

To one of the most respected ROTC schools in the United States — the

Golden Buffalo Battalion!



Early members of the Cadet Corps at the University of Colorado on the steps of Old Main in 1888. Photo courtesy of CU-Boulder Library Archives.



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WHAT IS ARMY ROTC?

Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) is a program that will enhance your education by providing unique leadership training and management experience. It will help you develop the qualities necessary for success in either a military or civilian career. Students are given an opportunity to earn a college degree and an Army officer's commission at the same time.

Army ROTC (AROTC) cadets are taught to be leaders and are provided handson experience in managing physical, financial, and human resources. They possess a higher level of self-confidence and superior decision-making abilities. Employers value these leadership qualities. That's why ROTC students frequently begin their civilian careers at a higher level of responsibility than other college graduates—and often go on to even higher levels of success.

Once cadets have completed requirements for a bachelor's or graduate degree and the ROTC program, they receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. ROTC is the number one source of commissioned officers in the nation.

INTRODUCTION TO ARMY ROTC

The Buffalo Battalion is organized around a cadet battalion commander and an operations staff. While active duty Army instructors provide military science instruction and supervise all cadet training, the cadets themselves are responsible for the planning and actual completion of each training activity. Senior cadets are the officers of the battalion. Junior and sophomore cadets are the non-commissioned officers, while freshman form the core of the platoons.

The ROTC program is taken in conjunction with regular classes in your selected major. The main focus in AROTC is on management and leadership development, with increasing responsibilities as you progress through the program. A typical cadet takes 2 - 3 credits of ROTC class per semester.

Since 1948, the Golden Buffalo of Colorado Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program has been Commissioning officers to serve in the United States Army and is one of the most highly respected, prestigious units in the nation.

Our officers have gone on to serve with distinction in every theatre of war since the unit's inception, and the Buffalo Battalion's reputation remains unparalleled as we move forward in the 21st century.

ARMY ROTC ACTIVITIES/ADVENTURE TRAINING

Highlights of the program include:

- Ranger Challenge—competition between various ROTC programs and considered the varsity sport for Army ROTC.
- Bataan Memorial Death March—a desert marathon conducted in White Sands, New Mexico every spring.
- Participation in annual cadet ski trip (all expenses paid).
- 10TH Mountain Ski Hut trip—Alpine cross country/snowshoe hiking trip with 10th Mountain Division WWII Veterans.
- Rappelling, Tri Mil Competition, field training exercises (FTX), and High Ropes Course.
- Competitive intramural teams such as hockey and basketball with frequent championships.
- Annual Dining In and Military Ball.
- Numerous community events, such as color guard, parades, and football games.

To request more information contact:

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HOST, PARTNERSHIP, AND AFFILIATE SCHOOLS

The University of Colorado at Boulder (CU-Boulder) has agreements with the schools listed below. You can choose to attend any accredited college in the Denver/Metro area and still take the Army ROTC military science classes at any of our three locations: CU-Boulder, Colorado School of Mines (CSM) in Golden, or the Auraria Campus in Denver. Regis University and University of Colorado Denver (UC-Denver) offer nursing programs for which nursing scholarships are available. Below are admissions phone numbers and contacts at each school. (*Note: Phone numbers and contacts are subject to change.*)

Host and Partnership Schools

Four-year colleges

HOST: University of Colorado Boulder (UCB) www.colorado.edu Admissions: 303-492-6970 Jill Smock, 303-492-1223

Metro State College of Denver (MSCD) www.mscd.edu Admissions: 303-446-3058 Kathy Heyl, 303-556-2978

Regis University (RU) www.regis.edu Admissions: 303-458-4900 Thomas Bowie, 303-458-4360

Johnson and Wales (J&W) www.jwu.edu/denver Main: 303-256-9300

Two-year colleges

Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) www.rrcc.edu Admissions: 303-914-6348 Valerie Dobbs, 303-914-6255

Front Range Community College (FRCC) www.frontrange.edu Admissions: 303-404-5000

Arapahoe Community College (ACC) www.arapahoe.edu Admissions: 303-494-4200 Colorado School of Mines (CSM) www.mines.edu Admissions: 303-273-3220 Peg Mason, 303-273-3220

University of Colorado Denver (UCD) www.cudenver.edu Admissions: 303-556-2704 Barb Edwards, 303-556-2704

University of Denver (DU) www.du.edu Admissions: 303-871-2036 Dennis Becker, 303-871-3897

Colorado Christian University (CCU) www.ccu.edu Admissions: 303-963-3000 Sean Kadel, 303-963-3210

Colorado Technical University (CTU) www.coloradotech.edu Admissions: 303-362-2900

Community College of Denver (CCD) www.ccd.edu Admissions: 303-556-2600

ARMY CAREER BENEFITS

New lieutenants will enter the workforce as leaders and supervise as many as 45 people, while being accountable for hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of assets. Civilian employers will also want your leadership experience and the technical knowledge you gain.

