Military Science

Two opportunities are offered to students at Saint Louis University to participate in ROTC. One is through the Air Force ROTC, and the other, Army ROTC, is available through Washington University, with courses offered on the Frost Campus.

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The Department of Military Science provides undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to earn a commission in the United States Army through a program of combined academic study and military officer training. The department offers both lower and upper division courses. Enrollment in upper division courses requires approval of the Professor of Military Science, Washington University, telephone (314) 935-5546

Lower Division (General Military) Course
Military Science courses MILS 101 through MILS 202 are basic or general Military Science courses. Grades earned in these courses will be computed in the student’s overall grade point average, but credit hours for these courses will not be included in the credit hours needed for graduation determined by the student’s program affiliation. Advanced Placement for lower division courses can be granted for qualifying students.

Upper Division (Professional Officer) Courses
Military Science courses MILS 301 through MILS 402 are advanced or professional officer development courses. Enrollment requires satisfactory completion of lower division courses or equivalent advanced placement credit. While flexibility of scheduling exists, MILS 301 and 302 must be taken sequentially. Grades earned in these courses will be computed in the students overall grade point average.

Required Courses - 22 Hours
MILS 101 Introduction to ROTC 2
MILS 102 Introduction to Leadership 2
MILS 201 Self/Team Development 3
MILS 202 Individual/Team Military Tactics 3
MILS 301 Leading Small Organizations I 3
MILS 302 Leading Small Organizations II 3
MILS 401 Leadership Challenges & Goal Setting 3
MILS 420 Transition to Lieutenant 3

Aerospace Studies – U.S. Air Force

The Aerospace Studies program (AFROTC) is divided into two parts; The General Military Courses (GMC), the freshman/sophomore level curriculum, and the Professional Officer Course (POC), the junior/senior level curriculum. The GMC covers two main themes: The Air Force Today and The Air Force Way. The courses of the POC emphasize the professional development of the future Air Force Officer. The curriculum covers Air Force Leadership and Management and Preparation for Active Duty. Field trips to Air Force bases supplement classroom instructions and familiarize the cadet with Air Force operations and organizations.

Leadership laboratory is taken two hours per week throughout the student’s enrollment in the AFROTC. Instruction is conducted within the framework of an organized cadet corps with a progression of experiences designed to develop each student’s leadership potential. The first two year of the leadership Laboratory includes a study of Air Force customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, issuing military commands, instructing, directing, and evaluation the preceding skills, studying the environment of an Air Force officer and learning about areas of opportunity available to commissioned officers. The last two years of Lab consist of activities classified as advanced leadership experiences. They involve the planning and controlling of military activities of the cadet corps, the preparation and presentation of briefings and the other oral and written communications; and the providing of interviews, guidance, and information which will increase the understanding, motivation, and performance of other cadets.

AFROTC cadets must also successfully complete supplemental courses to enhance their utility and performance as commissioned officers. These include university courses in English composition and mathematical reasoning. Specific courses are designated by the Professor of Aerospace Studies.

Field Training (FT): Cadets in the four-year program participate in four weeks of field training. Cadets in the two or three year programs (exception for prior AF service) must attend the six week FT session, which is identical to the four week program plus 90 hours of GMC curriculum. Field training is offered during the summer months at selected bases throughout the United States, usually between a student’s sophomore year and junior years. Major areas of study include: Air Force Orientation, Officer
Training, aircrew/aircraft orientation, survival training, base functions, and physical training.

Students applying for entry into the two or three year program must successfully complete six weeks of field training prior to enrollment in the Professional Officer Course. The major areas of study included in the six week Field Training program are essentially the same as those conducted at four-week Field Training, plus the academic curriculum of the General Military Course including Leadership Laboratory. No direct academic credit is awarded for Field Training.

Federal scholarships are available for AFROTC cadets – any academic major may apply. Applications are to be submitted by detachment personnel to Headquarters Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. Depending on the amount awarded from AFROTC, a student may be eligible for a SLU AFROTC Matching Scholarship. This program offers other free scholarship funds to pay for SLU costs (tuition, residence hall and/or meal plan) not met by the AFROTC award or other free assistance.

Participation in AFROTC is not required to take Aerospace courses. For more information, please call (314) 977-8227 or 1-888-423-7682.