



Army ROTC Fact Sheet

1. Full-time university students attending Langston University will have the opportunity to participate in the Army Reserve Officer's Training Course (ROTC) Program at the University of Central Oklahoma. Army ROTC is an interesting and exciting program that students can start during their freshman or sophomore years with ***no military obligation***. ROTC develops leadership skills and builds self-confidence through challenging activities like rappelling, land navigation, and rifle marksmanship. Students study time management, communications, and small group decision-making. Contracted cadets have the opportunity of attaining an officer appointment into the United States Army, National Guard, or United States Army Reserve upon ROTC and degree completion.
2. The Program:
 - a. The four-year program consists of the Basic Course and the Advanced Course. The Basic Course covers the freshman and sophomore years. ***There is no military commitment incurred by enrolling in the Freshman and Sophomore classes***. The Basic Course classes are open to all students and could count as an elective credit towards your Bachelors Degree. The Basic Course is designed to familiarize students with the Army and teach vital leadership skills. The Basic Course may be waived if the student possesses prior military service or attends the four-week Army ROTC Leader's Training Course held each summer.
 - b. Beginning in the junior year, the Advanced Course concentrates on more complex military and leadership skills with an emphasis on building competent confident leaders. At this point, the student signs a contract with the government to pursue a commission as an officer in the U.S. Army (either on Active Duty, in the National Guard, or the Reserves). ROTC requires full-time student status and positive degree completion progress. While in the Advanced Course, students receive a monthly allowance of \$450 for juniors and \$500 for seniors.
3. Scholarships: ROTC offers two, three and four year scholarships for qualified students. Scholarships pay:
 - Full tuition/fees
 - \$1200 per school year for textbooks, school supplies, and required equipment.
 - A monthly living allowance of \$300 (freshman), \$350 (sophomores), \$450 (juniors), \$500 (seniors) during the school year.
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4. Common Misconceptions:
 - a. Haircuts: Haircuts are not required for students attending the Basic Course. Advanced Course students and individuals attending Physical Training sessions and Military Science labs must maintain the Army's minimum standard.
 - b. Uniforms: Non-scholarship students attending the Basic Course are not required to wear a uniform to their Army ROTC class. Basic Course students must wear uniforms to Physical Training sessions and Military Science labs. Advanced Course and scholarship students are required to

wear uniforms to their ROTC class in addition to Physical Training and Military Science labs. All uniforms are provided at no cost to the student.

- c. **Mandatory Active Duty:** There is no mandatory service of any kind incurred for signing up for and participating in the freshman and sophomore classes. Scholarship cadets must serve on active duty for a minimum of three years once graduating with their Bachelors Degree. National Guard and US Army Reserve Soldiers participating in the SMP program have a choice whether to commission into Active Duty or stay in the National Guard or US Army Reserve.
 - d. **Physical Training:** Non-scholarship students in the freshman and sophomore courses are required to attend physical fitness every Wednesday morning during the regular school year. Scholarship and Advanced Course cadets are required to attend physical training sessions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday while classes are in session. Our cadets receive a fitness assessment once a month to monitor progress and identify areas of strengths and weaknesses.
 - e. **Weekend Duty:** ROTC conducts one field training exercise per semester that normally consists of rappelling, M16 rifle marksmanship, land navigation, and small team leadership. These are training events that cannot be taught in the classroom during the normal class period. Non-scholarship students in the Basic Course are not required to attend but are invited as long as sufficient funding and space is available.
 - f. **Basic Training:** No Cadet is ever required to attend basic training (Boot Camp). If a student wishes to enter the program and is already an academic junior, they may substitute the Basic Course requirement with prior service experience or by attending the Leader's Training Course during the summer.
 - g. **Leaders Training Course:** This is a four-week training camp at Fort Knox which is designed to teach basic military skills through hands-on exercises. Students team up with other college students from all over the country in order to develop teamwork and leadership skills. While there, you may compete for a two-year scholarship. These merit scholarships are awarded to the most outstanding students that apply.
5. While Army ROTC training is an important part of a cadet's college education it is by no means the most important. Our goal is to ensure that our students graduate with the best possible grades. We are dedicated to ensuring that our students' whole college experience is a successful one.

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Below are a couple of great websites that you should take some time to look through for general information about Army ROTC

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/>