Newly commissioned second lieutenants on active duty earn approximately \$44,000 per year, including non-taxable allowances such as food and housing. Soldiers earn 30 days of annual paid leave (vacation) while on active duty plus have full medical and dental coverage. Soldiers can retire after 20 years of service and still be young enough for a second career while collecting their full retirement pay.

Part-time opportunities exist in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Army National Guard where officers are paid for one weekend of battle assemblies per month and two weeks of annual training. Upon graduation, National Guard and Army Reserve officers attend the same branch specific school as their Active Duty counterparts.

Branches

There are 16 basic career fields, called branches, including several specialized fields.

Basic Branches:

Adjutant General Corps Air Defense Artillery Armor Aviation Chaplain Corps Chemical Corps Corps of Engineers Infantry Medical Service Corps Military Intelligence Military Police Ordnance Signal Corps Quartermaster Special Forces Transportation







Specialized Branches:

Dental Corps Judge Advocate General Medical Corps Army Nurse Corps Veterinary Corps

ARMY ROTC PROGRAM









The first two years of AROTC are considered the *Basic Course*, and the last two years are considered the *Advanced Course*. Participants can start AROTC as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or graduate students.

Basic Course

Military Science I Year

This is the cadets' first introduction to the Army. Topics include military courtesy, military history, basic first aid, land navigation, fundamentals of leadership, field training, and drill & ceremony. Cadets typically take both the 2-credit MILR I class, which meets for 50 minutes twice per week, and the weekly Leadership Lab on Thursday. During each semester, cadets also have the opportunity to attend a three-day field training exercise, involving events such as day and night land navigation, squad tactics, obstacle course, weapons training, and a Leadership Reaction Course (LRC). There is no military obligation for taking these courses, unless the cadet is a scholarship recipient.

Military Science II Year

The MILR II year is an expansion of the topics taught in the first year. Cadets are introduced to tactics, troop leading procedures, basics of operations orders, and ethics. MILR II cadets take both the 3-credit Military Science II class, which meets for one hour twice per week, and the weekly Leadership Lab. MILR II cadets may also attend the three-day field training exercise each semester. There is no military obligation for taking this course, unless the cadet is a scholarship recipient or is a contracted cadet.

Leadership Training Course

Cadets attend the *Leadership Training Course* (LTC) if they have four semesters remaining before graduation, have no prior military experience, or missed any portion of the *Basic Course* and want to enter the advanced ROTC program. Those choosing this option attend LTC the summer before they begin the MILR III year. LTC is a four-week course conducted at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Cadets receive training pay while in attendance. Travel, housing, food, and uniforms are also paid for by the U.S. Army. Cadets learn the same skills and fundamentals of military science, leadership, values, and ethics taught in the *Basic Course*.

Advanced Course

Military Science III Year

MILR III marks the beginning of the *Advanced Course*. While non-scholarship cadets may take the first two years with no military obligation, MILR III cadets must sign a contract incurring a military obligation to serve part or full time once commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Cadets take both the 3-credit MILR III class for 90 minutes twice per week and the weekly Leadership Lab. This course is focused on the application of leadership and small-unit tactics. Cadets are assigned rotating leadership positions within the Buffalo Battalion and are evaluated on their performance and leadership abilities. MILR III cadets practice briefing operations orders, executing small-unit tactics, leading and participating in physical training, and preparing for successful performance at the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC). Attendance at LDAC is mandatory for *Advanced Course* cadets.

Leadership Development Assessment Course

The Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) is a paid five-week leadership course conducted at Fort Lewis, Washington during the summer. At LDAC, cadets take on various leadership roles and are evaluated on their performance and leadership abilities. Cadets also participate in adventure training to include confidence and obstacle courses, rappelling, water safety, weapons firing, and patrolling. Cadets must attend and successfully complete this course to earn an Army commission.

Military Science IV Year

This is the final year of the ROTC program, and the main focus is toward preparing cadets to become successful lieutenants in the Army upon graduation and commissioning.

