ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Office of Central Advising

The Office of Central Advising (OCA) serves as the gateway for two important groups of students – new undergraduate freshmen and transfer students who are undecided about their future majors or paths to graduation, and new freshmen whose prior academic record and experiences indicate a likelihood of success if given individualized support and the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment. The OCA facilitates and supports the academic growth of students and their transition and inclusion in university life.

When a student is admitted via the OCA, the advisor becomes the student’s first point of contact, and begins to build that relationship with each student from that first meeting. The advisor serves as an advocate for the student and liaison with campus support offices, and helps the student interpret placement test scores and enroll in classes. S/he also encourages tutoring when necessary, informs students of university policies and procedures, serves as a referral source, helps students gain information about financial aid, and provides other information as needed to succeed at UWM.

In addition, students may choose support from one or more multicultural offices (http://www4.uwm.edu/msc) within OCA, and can benefit from services provided by these offices, as well.

For more information, please contact the Office of Central Advising at (414) 229-4696, or visit us in Mitchell Hall, Room 117.

Military Science Program

Army ROTC

UW-Milwaukee students have the opportunity to participate in the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (AROTC) at Marquette University. The AROTC program provides university students with leadership, management, technical, and tactical skills that will enable them to start their journey as commissioned officers in the United States Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard.

Army ROTC is not a major field of study. It is a program in which students pursue a baccalaureate degree of their choice and take AROTC courses in military-oriented subject matter. AROTC provides a general knowledge of the contemporary role of the Army in support of national objectives and a practicum in management and leadership skills. Credits earned in military science courses apply toward graduation requirements.

The Army ROTC program offers competitive two-, three-, and four-year scholarships to qualified students. Currently, the scholarships offered for UWM students cover full tuition and fees or room and board, $1,200 a year for books, and a $300-$500 monthly stipend.

General Eligibility

To be eligible for an AROTC scholarship, students must:

- Be a United States citizen;
- Be a full-time student;
- Have no major civil convictions;
- Not be a conscientious objector;
- Be medically qualified;
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA; and
- Have a minimum ACT score of 19 or SAT score of 950.

The Army ROTC program is divided into two parts: the basic course (freshman and sophomore years) and the advanced course (junior and senior years). The freshman year course currently is being offered at UWM; the remainder of the courses are offered at Marquette University. Credit hours earned at Marquette University are transferred to UWM student transcripts and count towards GPA and elective credit.

Basic Course

In the basic course, cadets learn basic military skills and receive the foundation for leadership and management skills that are expanded during the advanced course. The basic course is open to all full-time UWM students without any obligation to the Army.

Advanced Course

During the advanced course, cadets learn more extensive leadership and management skills, and they are placed into various leadership positions in the battalion. Cadets also develop skills and attributes that are essential for all commissioned officers in the U.S. Army.

In addition to completing the military science courses, advanced-course students are required to attend the Advanced Leadership Course at Fort Lewis, Washington, during the summer between the junior and senior years. During this five-week camp, cadets are expected to apply all of the skills that they have learned in the AROTC program. In addition, cadets are offered the opportunity to compete for a chance to attend Airborne School, Air Assault School, or Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT). CTLT is an “internship” in which cadets have a chance to see what a Second Lieutenant does on an active duty Army post.

To qualify for the Advanced Course, students must accomplish one of the following:

- Complete the two years of the basic course;
- Attend the Basic Leaders Course, a six-week camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky; or
- Complete U.S. Army Basic Training or its equivalent.

Field Exercises

Once a semester, all of the cadets in the program go to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, to practice all of the skills that they have learned. Advanced course cadets also are given the opportunity to improve their leadership skills by being placed in various leadership positions leading other cadets.

Physical Training

Three times a week, cadets are required to attend physical training (PT). During PT, cadets do physical activities such as push-ups, sit-ups, and running. PT currently is conducted at both UWM and Marquette University.

For more information about enrolling in the Army ROTC program, contact army-rotc@uwm.edu or the Department of Military Science at Marquette University, (414) 288-7195, or www.marquette.edu/rotc/army (http://www.marquette.edu/rotc/army).

Air Force ROTC

UW-Milwaukee students have the opportunity to participate fully in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) Program. Students enrolled
in the Air Force ROTC program attend AFROTC courses at Marquette University.

Through this program, UWM offers its students the opportunity to prepare for initial active duty assignments as Air Force Commissioned Officers. In order to receive a commission, AFROTC cadets must complete all university requirements for a degree and courses specified by the Air Force. AFROTC offers four- and three-year programs leading to a commission as an Air Force officer. Four-year program students complete the general military course and the professional officer course.

General qualifications:

- Be a full-time student;
- Be a United States citizen (for scholarship appointment);
- Be in good physical condition;
- Be of good moral character;
- For pilot or navigator training, fulfill all commissioning requirements before age 29;
- For scholarship recipients, fulfill all commissioning requirements before age 31; and
- For non-scholarship students, fulfill all commissioning requirements before age 31.

**General Military Course**

The first- and second-year educational program in Air Force Aerospace Studies consists of a series of one-hour courses designed to give students basic information on world military systems and the role of the U.S. Air Force in the defense of the free world. All required textbooks and uniforms are provided free. The general military course is open to all students at UWM without advance application and does not obligate students to the Air Force in any way.

**Field Training**

AFROTC Field Training is offered during the summer months at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and provides leadership and officer training in a structured military environment. Major areas of study include physical training, drill and ceremony, marksmanship, and survival training. The Air Force pays all expenses associated with field training.

