

ROTC Programs

Tulane University recognizes the need for military officers with a quality education in a variety of academic specialties and highly recommends the Reserve Officer Training Corps programs as one method of meeting this need. The University maintains Air Force, Army, and Naval ROTC units. Their programs are open equally to men and women in all schools and colleges. Each of the programs provides an opportunity to develop leadership and management abilities, as well as to perform a valuable service to the nation. Individuals who wish to earn a commission and to serve a brief period of active duty, as well as those who are interested in a career of military service are encouraged to participate.

All of the ROTC curricula have been approved by the Curriculum Committee. The number of ROTC credits which may be counted toward graduation requirements depends upon the student's program of study. ROTC students should consult with their academic advisor to determine how ROTC course work satisfies the graduation requirements of their particular college or school.

AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) offers two-, three-, and four-year programs through which students, upon graduation, can earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. AFROTC offers a comprehensive program of both academics and hands-on training. Students have the unique opportunity to enhance their interpersonal skills in the areas of communications, teamwork, leadership, and management.

The three- and four-year programs are divided into two parts: the General Military Course (GMC) for freshmen and sophomore students, and the Professional Officer Course (POC) for juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Students in the GMC attend a 1-hour class and a 2-hour laboratory each week. Students in the POC attend a 3-hour class and a 2-hour laboratory each week. All cadets attend field training (a four-week session for four year students) and this is usually between sophomore and junior years.

The two-year program consists of the Professional Officer Course only. Interested students should apply during their sophomore year. Selected candidates will attend a five-week field training session in the summer prior to entry into the POC. Applicants must have four semesters of either undergraduate or graduate work remaining after attendance at the summer field training session.

Students may enroll in the GMC without incurring any military obligation. Entry into the POC is competitive and requires a commitment to the Air Force. Additional summer programs are available to cadets on a voluntary basis. These professional development opportunities include parachuting, soaring, language immersion, base visits and more.

Textbooks and uniforms are issued to cadets without cost. POC cadets and GMC scholarship cadets qualify for a subsistence allowance of \$250-400 per month during the fall and spring semesters.

The Air Force offers excellent scholarship opportunities in a wide variety of academic majors. These scholarships cover tuition, university fees, and textbook reimbursement. For additional information or to check scholarship eligibility, contact AFROTC Detachment 320, Tulane University, at (504) 865-5394.

ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (AROTC) is a comprehensive program of studies through which a student can qualify to be commissioned as an officer in the United States Army, the National Guard, or the United States Army Reserve. Students learn leadership and management skills important in any profession. The Army ROTC program consists of a two-year Basic Course, which is open to freshmen and sophomores only, and a two-year Advanced Course. Non-scholarship students participating in the first two years of AROTC do not incur any obligation to the U.S. Army. Army ROTC offers 4-, 3-, and 2-year scholarships to include the Guaranteed Reserve Forces scholarship. Army scholarships provide tuition assistance, a flat rate for textbooks, and a monthly subsistence allowance (up to 10 months per year). Admission to the AROTC Advanced Course is conditional on meeting academic, physical, and age requirements and the approval of the Professor of Military Science. Physical training is an integral part of the AROTC program.

To be commissioned as an officer, a student must complete either the regular four-year program, a three-year program (whereby the Basic Course is compressed into one year), or a two-year program (requiring completion of the summer AROTC basic camp giving the student credit for the Basic Course). Advanced placement for AROTC training may be given to veterans and students with previous ROTC experience. In addition to these requirements, a student must complete at least one course in the areas of written communication, human behavior, military history, computer literacy and math reasoning.

Uniforms and military science textbooks are issued without cost to all students. Advanced Course and scholarship students receive a subsistence allowance of \$150 per month. They are also paid for the summer advanced leadership camp they must attend prior to completing the Advanced Course. For further information contact the Army ROTC office at 1-800-777-ARMY or (504) 865-5594.

NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

There are three general programs through which students can qualify for commissions in the naval service: The U. S. Naval Academy, The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Navy or Marine option programs, and direct accession through Officer Candidate School. The NROTC program at Tulane University offers students the opportunity to earn a commission in the Navy or Marine Corps through four-year, three-year, and two-year scholarship programs, and through the NROTC College Program. Students matriculating to Tulane University, who have not already been awarded an NROTC scholarship, may participate in the NROTC College Program and compete for a 3-year scholarship. These students are selected from applicants each year by the Professor of Naval Science.

NROTC Scholarship Program

students are selected annually on a nationwide competitive basis. They receive four-year scholarships that include full tuition, university fees, uniforms, a \$250 textbook stipend, and a \$250-400 per-month subsistence stipend. Scholarship students participate in paid summer training periods and receive commissions in the Navy or Marine Corps Reserve as Ensigns or Second Lieutenants upon graduation. They have a minimum four-year active duty obligation after commissioning, followed by four years in the inactive reserves.

NROTC College Program students are selected from applicants each year by the Professor of Naval Science. Students may apply to participate in the college program any time during their freshman year. They participate in a four-year Naval Science program with one paid summer training period (between junior and senior years) and receive commissions in the Navy or Marine Corps Reserve upon graduation. They incur a minimum four-year active duty obligation, followed by four years in the inactive reserves. College program students are furnished uniforms and naval science textbooks and a subsistence stipend of \$350-400 per month during their junior and senior years. Additionally four-year college program students may compete nationally for a three-year NROTC scholarship.

NROTC Two-Year College Scholarship Program participants are selected from local undergraduate applicants. To apply, students should contact the NROTC unit on campus not later than the middle of the first semester of the sophomore year or the first semester of the third year if in a five-year program. Applicants who are qualified and accepted attend the six-week Naval Science Institute at Newport, Rhode Island, during the summer prior to entering the program. Travel expenses are paid to and from the institute, and candidates receive approximately \$600 in salary, plus meals and lodging for the training period. Upon successful completion of the Naval Science Institute, the students are enrolled in the NROTC program in the fall. Students may receive full tuition scholarships plus \$350-400 per month in subsistence for the remaining two years of college. Active duty obligations are a minimum of four years of active duty followed by four years in the inactive reserves.

Those students who desire a Navy or Marine Corps commission but do not participate in NROTC programs may apply for the direct accession program that leads to a commission upon completion of degree requirements and Officer Candidate School.

The Naval ROTC Unit sponsors many teams in campus intramural sports and many specialty organizations that represent the unit on campus and throughout Louisiana and the southern United States. These include the Drill Team, the Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Color Guard, all of which participate in many Mardi Gras parades and other unit and University functions. Other special organizations which include NROTC representation are a sail team and The Raiders.

If you have any questions, please call the NROTC Unit, Tulane University at 1-800-800-NAVY, or, on campus, dial extension 5104.