



Military Science

Gonzaga's Military Science Department develops officer-leaders of competence and character committed to serving our nation while upholding its mission as stated by the United States Army: "To commission the future officer leadership of the U.S. Army." The core principles of duty, honor, and country serve as the foundation for all of the Department's teachings.

THE PROGRAM

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program is designed to develop competent, confident, and adaptive leaders with the basic military and leadership foundations necessary to lead small units in the Contemporary Operating Environment and to evolve into the Army's future senior leaders. ROTC prepares students for leadership positions within the Army Active Duty, U.S. Army Reserve, and Army National Guard. Students simultaneously earn a bachelor's or master's degree in an academic discipline and a commission as an Army Second Lieutenant.

Gonzaga's Military Science program meets the individual needs of its cadets and the country's need for officer-leaders. Students typically enroll in a Military Science course, leadership laboratory, and physical fitness class each semester, leaving time for other academic and extracurricular activities.

The program consists of two phases:

- The lower-division Basic Course is completed in the freshman and sophomore years. Basic Course credits may also be obtained through placement credit for those with prior service, members of Reserve or National Guard units, participants in high school ROTC programs, and summer Leader's Training Course attendees. Cadets incur no postgraduate obligation during the Basic Course unless they are scholarship recipients.
- The Advanced Course is completed during junior and senior years. Cadets learn leadership theory and apply its lessons as members of the Bulldog Battalion chain of command. After completing both courses and the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) between their junior and senior years, Cadets qualify for a commission in the U.S. Army.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Once students have been admitted to Gonzaga University, they must meet only a few basic requirements to participate in the ROTC Basic Course. However, to participate in the Advanced

Course or receive an ROTC Scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be at least 17 years old by October 31 the year for which he or she is applying for scholarship and under age 31 by December 30 of the year of graduation.
- Be able to complete all commissioning and graduation requirements.
- Be physically fit and medically qualified.
- Achieve minimum SAT/ACT composite scores of 920 (Math and Critical Reading only) or 19 respectively.

(Please note that these minimum scores are a national standard and are not representative of the typical scores needed to obtain admission to Gonzaga University.)

Cadets have flexibility in choosing their course of academic study and major, though many choose majors that align with the Army's identified areas of need, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

GONZAGA ROTC ACCOLADES

Gonzaga's ROTC program consistently ranks among the country's most elite programs based on various measures, including academic performance, LDAC leadership scores, physical fitness, and the number of lieutenants commissioned each year. Every year since 2001, the United States Army Cadet Command has consistently ranked the Gonzaga Bulldog Battalion among the top fifteen percent of the nation's 273 ROTC programs.

As a premier unit in the region, the Bulldog Battalion was presented the 1996, 1998, 2003, 2004, and 2006 General Douglas MacArthur Award. This annual award given by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation recognizes the top battalions in the nation.

The Ranger Challenge Team has won many championships during the past 20 years which include the 8th Brigade championship in 2016 which led to competing in the Sandhurst Competition in West Point, NY.

THE PRIVILEGES

Leading America's Soldiers is a privilege that must be earned. Students who successfully participate in Gonzaga ROTC earn the privilege of commissioning as an officer in the United States Army and forever hold a coveted spot among the elite group of Gonzaga ROTC alumni and veterans.

- Scholarships are merit-based and awarded competitively. Well-rounded individuals with strong backgrounds in academics, athletics, and leadership positions have the best opportunity to earn scholarships.
- Recipients of two, three, or four-year scholarships are guaranteed full tuition and fees, monthly stipend, book allowance, and on-campus room and board.
- Students not awarded a scholarship may attend Military Science classes and have the opportunity to apply for ROTC scholarships after enrolling at Gonzaga. Many of our top cadets have joined the Bulldog Battalion this way.
- Ranger Challenge, ROTC's "varsity sport," is open to all cadets. It features nine-person teams competing in mentally and physically demanding events. Teams compete against other ROTC units in the region. Gonzaga's Ranger teams have dominated regional competition in recent years.
- Gonzaga's Color Guard presents colors at University events, athletic contests, and various military and civilian functions.

- The Bulldog Battalion organizes two annual blood drives for the Inland Northwest Blood Center, as well as a food drive to support the Second Harvest Food Bank.
- Cadets conduct and lead physical training three times a week, and our ROTC Labs are conducted every Thursday at nearby training areas. Cadets are trained in basic tactics and learn the art of leadership and making decisions under pressure. Cadets conduct land navigation and situational tactical training exercises over weekends at Camp Seven Mile twice per semester.
- The Department also encourages its students to participate in other campus activities. Cadets participate in intercollegiate and intramural sports, student government, and numerous clubs and organizations.

THE PEOPLE

Gonzaga University's Military Science Department is comprised of commissioned officers and noncommissioned officers with expertise in numerous fields. The cadre members, like the cadets, come from all educational, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds. This diversity encourages cooperation and understanding—attributes fundamental to success in both military and civilian life. Serving as faculty, advisors, and mentors to cadets, Gonzaga's Military Science cadre consistently win awards and promotions for their commitment and dedication to their students and the U.S. Army.

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