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Cadets are assigned cadet battalion staff positions and are responsible for evaluating MS III cadets and executing training operations and missions. Cadets take both the 3-credit Military Science (MS) IV class and the weekly Leadership Lab.

The MS IV class meets twice per week for 90 minutes and is taught by the Professor of Military Science (PMS). During the MS IV year, cadets also lead the Leadership Labs. MILR IV cadets are introduced to the Military Decision Making Process (MDMP), battle analysis, leadership counseling, and staff operations. Upon completion of the course program and graduation, cadets will receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Physical Training (PT)

Physical fitness and leading a healthy lifestyle are important parts of military service. Cadets participate in PT three times per week (MWF) to increase muscle strength and endurance. PT consists of grass drills, push-up and sit-up improvement, and ability group runs. PT is mandatory for all contracted cadets.

Weekly Leadership Laboratories

These 90-minute periods provide cadets with practical leadership experience and performance-oriented, hands-on instruction outside the classroom. Diagnostic evaluations of cadets in leadership roles are frequently administered. Leadership Labs are mandatory for all contracted cadets.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Army ROTC Scholarships (four-year)

This scholarship type is awarded to high school seniors who will soon graduate or obtain an equivalent certificate. Competition for these scholarships is high, as over 6,000 students from across the country apply for them. Scholarships cover full tuition and fees plus a \$1,200 per year book allowance. Scholarship cadets also receive a monthly tax-free stipend (\$300, \$350, \$450, or \$500) based on their academic year level (e.g., freshman, sophomore, etc.).

Applicants can apply online before January 10 at www.rotc.usaac.army.mil.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be 17 years of age by October of the semester you are entering college.
- Must not reach 39 years of age by June 30 of the year you will graduate from college..
- Be a high school graduate or possess an equivalent certificate.

- Have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5.
- Receive a waiver for an arrest and/or civil conviction (if applicable).
- Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT.
- Have no moral or personal conviction against bearing arms or supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States.

Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria to receive further scholarship consideration. Selected applicants will be notified to schedule a Presidential Fitness Test (PFT), a medical examination, and a personal interview.

Presidential Fitness Test (PFT)

This is administered by a coach at the high school or through a Junior ROTC program. This is only an indicator for the application. Cadets must pass an Army Physical Fitness Test within the first semester of starting ROTC in order for a scholarship to go into effect.

Medical Examination

ROTC applicants must pass a medical examination by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). You will be notified by Cadet Command when and where to take the physical. If you have ever been hospitalized or on medication please notify the Scholarship and Enrollment Officer at 303-492-3549. Most medical history is waiverable as long as it does not interfere with running, sit-ups, and pushups.









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Personal Interview

You will be interviewed over the telephone or in person, depending on the travel distance involved. You can also opt to interview at a University close to your home of record.

Military Obligation

If you are selected for an AROTC Scholarship, you are required to:

- Sign a contract with the Department of the Army. If you are under 18 years of age when you enroll, your parents or guardians must also sign this contract. This contract contains a requirement to repay the U.S. Government for all financial aid received if, after you begin your sophomore year, you fail to comply with the terms of the contract. This repayment may be either monetary or in the form of enlisted service. The choice rests with the Army and not with the scholarship cadet.
- Attend the five-week Leadership Development Assessment Course between your junior and senior years of college.
- Serve as an officer in the military for a period of eight years. This may be fulfilled by:
 - Serving on active duty for four years, followed by four years of active duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, or Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) service. Term of obligation begins at time of commissioning.
 - Serving six years in the National Guard or Army Reserve and two years in the IRR. Term of obligation begins at time of commissioning.

Campus-Based Scholarships (two-, three-, or four-year)

Campus scholarships are offered to students who were not offered or did not apply for the ROTC Scholarship in high school. These scholarships range in length from two to four years. Scholarships cover full tuition and fees each year, a book allowance of \$1,200 per year, and a monthly tax-free stipend ranging from \$300 to \$500.

Eligibility Requirements

Requirements are the same as a four-year scholarship.

Military Obligation

If you are selected for a campus-based scholarship, your obligation is the same as that of a high school ROTC scholarship.

Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) Scholarships

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship/ Dedicated Army National Guard Scholarship (Three- and two-year)

The Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) program and the Dedicated ARNG scholarship is for cadets who are interested in a commission in the U.S. Army Reserve or the National Guard. These scholarships pay full tuition and fees each year, Scholarship awardees receive a book allowance of \$1,200 per year and a monthly tax-free stipend ranging from \$350 to \$500. These cadets also receive approximately \$220 per month for weekend drill as participants in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).

Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the same requirements used for a four-year scholarship you must also:

- Complete the ROTC *Basic Course* requirements basic training, or the Leadership Training Course (LTC).
- Participate in the SMP program with a guard or reserve unit.

Military Obligation

If you are selected for a Dedicated ARNG scholarship or GRFD, you are required to:

- Sign a contract in the National Guard or Army Reserve upon commissioning.
- Serve six years in a unit and two years in the IRR. Term of obligation begins at time of commissioning.









NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS







ROTC provides an opportunity for nursing students to receive practical, hands-on leadership experience. The courses provide a chance for students to develop management, communication, and decision-making skills in a non-threatening environment. Physical training and confidence building activities also provide students with the chance to be mentally and physically challenged. Students who are interested in obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) may enroll in ROTC on the two-, three-, or four-year plan as mentioned earlier. Upon completion of the program, students are commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Scholarships pay the same benefits and follow the same course curriculum as other scholarship cadets.

Eligibility Requirements

Requirements are the same as a four-year scholarship.

Military Obligation

If accepted as a nursing scholarship cadet, you are required to:

- Accept a commission to serve on active duty uponcompletion of the required academic and ROTC courses.
- Serve in the military for a period of eight years.

This may be fulfilled by serving on active duty for four years followed by four years of service in the National Guard, Army Reserve, or Inactive Ready Reserve.

Nursing Summer Training Program (NSTP)

Nursing cadets have the opportunity to attend the Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) following LDAC during the summer between their junior and senior year. NSTP is an optional three-week, 120-hour clinical rotation in an Army hospital, where cadets work one-on-one with an Army nurse preceptor/instructor. Cadets receive pay while gaining hands-on experience. The Army also pays for meals, lodging, and transportation to and from training. Examples of NSTP locations are Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C., Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany.

After Graduation

Once cadets complete all ROTC courses and nursing program requirements, they receive their commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. After

commissioning, nursing officers must take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) within 60 days. The Army pays for the NCLEX prep course (\$300+ value) to ensure ROTC nurse cadets are prepared. Army nurses receive the same pay and benefits as their peers.

Continuing Education for Nurses

After one year of service, you may apply for a clinical specialty course in one of the following areas: reoperative nursing, critical care, psychiatric/mental health, OB/GYN, community health, and emergency nursing. Also, once you are promoted to the rank of captain, you may also apply for selection to graduate degree programs for anesthesia nursing, health care administration, and family nurse practitioner.

NON-SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Students can participate in ROTC without a scholarship and still receive the ROTC monthly stipend ranging from \$350 to \$500 during their sophomore, junior, and senior year once contracted. These students may elect to participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program with a U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard unit and receive tuition waivers or reimbursement. ROTC course requirements are the same as other two- to three-year program students, with the exception of military obligation. Non-scholarship students are required to serve three years active duty time and have the option to serve the remaining five years in active duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, or Inactive Ready Reserve.

Students have a wide variety of experience and education. For this reason, the program has several options for students interested in taking ROTC classes and receiving a commission. Listed below are the options available.

ARMY ROTC PROGRAM OPTIONS

Four-Year Program

The four-year program is divided into two parts—the *Basic Course* and the *Advanced Course*. The *Basic Course* comprises the first two years of college. Except for scholarship cadets, the *Basic Course* is voluntary and all students are eligible. After the completion of the *Basic Course*, students who meet the eligibility requirements and have demonstrated leadership potential contract to the *Advanced Course*. Scholarship cadets must contract to activate their scholarship. The *Advanced Course* consists of four consecutive semesters of coursework and attendance at the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) following the first year in the *Advanced Course*.

ARMY ROTC PROGRAM OPTIONS

Three-and-a-Half Year Program

Some cadets find out about the program in the middle of their first year of college and decide to apply for a three-year scholarship or want to take classes in the spring. In this case, students enroll in the MILR I class for the spring semester and then double up on the MILR I and II classes the next fall semester, enabling them to complete the *Basic Course* in three semesters as opposed to four. If course load does not allow the doubling up of military science classes, students attend the Leadership Training Course during the summer before their ents are identical to the four-year program.

Three-Year Program

The three-year program is available to students who want to start ROTC as a sophomore. Students complete the *Basic Course* in one year instead of two by taking both the MILR I and II classes at the same time. Students in this program are considered "compression" students. If course load does not allow the doubling up of military science classes, students attend the Leadership Training Course during the summer. The rest of the requirements are the same as the four -year program.

