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ROTC Cadet Handbook
What is ROTC:

Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) is a program which can enhance your pursuit of a Bachelors Degree by providing unique leadership training and management experience along the way. The ROTC experience is a character building course that strengthens self-discipline, courage, integrity, self confidence and physical stamina. It helps you develop the qualities necessary for success in either a military or civilian career. The skills you develop for successful command are the same skills you'll need for success in Corporate America.

Students are given a valuable opportunity to build their future by earning a college degree and an Army Officer's commission at the same time. ROTC programs produce more than 70 percent of the newly commissioned lieutenants entering active duty Army each year. Many students delay active duty until completion of law, medical or graduate programs. Those students who do want to serve on active duty may pursue a part-time service obligation in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard duty.
When should a student start the application process?

- Typically the summer prior to the senior year of high school in order to complete the entire process and have all documents submitted before the first scholarship board!
  - This means that a student will not have their senior year to improve their GPA!
  - If a qualified scholarship application is passed over during a selection board, it will be reviewed at subsequent selection boards until a scholarship offer is made or conclusion of the last selection board!
  - One application can list up to seven school choices

How are students notified of a scholarship offer?

- Scholarship offer letters are mailed from Cadet Command to the applicants at the conclusion of each selection board!
  - Applicants have 21 days to respond to Cadet Commands scholarship offer letter before the offer is withdrawn!
  - Scholarship offer letters may have more than one school listed!
  - Applicants with a scholarship offer can request through Cadet Command to utilize their scholarship at a school not listed on the actual scholarship offer letter!
Who is eligible for ROTC Scholarship? Someone who:

- Is a U.S. Citizen / U.S. National
- Has a high school GPA of 2.5 min on 4.0 scale
- Has an SAT score of 920 min. (SAT critical reading & SAT math only) OR ACT composite score of 19 min.
- Can pass the Army Physical Fitness Test
- Can pass the Department of Defense medical screening
- Is eligible for a federal secret security clearance
- Will be pursuing a bachelors degree

How can a student become more competitive for scholarship?

- Earn a respectable CGPA by conclusion of 11th grade (at least a 3.3 CGPA out of 4.0)
- Take SAT and ACT early and re-take until satisfied with results
- Be in the National Honor Society
- Participate in athletics (team or individual sports, JV, varsity, club, community leagues, races, martial arts etc.)
- Volunteer or pursue leadership positions within respectable organizations (team captain, student government, school clubs, church groups, coaching etc.)
- Membership in professional / respectable organizations (civil air patrol, boy/girl scouts, JROTC etc.)
Army ROTC Scholarship Deadlines

DEADLINES ARE TYPICALLY THE SAME FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT!!!

3 National Level Selection Boards (for complete application packets)

PLEASE NOTE : SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS
Applications for the U.S. Army ROTC 4-Year College Scholarship Program for school year 2014-2015 will be accepted beginning February 10, 2013.
Old deadlines:(usually the same from year to year)

-7 OCT 2011 deadline for documents for 1st board
  17 OCT 2011 - 1st Selection Board

-2 JAN 2012 deadline for documents for 2nd board
  9 JAN 2012 – 2nd Selection Board

10 JAN 2012 DEADLINE for all APPLICATIONS

-28 FEB 2012 deadline for documents for 3rd board
  5 MAR 2012 3rd and FINAL Selection Board

Pays full tuition and fees for 4 years at a school of your choice that has an Army ROTC program or affiliate

Must schedule a Professor of Military Science Interview at any ROTC Battalion (Edinboro)

Must serve 4 years on Active Duty of the 8 year Military Service Obligation (MSO)

Apply on-line at http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html
search for the 4 YR scholarship application
Edinboro University ROTC

Room and Board Scholarships

• Free room and meal plan
• Must re-compete each semester
• Must be in a ROTC class and fully participate
• No obligation or commitment to the Army
• Must live within the ROTC Housing

Contact the staff at Edinboro ROTC to apply:
Edinboro University Army ROTC
G-12 Hendricks Hall Edinboro, PA 16444
814-732-1618 / 2562
rotc@edinboro.edu
ROTC Enrollment

• How does a student enroll in ROTC?
  - Enrolling in ROTC simply means taking a military science class at an ROTC program.
  - Taking a military science class does not obligate or commit the student to the ROTC program or the Army in any way.
  - The first two years for ROTC is an “introductory basic course” designed to educate students on leadership with no commitment.
  - Freshman must communicate with the ROTC office or university scheduling office to enroll in ROTC class.
  - Enrolled students can participate in all ROTC activities and draw uniforms if desired.

