What Is ROTC?

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is a university-level leadership program which compliments and enhances your college experience while training you to become a commissioned officer. ROTC offers significant advantages in providing both tuition assistance and a guaranteed post-college career upon commissioning as a second lieutenant. Army ROTC is unique, from other service’s ROTC, in that you may serve either on active duty or in the Army Reserves or the National Guard.
Northern Michigan University Army ROTC: A Noteworthy Program.

The Wildcat Battalion of Army ROTC is growing, dynamic and yet close-knit program which allows for individualized instruction under which cadets excel both within the program and academically. The Wildcat Battalion receives outstanding support from the university. In fact, NMU is consistently named a “Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs magazine.”— a designation that ranks NMU in the top 15 percent of colleges and universities nationwide. The Wildcat Battalion has a longstanding tradition of excellence, and our cadets continue to earn recognition for both the university and ROTC program. NMU students, including our cadets, enjoy outstanding facilities on a modern technologically advanced campus with exceptional amenities in an academic environment that thrives on excellence and shared experiences. Building leadership skills and serving the community are inherent to the NMU ROTC experience. For these reasons and more, NMU’s Wildcat Battalion of Army ROTC is often identified as “the program of choice” for students who seek a noteworthy place in which to learn, to learn to lead and to serve their country.

► NMU’s Military Science and Leadership Program
Students enroll in an Army ROTC curriculum (16–24 credit hours of elective instruction which are fully creditable as a Minor in Military Science) over two to four years taught by distinguished faculty in the Department of Military Science and Leadership.

► Basic Course (years one and two – open to all students without military obligation) Students participate in courses and practical exercises in land navigation, orienteering and decision-making, and acquire general knowledge of the U.S. Army. Important components include weekly leadership labs and morning (Monday through Friday) fitness sessions to develop a healthy lifestyle.

► Advanced Course (years three and four – for students who meet Army contractual requirements and want to serve in the U.S. Army upon graduation; experienced soldiers may be able to proceed directly to the Advanced Course) ROTC students continue to develop their ability to evaluate situations, make decisions and practice traits considered essential in leaders. They also learn to motivate subordinates, to win their confidence and to supervise them effectively.

► Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) (four weeks over the summer between junior and senior years – required of all students seeking a commission) Cadets demonstrate the skills and leadership qualities learned in prior ROTC courses and learn the fundamentals of soldiering including physical training, marksmanship, tactical operations, map reading and orienteering. Students are compensated during this course.

► Other Optional Summer Training Opportunities include Army’s Airborne or Air Assault schools, three-week summer cadet leadership internships (CTLT) in active duty Army units (U.S. or overseas) or nursing internships in Army hospitals. In the Army’s Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program (CULP), cadets visit one of 37 different countries with all expenses paid to participate in a variety of leadership enhancing activities while experiencing another culture.

“Northern Michigan University is proud of the history and success of its long-time U.S. Army ROTC program, where many leaders have developed and have gone on to great careers, in and out of the military. Northern supports the program through financial scholarships, access to world-class facilities and top-caliber academic and student experiences. We strongly advocate for military students at all levels, from cadets to veterans, and our location in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, which is known for its deep-rooted tradition of military service, creates an outstanding environment for emerging leaders.”

► Fritz J. Erickson, Ph.D., President, Northern Michigan University
Army ROTC Complements Your Education

Army ROTC, the largest branch of ROTC, is one of the most demanding, technologically advanced and successful leadership organizations in the world. The training a student receives in Army ROTC teaches leadership development and decision-making skills as well as career training. Cadets have the same academic schedules as other college students and can choose to major in nearly any academic area. Cadets participate in the full college experience. They join fraternities and sororities. They participate in varsity team and individual sports and take part in community service projects. At the same time, they receive officer training by taking courses each semester through the campus ROTC unit and participating in training exercises during the school year and extended training activities during the summer. Upon completion, Army ROTC graduates are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. ROTC graduates make up nearly 80 percent of newly commissioned U.S. Army officers. The Army offers a wider range of career opportunities in more places around the world than any other U.S. military branch.

