

ADVISING SUPPORT AY 2025-2026

For Faculty Advising Loyola University Maryland Army ROTC GREYHOUND BATTALION Students



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What is ROTC?

- Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) is an elective curriculum taken alongside core and major/minor courses for undergraduate and graduate students.
- ROTC activities each semester include two 1-hour physical training sessions, a twice-a-week military science course; and one four-hour lab on Wednesday mornings (6:00am-9:50am).
- Upon graduation, ROTC students are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. Students choose full-time (active duty) or part-time (reserve component) service. Graduates who choose part-time service can pursue full-time civilian employment or graduate studies while serving the Army part-time in the city and state of their choosing.

Did you know?

- Loyola students can join ROTC through the beginning of junior year and can then apply for 1- to 3-year scholarships.
- A significant portion of ROTC students receive Army scholarships (currently 26% with historic high rates of 30-40%). ROTC scholarship recipients receive full tuition from the Army and full room and board from Loyola. Scholarship payments are rescinded in full if students do not fulfill program requirements.
- The Study offers specialized academic and organizational consultation to support all Loyola ROTC students. Please direct your ROTC students to this amazing resource! (Questions can be directed to the Director of Learning Support, Dr. Justine Khadduri, jfkhadduri@loyola.edu).

If you are advising ROTC students, they should take the following courses:

- **First Year (Basic Course)**
 - Fall: Students take MS 101 (Leadership and Personal Development) and MS 099 (Leadership Lab).
 - Spring: Students take MS 102 (Introduction to Tactical Leadership) and MS 099
- **Sophomore Year (Basic Course)**
 - Fall: Students take MS 201 (Innovative Team Leadership) and MS 099
 - Spring: Students take MS 209 (Foundations in Tactical Leadership) and MS 099
 - *Note:* An accelerated path is available to students who did not complete the ROTC curriculum during their first year.
- **Junior Year (Advanced Course)**
 - Fall: MS 301 (Adaptive Team Leadership) and MS 99
 - Spring: MS 302 (Applied Team Leadership) and MS 99
 - *Note:* Students can skip the basic course and join ROTC during the fall of their junior year if they have Basic Camp Credit: 4-years of high school JROTC or if they complete 30-days of summer training at Kentucky (Basic Camp). All graduate students enter the program at this point.
- **Senior Year (Advanced Course)**
 - Fall: MS 401 (Developing Adaptive Leaders) and MS 99

- Spring: MS 402 (Leadership in a Complex World) and MS 99
- *Note:* Students can take MS 403 (Intensive Ind Military Study) in substitute of MS 402 with approval from Cadet Command if they pursue full-time internships during their final semester. Scholarship students choosing to delay their commission to pursue graduate studies *may* be approved by Cadet Command to continue taking this course to continue receipt of monies.

Where we need your help:

- As an academic advisor, please help ROTC students arrange their schedules to make progress on their academic requirements and to register for both their required military science course and their mandatory lab which runs for four hours (6:00am-9:50am) on Wednesday morning. We appreciate your support helping them adjust their schedules to meet their ROTC obligations
- ROTC students have priority registration (similar to athletes) in order to allow them to organize their schedule to fit in with their ROTC requirements
- ROTC students are required by Cadet Command to complete a Planned Academic Program Worksheet at the start of each semester and have it signed by their Advisor each semester. They are required to update their planning each semester and have it signed. The ROTC leadership appreciates your help making time to sign this important form each semester.

If you are advising a student who is not currently in ROTC but this person could be a good fit for the program, please help them know that:

- Army ROTC is an elective curriculum and students can participate in the Basic Course (first year, sophomore year) without any obligation to join the army.
- There is an accelerated path for students who begin ROTC sophomore or the beginning of junior year, so that they are ready for their Advanced Courses during junior and senior year
- Students who are already enrolled at Loyola can join ROTC and compete for scholarships to support their education. Physically fit students with 3.3+ cumulative GPAs are highly competitive for scholarships. Please direct interested students to the Military Science Chair.