

Army Officer Education Program

University of Michigan

(Ann Arbor/Dearborn/Flint)

ROTC is not an enlistment. It is the process of forming tomorrow's leaders by assisting students with their degree completion and teaching them leadership.

Students join the ROTC program, take one elective each semester, and receive their commission as an officer in the Active Army or Reserve Forces when they graduate. Students may enroll in our program while attending classes at any of the Michigan campuses and at most nearby colleges and universities.

What is an Army Officer?

Officers are the planners, the overseers, and the directors of the United States Army. As a brand new officer, second lieutenants (2LT) already outrank over eighty-five percent of the Army. In as few as five months after graduation from college, they will be in charge of and directly responsible for the training, welfare and health of forty soldiers in a platoon. As an officer's career continues, it will involve progressively more responsibility.

The Army is looking for high quality, self-motivated, athletic, and intelligent leaders who will be able to meet the challenges of military officer leadership. The process of becoming an officer is highly selective, competitive, and challenging.

There are only three routes to earning the title of Army officer: graduation from a military academy, selection for Officer Candidate School from the enlisted force, or completion of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Why ROTC?

The benefit of the ROTC program is that students fulfill the requirements to become an officer while attending a college or university and completing a Bachelors (or higher) degree. The ROTC program fits into the college coursework much like an academic minor. Students attend a weekly lecture and lab, as well as participate in physical fitness training. Furthermore, ROTC provides academic scholarships to students on a competitive basis.

Scholarship Benefits:

- Full tuition and fees
- \$900 per year for books
- \$300-\$500 monthly tax-free stipend

Scholarship Types:

- Three and four-year scholarships (for high school and college students)
- Two year LTC Scholarships (for students with two years left before earning a bachelor & students transferring from a community college. May also be used to obtain a Masters degree).
- Nursing Scholarships (2,3 & 4 year full-tuition scholarships set aside for nursing students)



*Employers seek students who are leaders and the best in an academic field.
The University of Michigan provides an unrivaled educational experience to students.
Army ROTC can provide outstanding leadership experience.
Together, they provide a distinct edge and exceptional advantage for Michigan graduates.*

- Dr. Lester Monts, Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, University of Michigan

Students who complete ROTC receive the benefits of guaranteed job placement, competitive salaries, excellent health care, and full opportunity for advancement. This is an example of the pay for an officer stationed in Ann Arbor, Michigan from beginning a career through the 4th year of service.

	<u>2LT (new)</u>	<u>1LT (2 yrs)</u>	<u>CPT (4 yrs)</u>
Basic Pay:	\$28,994.40	\$38,041.20	\$54,291.60
Basic Allowance for Subsistence:	\$ 2,102.76	\$ 2,102.76	\$ 2,102.76
Basic Allowance for Housing:	\$10,728.00	\$14,316.00	\$17,400.00
Starting Annual Income:	\$41,824.76	\$54,459.96	\$73,794.36

Can students take the ROTC courses without military obligation?

Yes. Freshman and sophomore level ROTC courses are open to all students without commitment. (However, they will not receive monetary benefits until contracting.) This way freshman and sophomore students can experience the program to make sure it is right for them.

Does the student have to go to Basic Training?

No. Actually, once contracted in the ROTC program the student is not allowed to go to Basic Training, as that course is only for enlistment purposes. Soldier currently in the NG or reserves can join ROTC. Students with prior service in the military may also join.

When students join the ROTC program, are they in danger of being deployed?

ROTC students are non-deployable. The priority is to assist our students through graduation so they can receive the best education possible before commissioning.

I have students who want to apply, where should I send them?

High school students need to go to the Army ROTC Webpage (www.armyrotc.com) to start their application. College students need to call or email us directly (see below) and we will help them begin the application and enrollment process.

What is my commitment after I receive my commission and become an officer?

A minimum of four years in the active Army, National Guard or Army Reserves and an additional four years in the IRR (not actively working for the Army but, subject to call-up in case of emergency).

Please contact us with any questions.



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