. It introduces cadets to the Army and the Profession of Arms. Students will examine the Army Profession and what it means to be a professional in the U.S. Army. The overall focus is on developing basic knowledge and comprehension of the Army Leadership Requirements Model while gaining a complete understanding of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, its purpose in the Army, and its advantages for the student. Cadets also learn to perform basic soldier skills to survive in a field environment to support their development as an Army leader. Included is a weekly lab facilitated by MS III cadets, supervised by MS IV's and cadre.

MSI 102. Introduction to Leadership: Foundations of 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. A required leadership lab, plus participation in three one-hour sessions for physical fitness. Participation in a weekend exercise also is required.

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.

MSI 113 Corequisite: MSI 201 or MSI 202.

Repeatable for credit.

MSI 199. Military Science Transfer Credits. 1-50 Credits.

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MSI 201. Leadership and Ethics. 2 Credits.

This course adds depth to the cadets' knowledge of the different leadership styles. Cadets will conduct a leadership analysis of famous leaders and self-assessment of their own leadership style. The Army Profession is presented through the understanding of values, ethics and how to apply both to different situations they may encounter as a leader. Army values and ethics and their relationship to the Law of Land Warfare and philosophy of military service are also discussed. Students are then required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom during hands-on performance-oriented environments at the weekly lab facilitated by MS III cadets, supervised by MS IV's and cadre.

MSI 201 Prerequisite: Successful completion of MSI 101 and MSI 102, with minimum grades of D-.

MSI 202. Army Doctrine and Decision-Making. 2 Credits.

The course begins with analytical techniques, creative thinking skills and the Army problem-solving process as related to situations faced by leaders when making decisions. TLPs and OPORD will lead cadets to an understanding of Army doctrine and symbology. Squad tactics will be covered in classes on Unified Land Operations, Offensive Operations, and Defensive Operations. Students are then required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during a weekly lab facilitated by MS III cadets and supervised by MS IV's and cadre. Successful completion of this course will help prepare students for Cadet Summer Training/Basic Camp.

MSI 202 Prerequisite: Successful completion of MSI 201, with a minimum grade of D-.

MSI 301. Leading Small Organizations I: Training Management and the Warfighting Functions. 3 Credits.

This course involves a 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. 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 participation.

MSI 301 Prerequisite: Successful completion of MSI 101, MSI 102, MSI 201, and MSI 202, with minimum grades of D-.

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. Students will study, practice, and apply the fundamentals of direct level leadership and small unit tactics at the platoon level. At the conclusion of this course, students will be capable of planning, coordinating, navigating, motivating, and leading a platoon in the execution of a mission. Includes a lab per week using peer (MS III) facilitation overseen by MS IV's, supervised by ROTC cadre. Successful completion of this course will help prepare students for Cadet Summer Training/Advanced Camp.

MSI 302 Prerequisite: Successful completion of MSI 301, with a minimum grade of D-.

MSI 399. USMC ROTC (PLC). 3 Credits.

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MSI 400. US Military History. 3 Credits.

Students develop an awareness of the relationship of military establishment to society particularly the US.

MSI 401. The Army Officer: The Army Profession and Mission Command. 3 Credits.

This course focuses on development of the Army officer. It is an academically challenging course: students will develop knowledge, skills, and abilities to plan, resource, and assess training at the small unit level. They will also learn about Army programs that support counseling subordinates and evaluating performance, values and ethics, career planning, and legal responsibilities. At the conclusion of this course, students will be familiar with how to plan, prepare, execute, and continuously assess the conduct of training at the company or field grade officer level. Includes a lab per week overseeing MS III lesson facilitation and supervised by ROTC cadre.

MSI 401 Prerequisite: Successful completion of MSI 301 and MSI 302, with minimum grades of D-.

MSI 402. Transition to Lieutenant: Company Grade Leadership. 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. 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.

MSI 402 Prerequisite: Successful completion of MSI 401, with a minimum grade of D-.

MSI 410. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.

Students become familiar with army supply management operations and procedures focusing on inventory and requisitioning procedures.

MSI 499. USMC ROTC (PLC). 3 Credits.

Military Science transfer credit