Army ROTC

UAF is home to the only Army Reserve Officers Training Corps program in Alaska, operating a host program in Fairbanks and an extension program in Anchorage. The Military Science program is staffed with Active Duty Army and Alaska National Guard Officers and Noncommissioned Officers. Students are challenged by the curriculum to develop interpersonal, mental and physical skills, cultivating leaders of character capable of bearing the responsibilities of tomorrow’s civil and military leadership positions.

The focus of ROTC is academic excellence and preparing leaders. All students enrolled in at least one course are assigned a faculty member to provide leadership and academic counseling.

ROTC offers a variety of resources, including scholarships, athletic teams and academic assistance. Neighboring Fort Wainwright offers students numerous opportunities to participate in military activities such as the Arctic biathlon competition, mentorships and recreational activities in an Arctic environment. For more information visit the UAF ROTC website (https://www.uaf.edu/rotc/) or call 907-474-7501.

Financial Assistance

Army ROTC provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships and stipends. The current stipend is $420 monthly and is tax-free for all contracted cadets. ROTC scholarship recipients may elect to have 100% of tuition and mandatory fees paid, or up to $6,000 per semester for room and board. Contracted Cadets are also provided $1,200 annually for books and supplies. Scholarships are available for two, three, or four years and may be used for undergraduate or graduate studies.

Army ROTC also offers a simultaneous membership program with the Reserves and National Guard. These partnerships provide a suite of financial assistance programs for ROTC cadets, including tuition assistance, GI Bill® benefits, bonuses, stipends and pay. In addition, Army ROTC at UAF is granted a limited number of room waivers and chancellor’s tuition waivers for qualified students. For more information, call the Army ROTC Recruiting Officer at 907-474-6852, the Army ROTC Human Resources Tech at 907-474-6851 or visit the UAF ROTC website (https://www.uaf.edu/rotc/).

Curriculum

The military science curriculum is an approved minor that includes broad leadership skills, management techniques, decision-making processes and risk assessment and mitigation which are equally useful in civilian or military employment. Weekly leadership labs also introduce military-specific skills in areas such as first aid, rifle marksmanship, squad and platoon tactics, land navigation and survival.

Army ROTC comprises two levels: the basic course followed by the advanced course. Credit for the basic course can be earned in three ways: by completing freshman and sophomore military science classes, by completing a four-week summer camp at Fort Knox, KY, or by having prior military basic training. Students incur no obligation to Army ROTC or the Armed Forces during the basic course and may enroll as a traditional student taking an elective.

Students who complete the basic course may enter the advanced course, which is normally reserved for juniors and seniors pursuing an Officer’s Commission in the Active Duty Army, Army Reserves or Army National Guard. For more information, contact the Department of Military Science at 907-474-6852, 907-474-7501, uaf-army-rotc-dept@alaska.edu or through the UAF ROTC website (https://www.uaf.edu/rotc/).