MILITARY SCIENCE (MS)

MS 101 Intro to the Army & Critical Thinking
1 credit
Introduces Cadets to the personal challenges and competencies that are critical for effective leadership. Cadets learn how the personal development of life skills such as critical thinking, goal setting, time management, stress management, and comprehensive fitness relate to leadership, officership, and the Army profession. Labs include leader’s reaction/ropes course, basic survival skills, drill and ceremony, and emergency preparedness. One lecture hour and one leadership lab hour; lab is optional – but highly encouraged – for noncontracted cadets.

MS 102 Intro to the Profession of Arms
1 credit
Overviews basic leadership fundamentals such as setting direction, problem-solving, listening, presenting briefs, providing feedback, and using effective writing skills. Cadets explore dimensions of leadership attributes and core leader competencies in the context of practical, hands-on, and interactive exercises. Labs include orienteering, a teambuilding exercise, first aid, cultural protection, and ethics problem solving. One lecture hour and one leadership lab hour; lab is optional – but highly encouraged – for noncontracted cadets.

MS 201 Foundations of Leadership I
2 credits
Develops leadership skills and introduces different leadership theories. Further personal development such as time management and effective communication and briefing skills. Cadets explore tactics and techniques such as troop leading procedures, tactical movement, problem solving, and land navigation. Labs deepen understanding of the leader’s reaction/ropes course, basic survival skills, drill and ceremony, and emergency preparedness. Two lecture hours and one leadership lab hour; lab is optional – but highly encouraged – for noncontracted cadets.
Prereq: MS 102 or Permission.

MS 202 Foundations of Leadership II
2 credits
Examines the challenges of leading teams in the complex operational environment. The course highlights dimensions of terrain analysis, patrolling, and operation orders. Further study of the theoretical basis of the Army Leadership Requirements Model explores the dynamics of adaptive leadership in the context of military operations. Prepares Cadets for third year MS classes. Cadets develop greater self awareness as they assess their own leadership styles and practice communication and team building skills. Case studies give insight into the importance and practice of teamwork and tactics in real-world scenarios. Labs deepen understanding of orienteering, teambuilding exercise, first aid, cultural protection, and ethics problem solving. Two lecture hours and one leadership lab hour; lab is optional – but highly encouraged – for noncontracted cadets.
Prereq: MS 201 or Permission.

MS 204 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged
Prereq: Permission.

MS 227 American Military History
3 credits
Using lecture and small group discussions, this is a survey of the American military experience. Events are analyzed using the conventional discipline of historical methodology and the classical norms of the principles of warfare. Fulfills military history requirement for commissioning of cadets. Department permission required.
MS 402 Mission Command and the Company Grade Officer
3 credits
Explores the dynamics of leading in complex situations during Unified Land Operations. It examines the Art of Command and how to properly communicate with your NCOs and Soldiers. During Cultural Awareness and Cultural Property Protection (CPP), they will discuss numerous situations on how ethical decisions impact personnel and the unit mission. Through the understanding of their roles and responsibilities, they will learn about Comprehensive Soldier Fitness (CSF), Being Ready and Resilient (R2C), and Individual and Family Readiness can assist them in preparing their Soldiers and their Families on reducing and managing stress during times of uncertainty. The course places significant emphasis on preparing Cadets for BOLC B and their first unit of assignment. It uses mission command case studies and scenarios to prepare them to face the complex ethical demands of serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Army. Three lecture hours and one leadership lab hour.
Prereq: MS 301, MS 302.

MS 404 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged.

MS 499 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.