

MILITARY SCIENCE & LEADERSHIP (MSL)

MSL 101. Introduction to the Army and Critical Thinking. (2 Credits)

I. Cadets will learn how the personal development of life skills such as cultural understanding, goal setting, time management, stress management, and comprehensive fitness related to leadership, officership, and the Army profession. The focus is on developing basic knowledge and comprehension of Army leadership dimensions, attributes and core leader competencies while gaining an understanding of the ROTC program, its purpose in the Army, and its advantages for the student. Students are required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during leadership labs (team building exercises, field training exercises, and/or simulation exercises). 1 Lec/1 Lab.

MSL 102. Introduction to the Profession of Arms. (2 Credits)

(2) II. Cadets will learn how Army ethics and values shape the Army and the specific ways that these ethics are inculcated into Army culture. Cadets can expect to explore the seven Army Values, Warrior Ethos, explore the Profession of Arms, Army Leadership and critical communication skills. Students are required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during leadership labs (team building exercises, field training exercises, and/or simulation exercises). 1 Lec/1 Lab.

MSL 201. Leadership and Decision Making. (2 Credits)

(2) I. Primarily is drawn from the Adaptability Army Learning Areas (ALA). The outcomes are demonstrated through Critical and Creative Thinking and the ability to apply Troop Leading Procedures (TLP). Comprehension of the officer's role in leading change by applying innovative solutions to problems in concert with the Principals of Mission Command. The Army Profession is also stressed through leadership forums and a leadership self-assessment. Students are required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during leadership labs (team building exercises, field training exercises, and/or simulation exercises). 2 Lec/1 Lab.

MSL 202. Army Doctrine and Team Decision. (3 Credits)

(3) II. Begins the journey to understand and demonstrate cross-cultural competencies as they relate to Army doctrine and how they apply in a combatant commander's engagement strategies. Army values, teamwork, and Warrior Ethos and their relationship to the Law of Land Warfare and philosophy of military science are also stressed. The ability to lead and follow is also covered through team building exercises in small units up to squad level. Students are required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in hands-on performance-oriented environment during Leadership LABS. 2.5 Lec/2.5 Lab.

MSL 210. Basic Camp. (5 Credits)

(5) Summer Only. A comprehensive leader training course which can be taken in lieu of 201 and 202. This course emphasizes an experiential, hands-on approach to leader development. Held at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Students are paid to attend.

MSL 298. Independent Leadership Studies. (2,3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: departmental approval; may be taken once in lieu of MSL 201 or 202. Students record observed traits in a dimensional leadership journal and discuss observations with instructor. Independent examination of effective leadership, communications, goal setting, decision-making, problem solving, and quality improvement techniques. 2.5 Ind Stu/2.5 Lab.

MSL 301. Training Management and the Warfighting Functions. (3 Credits)

(3) I. Prerequisites: 54 hours, MSL 201 and MSL 202 or MSL 210; or Departmental approval. Challenges cadets to study, practice and apply the fundamentals of Army Leadership, Officership, Army values and ethics, personal development, and small unit tactics at the platoon level. Cadets receive systematic and specific feedback on their leadership attributes values, and core leader competencies from instructor, other ROTC cadre, and MSL IV cadets using the Cadet Officer Evaluation System (OES). Students are required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during leadership labs (team building exercises, field training exercises, and/or simulation exercises). 2.5 Lec/2.5 Lab.

MSL 302. Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations. (3 Credits)

(3) II. Prerequisite: MSL 301 or departmental approval. Builds on the lessons learned and leadership attributes gained and developed during MSL 301. This is an academically challenging course where cadets will study, practice, and apply the fundamentals of the Army leadership, officership, Army values and ethics, personal development and small unit tactics at the platoon level. At the conclusion of this course, cadets will be capable of planning coordinating, navigating, motivating and leading a squad and platoon in the execution of a mission during a classroom PE, a Leadership Lab, or during a Leader Training Exercise (LTX). Students are required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during leadership labs (team building exercises, field training exercises, and/or simulation exercises). Lab 2.5 Lec/2.5 Lab.

MSL 303. American Military History. (3 Credits)

I. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or ENG 105(B) or HON 102. Examines U.S. Military History from pre-revolutionary times to Global War on Terrorism, Applies the THreads of Continuity model, defines the (9) principles of war; (5) forms of maneuver, analyzes the political-economic-technological-social impacts on the military. Develops leadership through individual/group contribution participation in case studies, classroom presentations, book report, battle analysis, and battlefield staff ride/museum tour. Gen Ed Element 5A-History.

MSL 310. Advance Camp. (6 Credits)

(6) Summer Only. Prerequisite: MSL 302. Refines student leadership and teamwork building skills through intensive practical application, rotating leader/command experience involving problem analysis, decision-making, and troop leading in both garrison and field environments. Held at Fort Lewis, Washington.

MSL 311. Internship in Leadership. (3 Credits)

Summer Only. Pre and Corequisites: MSL 301, MSL 302 and enrolled in MSL 310. Students assigned to leadership positions with active army units for 3-4 weeks. Students are paid and receive a written evaluation of their leadership performance and potential and must complete an after action report upon returning. May only be taken once.

MSL 401. The Army Officer. (3 Credits)

(3) I. Prerequisite: MSL 302 or departmental approval. Develops cadet proficiency in planning, executing and assessing complex operations, functioning as a member of a staff, and providing performance feedback to subordinates. Cadets assess risk make ethical decisions, and lead fellow Army ROTC cadets. They identify responsibilities of key staff, coordinate staff roles and use situational opportunities to teach, train and develop subordinates. Students are required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during leadership labs (team building exercises, field training exercises, and/or simulation exercises). .5 Lec/2.5 Lab.

MSL 402. Company Grade Leadership. (3 Credits)

(3) II. Prerequisite: MSL 401 or departmental approval. Explores the dynamics of leading in the complex situations of current military operations in today's operational environment. Cadets examine difference in customs and courtesies, military law, principles of war and rules of engagement in the face of international terrorism. They also explore aspects of interacting with nongovernmental organizations, civilians on the battlefield and host nation support. The course places significant emphasis on preparing cadets for their first unit of assignment. Students are required to apply their knowledge outside the classroom in a hands-on performance-oriented environment during leadership labs (team building exercises, field training exercises, and/or simulation exercises). 2.5 Lec/2.5 Lab.

MSL 403. Topics in Military Leadership. (1 Credit)

A. Prerequisite: MSL 402. Study of current issues relevant to the professional development and commissioning of Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. May repeat with different topics for a maximum of 4 hours. 1 Lec/1 Lab.

MSL 498. Advanced Independent Leadership Studies. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: departmental approval; may be taken twice in lieu of MSL 301, 302, 401, or 402. Equivalent study of the materials covered in the course being replaced. 2.5 Ind Stu/2.5 Lab.