Two-Year Program

The two-year option allows eligible students to contract at the time they are academic juniors, seniors, or graduate students with 54 credits of college or four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. Students entering the 2 year program must complete Basic Training or its equivalent, such as the Leadership Training Course.

Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)

SMP allows non-scholarship cadets to gain leadership experience as members of an Army National Guard or Reserve unit while simultaneously participating in ROTC to receive a commission. SMP cadets follow the two-or three-year plan as mentioned above. SMP cadets are non-deployable while contracted in ROTC. The criteria required to participate in the program are as follows:

- Contract into ROTC
- U.S. Citizen
- Complete the SMP agreement
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA
- Meet Army height/weight standards
- Pass Army physical fitness test
- Complete Basic Training or equivalent, such as ROTC *Basic Course*, or Leadership Training Course

QUICK FAQS

How do I take classes?

Army ROTC courses are listed in the school course catalogs. Look for the following course prefixes either in the catalog or online.

• CU-Boulder, CU-Denver, Regis, and Metro: MILR

(Note: UC-Denver students must see their dean to fill out a concurrent form to take ROTC classes at CU-Boulder.)

- Colorado School of Mines: MSGN
- Colorado Christian University: MIL
- University of Denver: RTC
- Community Colleges of Colorado: ARM
- Metropolitan State University: MILR

Register for the class and time that fits your schedule. You can attend classes at either CU-Boulder, Auraria Campus in Denver, or Colorado School of Mines in Golden. For contact information at your school, see "Host and Partnership Schools." Or, you can call the AROTC main line at 303-492-6495.

Do I have an obligation to the military?

If you take only the first two years of the ROTC

program (*Basic Course*), there is no military obligation, unless you are a scholarship cadet. If you take the last two years of the program (*Advanced Course*), you must contract with ROTC, which does create an obligation.

What if I'm a college senior going on to graduate school or a graduate student now?

Graduate students can enroll in the Advanced Course. If a student has no prior military training, then they must attend the Leadership Training Course during the summer prior to their first fall semester.

Who do I talk to?

Contact the Scholarship and Enrollment Officer at 303-492-3549 to see if AROTC can help you meet your goals and assist you with determining which program will work best for you.







QUOTES



Being the first one in my family to go to college has been tough, but Army ROTC instilled the discipline and leadership skills that I needed to achieve my goals. Learning what I am capable of is the most rewarding thing that ROTC has given me.—Cadet Myra Ramirez, Charlie Company Commander, Charlie Company, Spanish Literature, University of Colorado at Boulder.



Being in Army ROTC has taught me that there are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure. It has taught me how to improve myself physically, mentally, emotionally, and manage my time better. It is because of Army ROTC that I feel prepared to adapt and overcome any challenge I may face in life, both military and civilian. —Cadet Brian Taylor, c/MAJ, IN, Alpha Company, International Business, University of Colorado at Boulder.



The Army ROTC program offers me the opportunity to not only gain very unique training, but I know I will learn practical leadership skills that will last a lifetime. I find myself among elite individuals where everyone has the strong desire to never settle for less then excellence. Within these strong bonds I find the drive to constantly push beyond my physical and mental limits. In addition, with the many opportunities for scholarships and financial assistance, the shadow of loans and college expenses no longer restrict my desire for a college education. I can focus on academics and live the life of a college student, while acquiring valuable experience and skills from the Army ROTC program. —Cadet Liz Tran, Charlie Company, International Studies, University of Denver. The most beneficial skill AROTC has taught me is how to balance one's life. Whether I am a playing the role of a student, a cadet, or working in a mine, ROTC has given me the confidence to succeed and know that everything I am doing is soon leading to the best role I can imagine—serving in the United States Army.— Cadet Joe Geiger, Bravo Company, Mining Engineering, Colorado School of Mines.

I am so happy to be an Army Nurse Cadet because I experience opportunities on a daily basis that allow me to challenge myself beyond my civilian peers, both physically and academically. The chance to experience Army ROTC and be an Army Nurse is such a blessing. You develop strong bonds that will last a life time, as well as gaining the confidence to say that you are "Army Strong". Being an Army Nursing Cadet has changed my life!—Cadet Sandra Garner, Charlie Company, Nursing, Regis University.

I enjoy Army ROTC because it brings out my best qualities as a student and a cadet. I recommend this program for anyone that wants to be part of something bigger than themselves. ROTC is an excellent way to challenge yourself and meet the goals you set out to accomplish.—Cadet Greg de Rozario, Alpha Company, Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder.







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