Department of Military Science

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Mission
The mission of the Duke Battalion is to provide quality leadership training, hands-on experience, train and 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.

Career Opportunities and Marketable Skills
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.

Opportunities also exist for students seeking graduate degrees. Students can delay going on active duty to pursue virtually any graduate study program. Further, ROTC scholarships are available for graduate students with no prior ROTC experience.

Co-curricular Activities and Organizations
- Duke Battalion Online
- Color Guard
- JMU Cannon Crew
- JMU Ranger Organization
- Officer Christian Fellowship
- Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society
- Army Ten Miler Team

Special Admission and Retention Requirements
Advanced military science courses are normally taken during the junior and senior years, or during graduate school. Qualified students who desire to pursue a commission as a second lieutenant are contracted and paid a subsistence allowance of $350 - $400 per month for up to 10 months during the school year. Prior to commissioning, each cadet must successfully complete the five-week ROTC advanced camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Degree Requirements
Recommended Schedule for Minors
The Military Science curriculum is divided into two phases:

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<td>MSCI 100L. Leadership Laboratory (every semester)</td>
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<td>MSCI 101. Introduction to Leadership and the Army</td>
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MSCI 202. Developing Leader Skills 2

This curriculum is an introduction to the life skills of problem solving, decision-making and leadership. It 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. The course is 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.