

# ARMY ROTC

## Program Description

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (Army ROTC) offers qualified students the opportunity to Commission as a US Army Second Lieutenant (2LT), while earning a college degree. After graduation/commissioning, 2LTs fulfill their service obligation in the Active Duty (full-time), National Guard or Army Reserve components, while maintaining a civilian career.

Over the course of your four years in the program, nearly all Cadets earn a scholarship through the national high school or campus-based programs, after enrolling. Scholarship benefits include: **100% tuition** (Resident or Non-Resident), **\$600 semesterly book allotment** and a **\$420 monthly stipend**. The stipend and other potential bonuses are available to non-scholarship Cadets.

The traditional four-year program requires one class and a weekly leadership lab, totaling 24x academic credits. Army ROTC Course credits replace electives for all Penn State Majors, though the exact number varies by Academic College (6-18x). Course subjects and credits appear under ARMY course descriptions in this Bulletin.

The program is comprised of two successive phases: the Basic Course and Advanced Course. While the Advanced Course cannot be altered, there are two and three-year paths that allow students to complete the program, regardless of their start point in the Basic Course. Interested students should contact the NLB Enrollment Officer (<https://forms.office.com/r/CaUAm8VAjJ/>), to determine the most appropriate path to commissioning.

## What is the Army ROTC?

The Penn State Army ROTC – Nittany Lion Battalion (NLB) is located entirely at the University Park campus. It is the country's largest traditional ROTC Program and one of the most successful. It is the **only Army ROTC Host Program located on any Penn State Commonwealth Campus**. Several other Penn State campuses offer Army ROTC through cross-enrollment agreements with other universities.

Penn State Commonwealth Campuses with Army ROTC (Host Universities in parentheses):

- Abington (Widener University)
- Berks (Lehigh University)
- Brandywine (Widener University)
- Erie (Gannon University)
- Harrisburg (Dickinson College)
- Lehigh Valley (Lehigh University)
- Mont Alto (Shippensburg University)
- Penn Tech (Lock Haven University)
- Wilkes-Barre (Scranton University)
- Scranton (Scranton University)

Points of Contact for these programs can be found on the Contact tab or at the NLB website (<https://army.psu.edu/campuses/>).

Interested Penn State 2+2 students, transitioning from ANY Commonwealth Campus, **MUST** verify eligibility with the NLB Enrollment Officer (<https://forms.office.com/r/CaUAm8VAjJ/>), no later than the

semester preceding their transition. Summer training may be required to satisfy Basic Course requirements.

For additional information on Penn State Army ROTC, connect with the Scholarship and Enrollment Officer at 207 Wagner Building on the University Park campus or call 814-865-7255 or visit our the Nittany Lion Battalion website (<https://army.psu.edu>).

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARMY ROTC - NITTANY LION BATTALION (<https://army.psu.edu>)

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You want professional flexibility and proven leadership skills that every industry desperately seeks.
- You value the comradery and relationships built when teams strive for a common goal.
- You're seeking to become the best version of yourself.
- You want to join an organization, seeking to build and maintain members' holistic health and fitness.
- You're seeking the fulfillment that only comes from serving something greater than yourself.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE THE ARMY ROTC FROM THE US ARMY CADET COMMAND - NATIONAL ARMY ROTC HEADQUARTERS WEBSITE (<https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/find-your-path/army-officers/rotc/>)

VIEW THE ARMY ROTC - HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (<https://hs.usarmyrotc.com/my.policy/>)