



Army ROTC Briefing



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Purpose

To inform Parents about the benefits of their students becoming involved with Army ROTC at St. Bonaventure University.





Army ROTC Overview

Common Misconceptions of ROTC

- If you enroll in ROTC do you need to enlist in the U.S. Army?
 - *Fact: NO OBLIGATION to join the Army for the first two years of ROTC.*
 - *Allows students to make the decision that is right for them.*
 - *Fact: ROTC Cadets do not enlist; receive a commission as an Officer.*
 - *Officers are managers, junior enlisted personnel are the workforce.*
- Is ROTC a prerequisite to Officer Candidate School?
 - *Fact: ROTC is a separate Officer producing program for college students.*
 - *ROTC produces the bulk of the Army's Officers.*
- Does ROTC takes up all of your time as a college student?
 - *Fact: ABSOLUTELY NOT! ROTC allows Cadets flexibility to live the “college experience” and become an Army Officer.*
 - *ROTC Students are leaders of campus clubs, captains of sports teams, etc.*
 - *Fact: ROTC Cadets have some summer training requirements, equivalent to a paid summer internship.*



Army ROTC Overview

What is Army ROTC?

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps is a college-based program that develops the future leaders of America. Students who successfully earn a bachelors degree and complete all ROTC training become Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

ROTC is divided into Two Courses and an Internship Program

- Basic Course (Freshmen and Sophomore)
 - Focus on: Army history, organization, leadership, and team building.
 - No Military Commitment unless a student earns a contract from the Army.
- Advanced Course (Junior and Senior)
 - Focus on: Advanced problem solving and leadership– Further prepares students to become Army Officers.
 - Commitment to Army as an Officer after graduation.
- **Internship Program (Contracted Cadets Only)**
 - Contracted ROTC Students hold a leadership position within the student-run Seneca Battalion.



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ROTC Class (Military Science 101)

- One 50 minute class a week. Worth one elective credit.
- Covers Army organization, basic leadership, teamwork, effective communication, etc.
- The class can be taken without the lab.
- Mix of lecture, class interaction, and small group activities
- Taught by Army Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers who are experts in the Army Profession.
- Offered on Tuesday afternoons:
 - Section I -2:30-3:20
 - Section II- 4:00-4:50





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ROTC Lab (Military Science 101L)

- One two hour lab per week. Worth one elective credit.
- Thursday afternoons from 2:30-4:30.
- Student planned and run; Advanced Course Cadets plan and run weekly training as part of their lab grade.
- Fun and challenging outdoor activities to include:
 - Small unit maneuvers using paintball
 - Orienteering with a map and compass
 - Obstacle course
- Field Leader Exercise (FLX). One weekend during the semester held right on campus. Includes students from other local universities for a larger training event.





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ROTC Physical Readiness Training Program

- Physical Readiness Training (PRT or PT) is an organized physical fitness program.
- Mix of cardio, strength, and endurance training.
- Student planned and run, Cadre supervised.
- Optional for students trying ROTC for the first time.
- Meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:00am to 7:00am at the Richter Center.





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ROTC Clubs and Events

- Gold Bar Club: Plans and organizes ROTC social events:
 - Dining-In: Formal dinner and roast held in the fall semester.
 - Military Ball: Formal dinner and dance held in the spring semester.
- Ranger Challenge Team: ROTC's "Varsity Sport!"
 - Take regular PT to the next level and learn Army skills and small unit teamwork.
 - SBU's Rangers compete against over 40 other teams in a 2 day competition.
- Color Guard: Be the symbol of the Seneca Battalion!
 - Presents the American Colors at sporting and ceremonial events.

