MILITARY SCIENCE

Department Office: Military Science Building, Room 110

The Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), Blackwolves Battalion as it exists today, began with President Wilson signing the National Defense Act of 1916. Army ROTC at Creighton University was authorized by the War Department in 1919. The program is a cooperative effort contractually agreed to by the Army and Creighton University as a means of providing officer leadership for the United States Army. As one of the premier Army ROTC programs in the country, the department’s mission is to educate, train, develop, and inspire students to become officers and leaders of character for the U.S. Army and the nation.

The program does this through a combination of classroom instruction, leadership laboratories, and experiential learning opportunities focused on developing the mind, body, and spirit of students. These opportunities are designed specifically to enhance character and leadership ability in the students/Cadets and to allow them to practice the essential components of leadership: influencing, acting, and improving. Students become members of the Blackwolves Battalion and complete a planned and managed sequence of classroom courses and practical exercises intended to develop each into what an officer must be: a leader of character, a leader with presence, and a leader of intelligence to enable them to reach their full potential as individuals and as effective leaders of groups.

The program affords students an excellent opportunity to serve and focuses on the role of Army officers in the preservation of peace and national security, with particular emphasis placed on ethical conduct and the officer’s responsibility to society to lead, develop themselves and others, and achieve success. The experience culminates with Cadets earning commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Active Army, United States Army Reserve, or United States Army National Guard. As an organization committed to lifelong learning, participants may elect to pursue one of the Army’s numerous opportunities for follow-on postgraduate study as well. Creighton’s Military Science Program is an elective two-year or four-year program.

Military Science Minor

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