• What is the ROTC curriculum?
  - ROTC curriculum is composed of the Basic course (BC) which is the first two years and Advanced course (AC) which is the last two years. The BC is available for any student to enroll into because of general interest, fulfilling a free elective or pursuing the desire to become a Army Officer. A student can gain valuable, marketable leadership instruction just by completing the BC. There are no obligations associated with the BC and no requirement to continue with the AC.
  - The AC is reserved for those students who are eligible to enter it, desire to and are competent and capable of becoming an Army Officer. Cadets in the AC have made the commitment to “contract” with ROTC and will serve in the Army as a Officer after graduating with their bachelor degree.
# The Curriculum:
(4 YR Program)

## Basic Course (freshman / sophomore - 6 credits)

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**NO COMMITMENT DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS!!!!!!!**

## MUST “CONTRACT”

## Advanced Course (junior / senior - 12 credits)

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*Military History – Additional ROTC Requirement* 3

21 Credits
Program Overview

Edinboro University Army ROTC

(new) Enrollment and Scholarship Office
732-1618 / 2562
tjanderson@edinboro.edu
or
rotc@edinboro.edu
Program Background: Fighting Scots Battalion
• Reside under Cadet Commands 2nd Brigade (41 Universities with Army ROTC within 2nd Brigade)

• Host program status since 2002 with one affiliate - Allegheny College (Allegheny students can take Edinboro ROTC courses and commission through Edinboro ROTC but, earn degree from Allegheny

• Annual commission quota based on needs of the Army- how many Lieutenants does the Army need

• Distinguished Military Graduate for class of 2014 (top 10% of Cadets nationwide)
  • 5 Cadets

• LTC Marc Beckage– Professor of Military Science (MS IV instructor)
  jmbeckage@edinboro.edu  / 814-732-1611

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• Mr. Tom Anderson – Scholarship and Enrollment Officer
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• Mr. Kevin Fromknecht – Human Resource Assistant
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CADET DEMOGRAPHICS
Fall 2014

• Fall 2014 total enrollment 112

• Contracted Cadets
  14 - MS IV’s (Seniors)
  17 - MS III’s (Juniors)
  10 - MS II’s (Sophomores)
  0 - MS I’s (Freshman)

  41 - Total Contracted
An additional 11 Cadets
are “fully participating” with
intent to contract when eligible

• Gender
  9 Females
  32 Males

• Scholarships
  4YR Scholarships
  3.5YR Scholarships
  3YR Scholarships
  Non-scholarship

• Popular Cadet Majors
  Criminal Justice
  Political Science
  Nursing
WHAT ROTC OFFERS

Leadership training, resume building course work and the opportunity to pursue becoming an Army Officer

Leadership training:
• Mil Science Class, Leadership Lab, Physical Fitness and Field Training Exercises-FTX

Summer advanced training (school slots based on merit):
• Cadet Summer Leadership Training, Airborne, Air Assault, Mountain Warfare, Nurse Summer Training Program-NSTP, Cultural Language Program-CULP, Cadet Troop Leader Training-CTLT

Summer mentorship program and ROTC Orientation:
• Cadet’s sponsoring incoming freshman, program integration

Physical fitness training & assessment:
• Ranger Challenge, routine fitness program, Army physical fitness test

Structured environment with supervision:
• Cadre and Cadet chain of command for ensuring Cadet success, dissemination of information, accountability and academic oversight

Routine Cadet academic and performance counseling documented:
• 104-R Academic Plan, DA Form 4856 Developmental counseling, peer evaluations
WHAT ROTC OFFERS

Financial assistance for all Contracted Cadets
• ROTC Stipend Fr. $300, So. $350, Jr. $450 & Sr. $500 per mon.