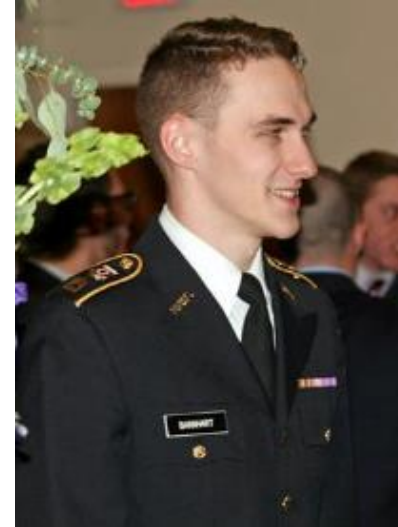




How Can Your Student Benefit?

Educational Benefits

- Earn general elective credit that counts towards their degree.
- Apply Army Leadership to your degree field! Learn to become a leader, better organized, an effective communicator, and a team player!
- Graduate on time! ROTC students have a high success rate of graduating due to additional mentorship and by completing semester degree plans.





How Can Your Student Benefit?

Summer Training and Internship Opportunities

- Cadet Initial Entry Training: Take the training your student learns at lab to the next level!
- Cadet Leader Course: Hone your student's leadership skills before becoming an Army Officer.
- Cultural Understanding/Language Proficiency: The exchange program of a lifetime; travel to up to 40 countries and train with Cadets abroad!
- Internships: From an Army Hospital in Hawaii to a Forensics Lab in Virginia Beach there is an internship for anyone!





How Can Your Student Benefit?

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

- Uncle Sam may help pay for college in exchange for service as an Officer.
- We are looking for the best, does your student have what it takes?
 - Scholar: 3.0 GPA or higher, 1130 or higher on the SAT (Math and Verbal)
 - Athlete: Participates in varsity or club athletics
 - Leader: Serves as a leader of clubs, teams, or service organizations
- ROTC Scholarships – Get full-tuition paid for 3.5 to 2 years of school!
 - University waives room and board.
 - Based on availability and needs of the Army.
 - Special scholarships for STEM students or those who wish to serve part-time.
- Federal and State Tuition Assistance – Start ahead as an SMP Cadet!
 - Students who are in the National Guards or Army Reserves gain valuable financial assistance and can earn a commission through ROTC's Simultaneous Membership Program.
- Civilian Sponsored Scholarship Program – Civilians awarding for service!
 - ROTC students can apply for scholarships from Military Friendly organizations.



How Can Your Student Benefit?

Guaranteed Job After College!

- Walk into management right away! Successful graduates earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.
- Choose the to serve! ROTC graduates serve either full-time on Active Duty or part-time in the Army Reserves or Army National Guard;
- Get into the career of their dreams! Army Officers receive job training in a variety of fields to include Medical, Business, Logistics, and many more!