Army ROTC Scholarships

High School junior and seniors as well as college undergraduate and graduate students may apply for competitive, merit-based scholarships (two, three or four years) that cover college tuition and fees, or room and board at the student’s option. ROTC Scholarships also provide a book allowance (up to $1200 a year) and an annual stipend (up to $5,000 a year) in return for an obligation to perform military service after graduation. Some students may also qualify for benefits earned through the G.I. Bill/Army College Fund. All Army ROTC scholarship winners, or students who enter the Army ROTC Advanced Course, agree to complete an eight-year period of service. Cadets who compete and are selected for active duty serve three years (non-scholarship recipients) or four years (scholarship recipients) on active duty. The remaining years of their commitment (if they choose to leave the service) can be served in the National Guard, Army Reserves or in the Inactive Ready Reserves (IRR). Cadets who serve in the National Guard or Army Reserves immediately after commissioning serve at least six years before going into the IRR.

Minimum ROTC Requirements

- U.S. citizen
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Between ages of 17 and 30
- ACT of 19 (excluding writing)
- Or, SAT of 920 (Math and Verbal)
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- Army physical fitness standard
- At least two years remaining in a college degree program
Army ROTC Teaches You To Lead

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World-Class Facilities

The Wildcat Battalion enjoys dedicated academics facilities and logistics spaces in Hedgcock Hall which is centrally located within the campus mall and only a short ways from down-campus residence halls. Close by are all other academic buildings, campus eateries, and the Learning Resource Center (LRC). The battalion’s administrative offices are in nearby Gries Hall and feature the Cadet Library, the Cadet Lounge, conference room and dedicated study areas. Gries Hall allows ready access, via a walkway, to the University Center, campus book store, and the highly popular up-campus dining facility the Wildcat Den. Physical Training is conducted in the world famous Superior Dome and the adjoining Physical Education and Instruction Facility (PEIF).
The Wildcat Battalion also has complete access to excellent outdoor training facilities, Michigan’s Upper Peninsula! Cadets learn outdoor skills such as land navigation, summer and winter survival skills and basic tactics in nearby the Noquemanon Forest. This nearby wilderness area is home to over 50 miles of mountain biking, hiking and cross country ski trails. Cadets also hone their rappelling and rope skills at ROTC Rock and participate in Ranger Challenge competitions at Fort McCoy and Camp Grayling. Sure, you can take ROTC at other schools, but it’s a lot more fun in the Upper Peninsula!
Academics

- NMU offers over 147 degree programs including 25 graduate programs.
- More than 75 percent of NMU’s 300-plus full-time faculty members have doctorates or the highest degree in their fields, and a hallmark of the NMU experience is that full-time faculty members teach at all levels - freshmen through graduate courses.
- NMU is one of the largest notebook computer campuses in the United States, with all full-time students receiving either a ThinkPad or MacBook as part of tuition.

Campus

The NMU campus recently completed a 5 year modernization campaign which includes a renewed academic mall and the completion of many new academic facilities such as the new Jamrich Hall, the home of Campus Cinemas, and the Seaborg Science Complex, one of Michigan’s premier math and science facilities. The 360 acre park-like campus is readily accessible from campus residence halls and features a Starbucks as well as a wide variety of unique eateries, student lounges and study areas. The campus mall is one of the country’s most wired and wireless campuses and is completely covered by NMU’s nationally recognized WiFi and WiMax networks.
Marquette

The City of Marquette, with a population of over 20,000, is the largest city in the Upper Peninsula but retains the welcoming and friendly nature of a small college town. Nestled along the shore of Lake Superior in the rugged beauty of Northern Michigan, Marquette offers all the modern conveniences sought by college students. The immediate surroundings of Marquette and NMU’s campus provide a wealth of cultural and recreational activities which are guaranteed to make for a most memorable and unique college experience.
ROTC Scholarships:

- Full Tuition and Fees
- Or, Room and Board up $10,000/Year
- Up to $1200/Year Book allowance
- Monthly Living Expenses (Stipend)
- $300/Month for Freshman
- $350/Month for Sophomores
- $450/Month for Juniors
- $500/Month for Seniors

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarship:

- Full Tuition and Fees
- Or, Room and Board up $10,000/Year
- Up to $1200/Year Book allowance
- Monthly Living Expenses (Stipend)
- $300-500 Monthly Stipend
- Paid Summer Training

The GRFD Program guarantees the students the choice of commissioning in either the National Guard or Army Reserves.