**Professional Officer Course**

The third and fourth years of Air Force Aerospace Studies are designed to develop skills and attitudes vital to the professional officer. Students completing the professional officer course are commissioned as officers in the U.S. Air Force upon college graduation. All students in the professional officer course receive a non-taxable subsistence allowance per month during the academic year. Students wanting to enter the professional officer course should apply early in the spring semester in order to begin this course of study in the following fall semester.

**Leadership Lab**

Leadership Lab is a cadet-centered activity. It is largely cadet-planned and -directed, in line with the premise that it provides leadership training experience that will improve a cadet’s ability to perform as an Air Force officer. The freshman and sophomore leadership laboratory program introduces Air Force customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, wearing the uniform, career opportunities in the Air Force, education and training benefits, the life and work of an Air Force officer, and opportunities for field trips to Air Force installations throughout the U.S. Initial experiences include preparing the cadet for individual squadron and flight movements in drill and ceremonies and for the field training assignment prior to the junior year.

The junior and senior leadership laboratory program involves the cadets in advanced leadership experiences. Cadet responsibilities include planning and directing the activities of the cadet corps, preparing briefings and written communications, and providing interviews, guidance, information, and other services that will increase the performance and motivation of other cadets.

**AFROTC College Scholarship and High School Scholarship Programs**

While participating in AFROTC, scholarship students receive a stipend per month along with paid tuition, fees, and a fixed textbook reimbursement. To be eligible for either of these programs, students must:

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be at least 17 years of age on the date of enrollment and under 31 years of age on December 31 of the estimated year of commissioning;
- Pass an Air Force physical exam;
- Be selected by a board of Air Force officers;
- Have no moral objections or personal convictions that prevent bearing arms and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic (applicants must not be conscientious objectors);
- Maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

High school students can apply for scholarships late in their junior year or early in their senior year. Information on Air Force ROTC and applications for Air Force scholarships are available at www.AFROTC.com. Scholarship applications will not be accepted after December 1 of the year before entering college.

For more information, contact the Department of Aerospace Studies at Marquette University, (414) 288-7682.

**Naval ROTC**

The Naval Science Department at Marquette University administers the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program. Graduates who complete all requirements will receive reserve commissions and serve on active duty in the Navy or Marine Corps with a minimum three-year commitment for non-scholarship students and five-year commitment for scholarship students.

**Scholarships**

NROTC offers two-, three-, and four-year scholarships to qualified applicants. Four-year scholarships are awarded on a national level to qualified high school applicants (visit www.nrotc.navy.mil for more information and to apply). Two- and three-year scholarships are awarded to students who have completed at least one, but not more than four, terms of college while a member of the NROTC Unit. Two-year scholarships for students who are entering their junior year and have not previously been enrolled in the NROTC program also are available.

Students entering UWM with a four-year scholarship, earned on a competitive basis while still in high school, will receive full tuition, fees, laboratory expenses, a stipend for books, and a subsistence allowance of $250 to $400 per month, depending on class year. Necessary uniforms and textbooks for required Naval Science courses are issued as well.
Basic Requirements:

• Be a U.S. citizen;
• Not less than 17 years old by Sept. 1 of year starting college, and no more than 23 on June 30 of that year;
• Be of good moral character;
• Be a high school graduate;
• Be 27 or younger by June 30 of the year you will graduate;
• Be physically qualified by Navy/Marine Corps standards; and
• Achieve qualifying scores on the SAT or ACT
  ACT: 22 verbal, 22 math (22 composite for Marine Corps)
  SAT: 530 verbal, 520 math (1000 composite for Marine Corps).

Students not on scholarship can still participate in the NROTC College Program. They receive uniforms and Naval Science textbooks, and $350 and $400 per month during their junior and senior years, respectively. All College Program students are eligible to compete for Naval Education and Training Command scholarships. Students are selected on a competitive basis after completing at least one term as an NROTC College Program student. Selection boards meet semiannually in March and June to consider students based on their most recent term. Students may receive scholarship benefits for three or two academic years. Once selected, the students receive the same benefits and incur the same active duty requirements as students in the four-year scholarship program.

The Naval Science Department teaches Naval Science courses and supervises a midshipman-run drill program that instills leadership skills and professional development in all members of the midshipman battalion. All midshipmen are required to register for and participate in this two-hour weekly drill period, which occurs at the Marquette University Gymnasium. One Naval Science class each term is also required, with the exception of Nurse Corps and Marine Corps Options. Students enrolled in the program from UWM attend Naval Science classes at Marquette as "cross-town" students, while the rest of their major is completed on the UWM campus. Midshipmen on scholarship or in advanced-standing status also are required to attend a four- to six-week training period each summer. This summer training introduces midshipmen to the fleet and to the life of a junior Naval Officer. The summer training period also provides an orientation to each of the different warfare specialties available upon graduation (aviation, surface, submarine, and the Marine Corps).

All Navy Option scholarship students are required to complete one year of calculus by the end of their sophomore year, and one year of calculus-based physics by the end of their junior year. Navy Option college program students must complete one year each in mathematics and physical science. One course on World Cultural Awareness, one year of English, and either an American Military History or National Security Policy course also are required for all NROTC students.

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and personal qualifications. Neither a Parents’ Confidential Financial Statement nor a standard FAF is required for consideration for Naval ROTC scholarships.

For more information, contact the Department of Naval Science at Marquette University, (414) 288-7076, or visit our website at www.marquette.edu/rotc/navy (http://www.marquette.edu/rotc/navy).