



# Reserve Officers' Training Corps



1. **What is ROTC?** It is a program that prepares college students to earn a commission as an Officer in the United States Army. (Phase One of Officer's Training)
2. **Is there a military obligation during college?** The first two years of the program are done without commitment. Students are encouraged to take this time and make an informed decision on whether or not this is the right path for them. They cannot enter in to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program without making a commitment to both the Army ROTC and the Army.
3. **What happens upon completion of the 4-year ROTC program?** Upon commissioning, EVERYONE serves an 8 year contract. The next step after college is to attend the rest of their Officer's training. Time and location for this training is based on the branch (job) they were awarded. (ex. Medical Service Corps is 9 weeks at Joint Base San Antonio, San Antonio, TX)
4. **By enrolling in ROTC, are you joining the Army?** **No.** Students who enroll do not join the Army. They take an ROTC (Military Science) class for which they receive credit. It is considered a college elective.
5. **What is the difference between ROTC and Military Science?** Military Science is the academic portion of ROTC. There are a total of 21 mandatory credit hours for Military Science. ROTC is comprised of the Military Science classes, physical training, field training exercises, Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), etc.
7. **What can students expect to learn by taking ROTC?** Quite simply, the leadership and management skills needed to become an Officer in the United States Army or have a successful civilian career. During the first two years, your studies will include basic leadership development, basic military skills, and life skills. The last two years focuses heavily on leadership training, planning and executing major training events, and possessing the higher level of thinking required of a great leader.
8. **What makes ROTC different from regular college management courses?** Students in ROTC learn through a unique program that combines both classroom instructions with practical application through leadership labs. Our students learn through a "hands-on" approach.
9. **How much time does ROTC take up weekly?** Our philosophy is academics first and ROTC second so whatever time is required to be successful in school plus Military Science class, Leadership Lab, physical training, and any additional training or ROTC events taking place. Time requirements increase with responsibility.
10. **Does ROTC offer scholarships?** Yes. There are many scholarship opportunities: High School Scholarships, Federal Scholarships, Nurse Scholarships, and the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) and Dedicated Guard/Reserve Scholarships. For more information on scholarships and eligibility requirements please visit our website ([rotc.illinoisstate.edu](http://rotc.illinoisstate.edu)).