Other Funded Programs

Active Duty Soldiers may participate in ROTC through the Green to Gold Program (G2G). U.S. Army Reserve and Michigan National Guard Soldiers may participate in Army ROTC through the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).

U.S. Army Green to Gold:

The Green to Gold (G2G) program seeks talented young enlisted soldiers who have decided to complete their education and desire to serve as commissioned officers. Soldiers may participate in ROTC several ways:

- Green to Gold Scholarship Option
- Green to Gold Active Duty Option
- Green to Gold Non-Scholarship Option

The scholarship option provides the same benefits as an ROTC Scholarship. Active duty and non-scholarship soldiers use available GI Bill benefits. All G2G participants are eligible for university offered aid and incentives.
U.S. Army Reserve SMP:

- $4000 Federal Tuition Assistance
- Montgomery GI Bill Benefits
- Montgomery GI Bill Kicker, if qualified
- $300-500 Monthly ROTC Stipend
- $250+ Monthly Drill Pay

Michigan National Guard SMP:

- $4500 National Guard Tuition Assistance
- Up to $4000 Federal Tuition Assistance
- NMU Tuition Grand - up to 45% of tuition
- Montgomery GI Bill Benefits
- Montgomery GI Bill Kicker, if qualified
- $300-500 Monthly ROTC Stipend
- $250+ Monthly Drill Pay

Upon Graduation, SMP Cadets may commission as Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard Officers.

All ROTC Cadets are eligible for NMU Merit Scholarships as well as Federal Loans and Grants.
NMU offers Room and Board Grants to exceptionally qualified ROTC Cadets.
All ROTC Cadets are eligible for NMU’s Laptop initiative and receive a laptop for use throughout their enrollment in NMU and ROTC.
Succeed As An Officer Or In Any Civilian Career You Choose

Benefits that last a lifetime
Some soldiers choose to build lifelong careers in the Army. Others decide to pursue opportunities in the civilian world. Whatever path you choose, the Army supports your decision with programs and guidance to help you succeed.

What kind of salary and benefits will I earn as a commissioned Army officer?
The training and salary you get as a soldier are only some of the ways the Army strengthens you for tomorrow. The Army also offers money for education, comprehensive health care, generous vacation time, family services and support groups, special pay for special duties and cash allowances to cover the cost of living. The Congressional Budget Office recently estimated that the average active duty soldier receives a compensation package worth $99,000. This adds up to an attractive cash and non-cash benefits package for soldiers and their families.

What is the typical career path for an Army officer?
Army ROTC graduates are commissioned as U.S. Army second lieutenants. They then receive specialized training in one of 17 different Army branches. During their Army careers, they receive regular professional training as they advance through the ranks, and have many opportunities for advanced leadership positions and post-graduate education.

What good is Army ROTC outside of the Army?
Army ROTC programs place a strong focus on leadership. This training is invaluable for any career that involves leading, managing and motivating people or fostering teamwork. Young Army officers are typically responsible for hundreds of soldiers and millions of dollars of equipment; this kind of management experience can be very attractive to post-Army employers. In fact, many Fortune 500 companies specifically seek young officers, departing active duty or participating in the Guard and Reserves, for management positions due to the leadership experiences gained in the Army. All these opportunities begin with ROTC.

The Army has allowed me to become a unique applicant and get into my top dental school choice.”
Getting the most from her NMU and ROTC experience, Emily has been a Varsity Member of the Cross Country Team and participated in Track. Emily also attended Airborne School at FT Benning, Jungle Survival Training in Guyana, and was a member of NMU’s championship Ranger Challenge Team. She also led unit fund raising efforts for the Marquette Woman’s Center. Emily joined ROTC her freshman year and quickly earned a Campus-Based Scholarship. She was selected for an Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Scholarship and will attend Dental School funded by the Army.