Scholarships
• National ROTC up to 4 years, Dedicated Reserve Forces Duty up to 3 yrs, Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty up to 2 yrs
  *All scholarships pay full tuition, fees and $1200 book allowance per year for duration of award - can be applied to room and board

• Edinboro ROTC Room and Board Scholarships – unique to Edinboro

Team building
• Cadre and Cadets facilitate events to athletic teams, international student groups, faculty and staff

Youth Development Programs
• JROTC FTX participation, Benjamin Wiley Partnership Program, PA State Troopers Cadet Camp

University Support
• Color Guard, Cannon, Freshman Move In, Event Parking, Commencement ushers
Mentorship Program

- Program was implemented to ensure incoming freshman were better oriented to both University and ROTC life

- Upper-class Cadets were assigned two to three incoming freshman to aid in their college transition

- The program allows for freshman to gain an understanding of expectations for the year
Leadership Labs

• Conducted one Saturday a month

• Labs are designed to prepare MS III’s for Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) and to hone MSIII, MSII and MSI’s basic warrior skills

• Labs are coordinated and conducted by MS IV’s who have completed LDAC

• Labs consist of Land Navigation, Squad stix lanes, Patrolling lanes, Individual Movement Techniques, Field Craft, Leadership Reaction Course, First Aid, & Tactical Communication
The Ranger Challenge is an opportunity for schools to "compete" against other ROTC programs involving military tasks. In addition to a written examination where Cadets test their Army knowledge, there are physical fitness drills and field exercises. Battalions leave Ranger Challenge with stronger bonds and sharper skills.

EVENTS (have been changing a little recently but here are the basics)

- 10K RUCK MARCH
- LAND NAVIGATION COURSE
- ROPE BRIDGE
- GRENADE ASSAULT
- OBSTACLE COURSE
- ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Campus Events

- Fire Cannon at multiple campus events
- Football games, Track Meets, Homecoming, etc.
- Concert Setups
- Freshman move-in day
- Team building events w/ campus team sports
Color Guard

- Edinboro Home Football Games
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Commencement Ceremony
- Spring and Fall Convocation
- Other Special Occasions
Physical Training (PT)

- PT five times per week Mon-Fri 0600-0730
- Mon, Wed, Fri- Battalion PT at the all weather indoor track Dome or outdoor Football Field track
- Tues, Thurs- Porgue Student Center gym
- Transitioning to Physical Readiness Training (PRT) Standards
- PT Test is three events: pushups, sit-ups and 2 mile run / each event 100pts, perfect score is 300
- Averages:
  - MSIV 280 (seniors)
  - MSIII 287 (juniors)
  - MSII 234 (sophomores)
  - MSI 200 (freshmen)
Fall Field Training Exercise (Fall FTX)

- Land Navigation Day and Night
  - Familiarization
  - Prepares MS III’s for their LDAC
- Rappelling Tower
  - Builds Confidence
- Paintball lanes
- Field Leadership Reaction Course (FLRC) events to promote leadership and teamwork
Spring Field Training Exercise (Spring FTX)

- Allow MSIII’s to execute the planning process
  - MSII’s take leadership as squad leaders throughout the day
- Recruitment
  - JROTC
- Squad Competition
  - Paintball / Airsoft Target Shooting
- Rappelling Tower
- Field Leadership Reaction Course
- LAND NAV
  - Day and Night
ROTC Fall Awards Banquet and Spring Dinning Out

- Celebration of our years achievements
- Established ROTC Club officers have lead the planning process
- Opportunity for Cadet’s Families to see their achievements
- ROTC social and officership event
- Familiarize Cadets with traditional Army social life
- Mix traditional Army with school spirit by having a Bag Piper lead The Colors
ROTC Club

- ROTC club has been formally recognized by university
- Must manage a yearly budget
- Must petition the SGA for unallocated funds
- Allows students to try ROTC without commitment
The NEW ROTC DEPARTMENT: is completed and currently being used by the entire ROTC Staff, Cadre and Cadets.