

## ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

### Army Officer Training

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#### Admission Requirements

To enter Army ROTC, a student must be a full-time student, working toward a degree (undergrad/grad), physically qualified, a U.S. citizen and under the age of 39 at graduation. Students register for military science courses while signing up for regular courses of study. Students can also receive assistance from the department's campus liaison.

#### Did You Know?

The Army ROTC program gives students the skills necessary to make their education work for them. Proven leadership is a highly sought after quality that many employers are looking for.

#### How Do I Apply?

Visit [go.umaine.edu](http://go.umaine.edu) for an application as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.

## University Programs

### Program Description

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Maine is a voluntary program designed to enhance a student's education by providing unique and challenging leadership and management experience. This program helps students develop self-esteem, self-discipline, physical stamina, teamwork and other qualities essential to success in any workplace.

Completion of the program allows students the opportunity to commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Active Army, Army Reserve, or Maine Army National Guard. In preparation for leading the soldiers of our great nation, instruction emphasizes leadership, management, ethics and military history. Learning focuses on instruction and applied techniques. No obligation is incurred until the junior year, when cadets begin receiving a monthly stipend (\$450/month).

The Army ROTC four-year program is divided into two parts: the basic course, which is normally taken during the freshman and sophomore years of college; and the advanced course, taken during the junior and senior years. Students generally receive academic credit for the advanced course as an alternative to an elective or physical education requirement. The basic course consists of one class per week plus a two-hour lab, during which students apply their instruction to hands-on exercises. In the advanced course, students attend a three-hour class and a two-hour lab. The advanced course also includes a five-week Leadership Assessment & Development Course, held at Fort Lewis, Wash., during the summer between the student's junior and senior years. Students are paid during the camp.

The program involves both classroom and applied learning. Through hands-on instruction, students learn and practice related skills. Through activities like orienteering, paintball, rappelling, rifle marksmanship and field training exercises, the program stresses teamwork and the application of leadership principles to overcome situational problems and obstacles. As students progress through the program, senior cadets are given the opportunity to lead and teach underclassmen.

Advanced placement credit may be given to qualified veterans, soldiers currently in the Army Reserve or National Guard, or students who participated in JROTC during high school. To benefit college students transferring from a junior college who were unable to attend the ROTC basic course, or entering a graduate program, Army ROTC has designed a two-year program. As a prerequisite, applicants must first successfully complete a five-week Leadership Training Course, held each summer at Fort Knox, Ky. Students are paid during the course. Upon completion, students receive course credit for the ROTC basic course and begin the ROTC advanced course in the fall semester.

Our program is very proud of the quality of Army officers it produces. Our officers have gone on to have spectacular careers in active duty, in the Reserves and in the Maine Army National Guard.

### Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to join the Color Guard and the 20th Maine Honor Society, or to compete for a spot on the elite Ranger Challenge team. Please see our website for more information ([umaine.edu/ArmyROTC](http://umaine.edu/ArmyROTC)).

## Representative Courses

By completing the military science requirements, students may qualify for a minor with:

20 credit hours of military science

3 credit hours of military history

1 credit hour of physical education

Topics of Instruction:

Applied Leadership and Management

Communications Systems

Contemporary Leadership Problems

Ethical Decision-Making

Guidance and Personnel Services

Instructional Methods

International Relations

Land Navigation

Logistics Management

Military History

Military Justice

Military Organization

Military Theory

National Security

Physical Training

Operational Tactics

Speech Communication

Ethical Decision Making

## Specialized Information

Competitive Army ROTC scholarships pay full tuition and fees, \$1,200 for books and a stipend between \$300 and \$500 per month for two to four years. Students qualify for special scholarships available only to Army ROTC students. The University of Maine awards a \$2,500 grant to four-year scholarship recipients with SAT scores of 1100 or higher, and to three-year Advanced Designees with SAT scores of 1200 or higher. In both cases, the grant begins during the first year of the scholarship and continues through the remaining years of the scholarship as long as the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and graduates in the top 20 percent of their class. Students interested in applying for a four-year scholarship can apply online ([armyrotc.com](http://armyrotc.com)).

## Nursing and Summer Opportunities

Nursing students are eligible to compete for the same two- to four-year scholarships listed above. They also have the opportunity to participate in the Nurses' Summer Training Program, which allows students to complete a two- to three-week internship at various military medical facilities throughout the United States, Hawaii and Germany. Nursing students participate between their junior and senior years and receive three academic credits toward their senior year of studies. Army ROTC students have the opportunity to attend the Basic Airborne Course, the Air Assault School, Mountain Warfare Training, and work with Active Army units for two- to three-week internships.

## Career Opportunities

Through Army ROTC, students have the opportunity to choose from 17 career fields including: Air Defense Artillery, Adjutant General, Armor, Aviation, Chemical, Engineer, Field Artillery, Finance, Infantry, Medical Service, Military Intelligences, Military Police, Nursing, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal, and Transportation. Students also have the option of being commissioned in the Active Army, Army Reserves, or the Army National Guard.

## About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online ([umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu)). Equal opportunity information also is available online ([umaine.edu/eo](http://umaine.edu/eo)).



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