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Mission Statement

The Duke Battalion mission is to provide quality leadership training, hands-on experience and character development in order to commission quality young Americans to serve as the future officer leadership of the active Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard.

Goals

The program offers two, three and four year options, allowing students to complete the requirements to earn a commission as an Army officer. The three and four year programs consist of a basic course and an advanced course. A two year option allows students with at least two academic years remaining in either undergraduate or graduate studies to complete all requirements for commissioning as a second lieutenant in the active Army, National Guard or Reserves. Additionally, students not intending to pursue a career in the military will gain valuable leadership, teambuilding and communication skills, which transfer into marketable civilian job skills.

Career Opportunities and Marketable Skills

ROTC provides students with highly marketable leadership skills. The curriculum imparts leadership principles, concepts of human development, and aspects of health and fitness. Practical application in lab develops one's leadership style, communication and organizational skills, and strengthens personal character. Development of these skills implicitly builds one's self-confidence, discipline and professional attributes.

Army reservists or National Guardsmen who are continuing their education full time may be eligible for the Simultaneous Membership Program, which combines reserve forces duty with Army ROTC on campus and enables the student to earn approximately \$5,000 in two years. Graduates of the program earn an Army commission and may serve four years in career areas as diverse as medical service, communications, law enforcement, aviation or nursing.

There are also opportunities for students seeking graduate degrees to delay going on active duty in order to pursue a graduate study program in law, medicine or other subjects. Further, ROTC scholarships are available for graduate students with no prior ROTC experience.

Co-curricular Activities and Organizations

- Color Guard
- JMU Cannon Crew
- JMU Ranger Organization
- Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society
- Army Ten Miler Team
- Modern Army Combatives-Self Defense Training

Special Admission and Retention Requirements

Advanced military science courses are normally taken during the junior and senior years, or during graduate school. Qualified students pursuing a commission as a second lieutenant are contracted and paid a subsistence allowance of \$300-\$500 per month for up to 10 months during the school year. Prior to commissioning, each cadet must successfully complete the four-week ROTC advanced camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Cadets must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

Degree Requirements

The Military Science curriculum is divided into two phases:

Basic Military Science	Credit Hours
MSCI 100. Leadership Laboratory (every semester)	2
MSCI 101. Introduction to Leadership and the Army	1
MSCI 102. Leadership Development Fundamentals	1
MSCI 200. Intermediate Leadership Laboratory	4
MSCI 201. Leadership Styles - Theory and Application	2
MSCI 202. Developing Leader Skills	2
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The basic course is open to all JMU students. There is no military obligation incurred for taking 100 and 200 level military science courses. This curriculum is designed to help students in the near-term as leaders on campus. The classes will also help students be more effective leaders and managers in the long-term, whether they serve in the military or as leaders in civilian life. Topics addressed include problem solving, critical thinking, problem solving methods, leadership theory, followership, group cohesion, goal setting and feedback mechanisms. Lessons are taught in a seminar format, emphasizing student

discussions and practical exercises. Courses are open to all students with no prerequisites and no military obligation.

Placement credit for the basic course may be awarded through multiple programs including: prior military service, basic training, or successful completion of the ROTC summer basic camp at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Advanced Military Science	Credit Hours
MSCI 300. Advanced Leadership Lab (every semester)	12
MSCI 310. Leading Small Organizations	3
MSCI 320. Developing Leader Skills	3
MSCI 410. Seminar on Command Management	3
MSCI 420. Seminar on Officership Transition	3
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This curriculum focuses on instruction and case studies which build leadership competencies and military skills in preparation for future responsibilities as army officers. Included is specific instruction in the principles of war, decision-making processes, planning models and risk assessment. Advanced leadership instruction focuses on motivational theory, the role and actions of leaders, and organizational communications.

Scholarships

Two, three and four-year scholarships are available. The scholarships cover all tuition and fees, \$900 per school year for books and supplies and \$3,000-\$5,000 per school year in tax-free subsistence allowance. More detailed information is available by contacting the department's enrollment officers, Captain Lesley Kipling, (540) 568-3633 or (800) ROTC/JMU or Lieutenant Colonel Mike Dillon, (540) 568-5542.

Minor Requirements

Minor in Military Leadership

	Credit Hours
Basic military science courses	10
Advanced military science courses	20
History course ¹ (see department staff)	3
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¹ General education courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Air Force Reserve Officers

Training Corps

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The Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC) at James Madison University is established under a cross-town agreement with the University of Virginia. JMU students will take AFROTC classes at the University of Virginia for JMU credit. AFROTC offers students the opportunity to receive US Air Force officer training while completing undergraduate or graduate studies. AFROTC is the largest of three programs available through the Air Force to earn a commission and serve as an officer in the United States Air Force.

AFROTC offers two, three and four year commissioning programs for students of all levels, both graduate and undergraduate. The four year program is designed for students who join during their first year of college. Students take all four years of Air Science Classes and attend a four week summer field-training encampment at an Air Force Base between their second and third years.

Students may also enroll in AFROTC during their second year of college. Those awarded a scholarship will dual enroll in both the AIRS 100 and 200-level courses during their second year of college and attend a four week summer field-training encampment. Students not on scholarship will only take the AIRS 200 level courses and attend a five week summer field-training encampment.

Students enrolling in the program during their third year attend field training between their third and fourth years. At a minimum, the two year program allows students who have missed any portion of the first two years to attend the AIRS 300- and 400-level courses and a five week field-training encampment.

Depending on the needs of the Air Force, AFROTC may offer a one year program. Students who have at least one academic year of undergraduate or graduate studies remaining may enroll in this program. Students must dual enroll in the AIRS 300- and 400-level classes and attend a five week field training encampment.

Unless the student earns an AFROTC scholarship, there is no service obligation inside the first two years of the four year program. However, all students who enter into the Professional Officer Course (the last two years), enter into a contractual obligation with the Air Force to serve on active duty upon commissioning.

After graduation and commissioning as second lieutenants in the Air Force, graduates serve in any number of career fields for a four year active duty service commitment. Interested and qualified students may compete to become Air Force pilots or navigators. Successful pilot and navigator candidates serve 10 and six year active duty service commitments, respectively. Active duty may be delayed after graduation for those who wish to immediately pursue a graduate degree.

AFROTC Scholarships

Merit-based financial scholarships are offered to qualified students through two, three and four year scholarships. Qualified students may be offered an AFROTC scholarship for full or partial college tuition, incidental fees, textbook allowances, and a monthly subsistence allowance of \$250-\$400 dependent on academic year. Scholarship students incur a military obligation.

Typical Program for Minors

Courses	Credit Hours
AIRS 110. The Foundations of the US Air Force I	1
AIRS 120. The Foundations of the US Air Force II	1
AIRS 210. The Evolution of Air and Space Power I	1
AIRS 220. The Evolution of Air and Space Power II	1
AIRS 310. Concepts of Air Force Leadership and Management I	3
AIRS 320. Concepts of Air Force Leadership and Management II	3
AIRS 410. National Security Affairs I	3
AIRS 420. National Security Affairs II	3
Leadership Lab (Required with every AIRS course)	0
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