

Military Science Minor

The James Madison University Army ROTC Duke Battalion mission is to recruit, develop, educate, and provide quality leadership training, practical hands-on experience and Army values character development in order to commission 27 agile and adaptive leaders to serve as the future officer leadership in the Army, Army Reserve or Army national guard. Additionally, it is our mission to motivate young people through caring leadership to be better citizens committed to lifelong service of the community and nation.

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.

PHASE ONE: 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 100. Intermediate Leadership Laboratory (every semester)	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, feedback mechanisms, physical fitness and land navigation.

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 leadership training course at Ft. Knox, Ky.

PHASE TWO: ADVANCED MILITARY SCIENCE	CREDIT HOURS
MSCI 300. Advanced Leadership Laboratory (every semester)	12
MSCI 310. Leading Small Organizations	3
MSCI 320. Developing Advanced Leader Skills	3
MSCI 410. Adaptive Leadership	3
MSCI 420. Leadership in a Complex World	3
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The advanced course focuses on instruction and case studies which build leadership competencies and military skills in preparation for future responsibilities as Army officers and successful completion of the Leader Development Assessment Course. Instruction includes 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. Courses are only open to advanced course-contracted cadets with prerequisites and a military obligation is incurred.

The minor includes: Basic (10 credits) and Advanced (20 credits) military science courses + MSCI 150 (3 credits).