Emily Allen
Year: Senior, MS-IIV Cadet
Major: Biology, emphasis in Physiology, Chemistry and Military Science minors.
From: Ravenna, MI
Career goal: Oral Surgeon

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“ROTC has given me the opportunity to live my dream of serving my community, state and country. The program also imparted the discipline to excel academically, physically, and as part of a team.”

Originally from Maryland, Eric joined NMU ROTC his freshman year and joined the Michigan National Guard to participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) earning tuition benefits. His strong academic and ROTC participation allowed him to earn a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GFRD) Scholarship. Eric participates in intramural sports to include Soccer, Basketball and Ultimate Frisbee. He is a Co-President of the Ranger Club, participates in Ranger Challenge Competitions and is a member of the ROTC Color Guard. Eric also makes time to volunteer at a local homeless shelter and participates in the Honor Flight program which transports veterans to view the World War Two Memorial in Washington, DC. Upon graduation Eric intends to serve as an Officer in the National Guard while pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Eric Epps
Year: Junior, MS-III Cadet
Major: Criminal Justice, Military Science minors
From: Fort Washington, Maryland

Career goal:
National Guard Engineer Officer
Civilian Law Enforcement Officer
Get Involved. Learn to Lead.

No matter what your interests or inclinations, at NMU there are endless opportunities to get involved. As an enhancement to leadership development, ROTC Cadets are encouraged to participate in any of the over 300 wide-ranging student activities available both on and off campus.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- Student Leader Fellowship Program (SLFP) - NMU’s two-year nationally recognized community leadership program.
- Superior Edge - community engagement, diversity awareness, leadership development and real-world experience all in one.
- U.S. Army ROTC - the Nation’s largest and most recognized leadership development program. ROTC participation also meets the leadership requirements for the Superior Edge.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
- Alpha Phi Omega - National Co-Ed Service Fraternity
- Ending Hunger - National and local; food patties
- Relay for Life - Benefitting the American Cancer Association
- Pay It Forward - Good deeds for the sake of others
  Plus - 15 other university associated groups.

PROGRAMMING ORGANIZATIONS
- Campus Cinema - Hosts no cost movies on campus
- Gonzo Media - Independent films and films of diversity
- Platform Personalities -Sponsors a wide range of speakers, pop culture comedians and celebrities in campus forums.
- Prime Time Productions - Student housing special events
- Special Events Committee -Homecoming, WinterFest, Dead River Games, King & Queen Competition, Tailgate Party, Human Sled-Dog Races, Open Skate, and more!
  Plus - 5 other programming groups.

A GROUP FOR EVERYONE
There are so many groups and activities to chose from, you are sure to find one or more to suit your interests. Do a little research on the groups below and be ready to get involved.

Academically Related -72
Campus Media - 4
Diversity Promotion Groups - 13
Greeks - 7
Honor Societies - 7
Residence Halls - 73
Special Interest Groups - 75
Spiritual Clubs and Organizations - 17
Sports Groups - 38
Student Government - 2

SPORTS
ROTC allows plenty of time to participate in sports and Cadets are encouraged to participate at all levels. NMU has a Varsity, Club or Intramural team for your needs.

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Athletic Offerings at NMU.

MEN’S VARSITY
Basketball
Diving
Football
Golf
Hockey
Skiing
Soccer
Swimming

WOMEN’S VARSITY
Basketball
Cross Country
Diving
Golf
Lacrosse
Skiing
Soccer
Swimming
Track and Field
Volleyball

CLUB TEAMS
Alpine Skiing
Baseball
Crew
Dance
Figure Skating
Golden Glitz
Men’s Ice Hockey
Women’s Ice Hockey
Men’s Lacrosse
Women’s Lacrosse
Men’s Rugby
Women’s Rugby
Sailing
Men’s Soccer
Women’s Soccer
Track & Field
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball

INTRAMURALS
Basketball
Battleship
Broomball
Dodgeball
Flag Football
Ice Hockey
Indoor Soccer
Inner Tube Water Polo
Sitting Volleyball
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball

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