ROTC (Army)

Coordinator: David A. Campion

For students seeking to serve as commissioned officers in the U.S. Army or Army Reserve upon graduation, Lewis & Clark maintains a partnership with the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Battalion at the University of Portland. This partnership enables students to integrate their military training as cadets with a traditional liberal arts education.

Students interested in ROTC should meet with the ROTC coordinator as soon as they enroll at Lewis & Clark. The ROTC coordinator serves as a first-year advisor to these students until they declare a major. (Students may also have an advisor who is teaching one of their first-year classes.) Thereafter, the ROTC coordinator continues to meet with students regularly to review their academic performance, and to help them plan their course schedule and balance their studies with their ROTC commitments and commissioning requirements. The ROTC coordinator is Lewis & Clark’s liaison to the commanding officer and professor of military science at the University of Portland Army ROTC Battalion.

Lewis & Clark students may earn up to 2 semester hours of practicum credit per semester, to a maximum of 8 credits, while they are actively enrolled as cadets in ROTC. To do so, they should enroll in ROTC 244 Practicum. Supervised by the ROTC coordinator, students in this course write about their field experiences and integrate those experiences with other parts of the Lewis & Clark education. This practicum will be graded on a credit-no credit basis and follows all of the normal Lewis & Clark rules and regulations governing internship and practicum credit.

Students may also transfer up to 4 semester hours of credit for physical education classes completed in ROTC training. A maximum of 4 semester hours of physical education credit is applicable toward graduation requirements. Students who take PE/A 101 Activities and/or PE/A 102 Varsity Athletics at Lewis & Clark, therefore, will not be able to transfer a full 4 semester hours of credit for physical education classes completed in ROTC training.

Students enrolled as cadets may satisfy the ROTC military history requirement by completing HIST 299 Independent Study. This directed study, taken for a grade, is limited to cadets and is worth 4 semester hours of credit. It may also count as an elective toward the history major or minor.

Faculty


ROTC 244 Practicum

Faculty: Campion.

Content: Integration of ROTC field experiences with a liberal arts education. Credit-no credit. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites: None.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing and consent required.

Open only to ROTC cadets.

Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.

Semester credits: 1-2.