

Army ROTC (MSC)

(618) 650-2500

Students must call the above number before registering for an MSC course. Please note these courses are not offered at the McKendree campus, but at other sites.

All MSC courses include a leadership laboratory once per week.

Army ROTC may be completed in several different ways as outlined below.

1. Four-year Option. Military Science is traditionally offered as a four-year option. It is best to start as a first year student, but special arrangements can be made for those who start as sophomores. The first two years of Military Science are voluntary without service obligation and are designed to give students a perspective on their leadership ability and what the Army can offer them. Students who decide to continue in ROTC and pursue a commission sign an agreement with the Department of the Army to accept a commission upon completion of the last two years of Military Science. In return, the Army agrees to provide a subsistence allowance (up to \$3000) and to provide all necessary uniforms and Military Science books.

2. Two-year Option. The two-year option is designed to provide greater flexibility in meeting the needs of students desiring commissions in the United States Army. McKendree students who do not participate in the four-year option or community college transfer students are eligible for enrollment. Basic prerequisites for the two-year option are as follows:

a. Students must be in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 GPA) and pass an Army medical examination.

b. Students must have two academic years of study remaining (undergraduate or graduate).

Undergraduate students must have junior status.

Students attend a six-week summer camp to obtain the knowledge acquired by students in the four-year option. Attendance at the basic camp DOES NOT obligate students in any way and is only intended to

provide experience with Army life and its opportunities. Students earn up to 10 credit hours and are paid approximately \$750 for attendance at basic camp.

Simultaneous membership

Students who qualify for simultaneous membership (members of the Army Reserve or National Guard) can complete the military science program in two years and earn more than \$6,500 at the same time.

Upon graduation, a student may request to stay in the reserve or select active duty.

Veterans

Veterans of any of the Armed Forces who are academically aligned may qualify for advanced placement and should contact the Military Science office for details.

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