

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

New Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Proposal

Department of Military Science

1. **Title:** Establishment of a Minor in Military Science

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A. SUMMARY: The Military Science Department proposes to establish a Minor in Military Science.

B. Proposed Catalog Copy:

The Department of Military Science—also known as the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) Department—offers qualified students the opportunity to obtain a commission as an officer in the United States Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard while they are earning a college degree. The ROTC Program provides world class leadership training opportunities applicable in corporate, executive, and government leadership positions. This program will develop confident, responsible, self-disciplined leaders through leader development plans, self assessments and peer assessments. This opportunity is open to both men and women. Students may pursue either a four-year or a two-year program of Military Science instruction leading to a commission as an Army Second Lieutenant. The Military Science Department also offers a Minor in Military Science open to those students who are admitted into Army ROTC.

The Program is divided into two parts: the Basic Course and the Advanced Course with a lateral entry option (the Two-Year Program).

The Basic Course is usually taken during the first and second years, and covers such subjects as management principles, national defense, military history, and leadership development. Enrollment in the Basic Course can begin in any term in the first and second years. No military commitment is incurred for participation in the Basic Course. After completing the Basic Course, students who have demonstrated the potential to become officers and who have met the physical and scholastic standards for commissioning are eligible to enroll in the Advanced Course. Students pursuing a military commission receive Basic Course credit by completing Military Science 1000 and 2000 level courses; attending the Leaders Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky; or by completion of Military Basic Training.

The Two-year Commissioning Program is designed for Juniors who did not take ROTC during the first two years of college and want to pursue a military commission. To enter the two-year program, students must attend a fully-paid, four-week, Leadership Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, during the summer between the second and third years or completion of Basic Training. After successfully completing the Leadership Training Course, students who meet scholastic requirements may enroll in the Advanced Course.

The Advanced Course is taken during the last two years. It includes instruction in organization and management, principles of training management, tactics, ethics and professionalism, further leadership development, and physical fitness training. During the summer between their third and fourth years, Advanced Course students pursuing a military commission will attend a fully-paid, four-week, Leadership Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, WA. This course gives students the chance to put into practice the leadership theories and principles, and military skills learned in the classroom, and introduces them to how the Army functions in a field environment. Advanced Course students must complete Military Science 3000 and 4000 level courses and one 3-credit hour American military history class. Students not pursuing a military commission would receive the same credited class and lab hours but would not participate in the following: physical fitness program, field training exercises, the Leader Development and Assessment Course, or other incentive programs. Completion of the advanced course results in a Military Science Minor.

The Military Science Minor:

The minor is open only to students who are admitted into the ROTC program and who are pursuing a commission as an officer in the United States Army. A minor in Military Science provides expertise in leadership, ethics, professionalism, briefing techniques, national security issues, American history, team-building, military law, as well as written and oral communication skills. Experience gained through this minor would be an advantage to any student interested in future government employment.

This minor in Military Science provides students with an opportunity to study leadership in a contemporary operational environment with a focus on military involvement in political decisions. This minor recognizes that the academic study of Military Science is intrinsically linked to political and international relations with focus on particular aspects of leadership. In addition to taking courses in Military Science, students participating in this minor would select a course pertaining to military history related topics that impact the social, economic and political environment.

A minor in Military Science consists of a minimum of 19 credit hours, 16 hours at the 3000 level and above within the department and one American military history related course. The cumulative grade-point average (GPA) for all courses used toward the minor must be 2.0 or greater, with no individual course grade lower than a C.

Core Required Courses for Minor (16 hours):

Course	Title	Credits
MSCI 3101	Adaptive Team Leadership	3
MSCI 3101L	Adaptive Team Leadership Lab	1
MSCI 3102	Applied Team Leadership	3
MSCI 3102L	Applied Team Leadership Lab	1
MSCI 4101	Developing Adaptive Leaders	3
MSCI 4101L	Developing Adaptive Leaders	1
MSCI 4102	Leadership in a Complex World	3
MSCI 4102L	Leadership in a Complex World Lab	1

Elective American military history related courses (3 Hours):

Course	Title	Credits
HIST 2120	American Military History	3
HIST 2284	World War II: The European Theatre	3
HIST 2285	World War II: The Pacific Theatre	3
HIST 3141	World War I	3
HIST 3202	American Revolution, 1750-1815	3
HIST 3211	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1877	3

*Other courses that do not appear on this list, may be approved by the department chair if they pertain to military history.

C. Justification:

This minor is part of a national response to address the need for more military education for those pursuing a military career and other professions that require leadership or knowledge of military operations and impacts of military actions. The study of Military Science is already recognized as an integral part of UNC Charlotte's ROTC program, and this minor would build on this foundation.

The current global environment along with historical trends indicates that there is a strong future demand for such a minor among students who are studying Military Science, leadership or students pursuing future employment in government.