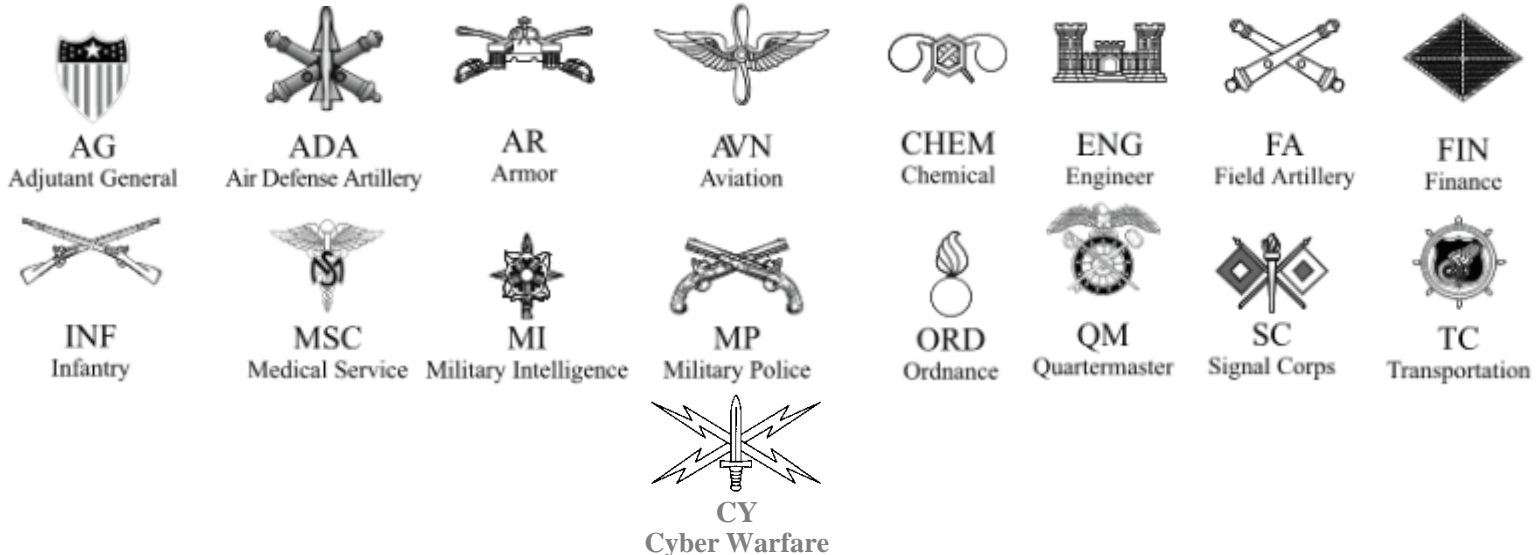




Life as an Army Officer

Starting off your child's career as an Army Officer

- After attending the Basic Officer Leadership Course to learn their branch specialty Second Lieutenants start as Platoon Leaders and lead up to 50 subordinates.
- Army Officers start their service in one of 17 basic branches.
- Opportunities for students wishing to become Doctors/Healthcare Professionals, Lawyers, and Clergy.








Life as an Army Officer

Active Duty

- Serve Abroad! Be stationed in Germany, Hawaii, Italy, and more!
- Competitive pay! Earn non-taxable housing and subsistence allowances on top of base pay.
- World class benefits! Receive free medical & dental care.
- 30 days of paid vacation a year with most federal holidays off.
- Collect retirement after 20 years of service!
- Further their education – Earn the transferable Post 9/11 GI Bill!



Years of Service	less than 2	2	3	4
	\$56,576			
	\$65,047	\$71,190	\$77,868	
			\$83,874	\$88,791

Note: Figures based on January 2014 for a single officer stationed at Fort Drum, NY



Life as an Army Officer

Reserve Component

- Citizen Soldiers – Flexibility to get the civilian career of their dreams and also serve their country.
- Part-time service in Army Reserves or Army National Guard:
 - Train one weekend a month and 2 weeks during the summer.
 - Serve to country and community in times of need!
- Access to amazing benefits:
 - Low cost health insurance through TRICARE Reserve Select.
 - Tuition assistance and GI Bill – Further their education!
 - Retirement pension after 20 or more years of service!





How to get your Student Involved?

Encourage them to take the class!

- Sign up through your MySBU account or through your academic advisor.
 - Military Science 101 (Foundations of Officership)
 - Military Science Lab is optional but highly encouraged!

Have them check out PT!

- We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:00-7:00am.
 - Avoid the Freshmen 15 and build a fitness foundation for life!
 - Discipline that will carry into the classroom!

Want your son or daughter to be a leader for life?

- Ask about how you earn a contract and compete to enter the Seneca Battalion's class of 2019.
 - Compete in one of our Semester Selection Boards – Earn your spot in the Battalion!
 - Guarantee yourself a career after college and the chance of a lifetime!



Prospect Day!

Still Unsure? They can check out ROTC for a day!

- Come participate in an ROTC lab and train with the Corps of Cadets.
- Training will include Leader's Reaction Course and force on force paintball.
- Food and free ROTC gear will be provided!

Fall 2015 Prospect Day will be held on 05 September 2015

RSVP with the ROTC Enrollment Officer, Jared Kausner, at (716) 375-2568 or by email at jkausner@sbu.edu.





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