

## MILITARY SCIENCE (ROTC) PROGRAM

The [Golden Griffin Battalion Reserve Officers Training Corps \(ROTC\) Program](#) develops leadership skills that last a lifetime. Whether your goal is to serve as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, or simply gain valuable, hands-on leadership training that will set you apart from the rest in the civilian job market, ROTC can help you to meet and achieve that goal.

Army ROTC is a class focused on developing young leaders with the intent to eventually commission them as officers in the United States Army, US Army National Guard, or US Army Reserves. It is a 3-credit elective course offered every semester from freshman through senior year. The course is focused on developing leadership skills, developing public speaking ability, and teaching cadets how to write in the Army style. It provides instruction on important survival skills such as first aid and land navigation, and further into the course, cadets learn small unit tactics. Upon graduation, contracted students' commission as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants in the US Army, US Army National Guard, or US Army Reserves.

Students do not have to join the Army in order to take ROTC classes. Because the program is an elective, students can major in any program and take basic courses at the same time without making a military commitment. That being said, many of our students make the military commitment and find rewarding careers serving their country in various capacities all around the world.

In addition to SUNY ECC, the Canisius University ROTC program trains and commissions students from Canisius University, University at Buffalo, Buffalo State, Daemen University, Hilbert College, and D'Youville University. This program is a great opportunity for SUNY ERIE students to participate in an elective outside their core curriculum during their freshman and sophomore year. It is also an avenue for students to bridge from a two-year to a four-year College or University.

## CURRICULUM

### Basic Course (incurring no military obligation)

CODE	TITLE
MLS 101 & MLS 111	Introduction to the Army and Critical Thinking and Leadership Laboratory
MLS 102 & MLS 112	Introduction to Profession of Arms and Leadership Laboratory
MLS 201 & MLS 211	Foundations of Leadership and Leadership Laboratory
MLS 202 & MLS 212	Foundations of Tactical Leadership and Leadership Laboratory

### Advanced Course (incurring military obligation)

Student must either complete the Basic Course above or MLS 210 to enter the Advanced Course sequence.

CODE	TITLE
MLS 301 & MLS 311	Adaptive Team Leadership and Advanced Leadership Laboratory
MLS 302 & MLS 312	Applied Team Leadership and Advanced Leadership Laboratory
MLS 401 & MLS 411	Mission Command and the Army Profession and Senior Leadership Laboratory
MLS 402 & MLS 412	Mission Command and the Company Grade Officer and Senior Leadership Laboratory
MLS 480	U.S. Military History

**Note:** Students are required to sign up and participate in Leadership Labs during the Advanced Course even though they do not receive credit for the labs.

Course descriptions can be found on the [Canisius University Website](#).

### **CROSS REGISTRATION**

For SUNY ECC students, MLS courses are cross-registered through Canisius University; SUNY ECC students must be, and remain, enrolled in a full-time course load (12 credit hours) at SUNY ECC in order to participate.

Consult with your Academic Advisor for more information on the cross-registration process.

### **BENEFITS/SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

ROTC offers 2-, 3-, and 4-year scholarship opportunities to participating Students. Students meeting academic and physical requirements are eligible to apply. Contracted student/cadets also receive a monthly Cadet Stipend.

### **Want more information about ROTC opportunities at SUNY ECC?**

Contact Golden Griffin ROTC Program Enrollment at (716) 888-3239 or [rotc1@canisius.edu](mailto:rotc1@canisius.edu).