Completion of the core required courses will provide students with instruction and application of leadership principles. Knowledge gained on basic skills that can be applied to any profession include values, ethics, time and stress management, risk assessment, decision making, team building, team dynamics, motivating people, counseling techniques and briefing techniques. Additional military oriented competencies taught that can be used as life skills include land navigation, survival training, basic medical training, fitness principles, terrorism awareness, cultural awareness, supply management, maintenance management,

The curriculum for the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (AROTC) is standardized for all 273 battalions at different universities throughout the nation. The United States Army Cadet Command (USACC) headquarters, located at Fort Monroe, Virginia oversees the development of the Army Officer Accession and Training Schools Curriculum Catalog. Here, at UNC-Charlotte, the AROTC program falls under the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as the Department of Military Science.

Currently, students enrolled in the AROTC program accomplish all university degree requirements for their particular major, a university minor while simultaneously completing extensive officer commissioning requirements. These include 29 additional credit hours of academic Military Science classes, zero credit hour physical fitness training (meets four times a week for one hour), and a four and a half week Leader Development and Assessment Course between the junior and senior year summer. Additionally, at least once per semester, all students participate in a weekend field training exercise, attend a formal social event in the Spring, attend

several incentive programs on weekends, and compete to attend many other military training opportunities during the summer (Airborne School, Air Assault School, Sapper Leader Course). With the inclusion of field training, these students commit to well over 2000 hours (including freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years, LDAC, and all FTXs) above and beyond their particular degree requirements. This total does not incorporate the many other hours devoted to campus and community service projects. Based on the hours involved in completing the program and the skills learned, we believe this justifies a minor in Military Science.

This Military Science minor reflects the extensive time and intellectual work students devote to this program in pursuit of a commission as an officer in the United States Army. Many degrees, especially the technical degrees already have a full curriculum. Students seeking degrees in these career fields are highly desired by the Army. Since our program levies an additional 29 hours of credited course load (not to mention all the additional requirements where they do not receive official credit), *a large percentage of these students pursuing technical degrees are forced to extend another year (5 years total at UNC-Charlotte) as a result of being in our AROTC program.* We believe a minor would reflect the academic rigor of our program.

This proposal is consistent with the actions taken by many other universities with AROTC programs. Currently, over 135 universities and colleges have established a Military Science (or equivalent) program as a minor with many others seeking its establishment.

In the attachments, are the course syllabi for all Military Science courses offered at UNC-Charlotte for the last two semesters (Fall 08 and Spring 09). This provides an accurate list of all the subject matter covered. For each lesson, USACC provides the instructor with a lesson plan that includes course objectives, reading assignments, an instructor guide, and lecture materials/slides, quizzes and handouts. Also included is an example lesson plan for one of the blocks of instructions. All lesson plans follow the same standardized format. We will be happy to provide any additional plans for evaluation.

D. Impact:

The minor in Military Science will serve students in a range of disciplines, particularly students in Military Science, Air Force Aerospace Studies, American Studies, Business, Criminal Justice, History, International Studies, Languages and Culture Studies, Liberal Studies, Management and Political Science. The minor will be available to all students throughout the University, although we anticipate that most of the students who participate in this minor will come from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Any student in any academic major would be eligible to earn the Military Science minor. The minor would be possible for both technical and non-technical degree programs.

There would be no effect on existing courses and curricula since Military Science uses a standardized curriculum from USACC. All Military Science courses are already accredited through the university. The implementation of this minor would likely result in an increase in enrollment in the courses approved for this minor. However, the anticipated increase in enrollment to approximately 150 students would have no effect to the university.

E. Resources Required To Support Proposal:

1. Personnel: No further resources required. Any future additional faculty will be provided by the military with no cost to the university.
2. Physical Facility: No further resources required.
3. Equipment and Supplies: No further resources required.
4. Computer: No further resources required.
5. Audio-Visual: No further resources required.
6. Other Resources: No further resources required.

F. Consultation with the Library and Other Departments or Units:

1. Library Consultation: Attached.
2. Consultation with other departments: Department of History – attached.

G. Initiation and Consideration of the Proposal:

The Military Science Department unanimously approved this proposal on March 6, 2009. This proposal is fully supported and encouraged by both national and regional headquarters at Ft. Monroe, VA and Ft. Bragg, NC respectively.

H. Attachments:

- MSCI 1101 Fall 08 Syllabus
- MSCI 1102 Spring 09 Syllabus
- MSCI 2101 Fall 08 Syllabus
- MSCI 2102 Spring 09 Syllabus
- MSCI 3101 Fall 08 Syllabus
- MSCI 3102 Spring 09 Syllabus
- MSCI 4101 Fall 08 Syllabus
- MSCI 4102 Spring 09 Syllabus
- Sample lesson plan (MSCI 4201 - Lesson 4, Cultural Awareness)
 - Slide Presentation
 - Case Study
 - Quiz
 - Informational Handout