

NAVAL SCIENCE/NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NROTC)

Program Description

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) trains qualified young men and women at the University Park campus for service as commissioned officers in the Navy, the Navy Nurse Corps, or the Marine Corps.

Entering freshmen may be accepted into Penn State NROTC either by receiving the NROTC National Scholarship (Scholarship Program (<https://www.netc.navy.mil/NSTC/NROTC/>)) or applying directly through Penn State NROTC to participate as a College Program student. These College Program freshmen, who do not receive scholarship monies, may be eligible to compete for the Scholarship Program based upon their performance in the Unit. Qualified sophomores, either in attendance or planning to commence studies at University Park Campus during their junior year, may compete for the special Two-Year College Program Advanced Standing or Two-Year Scholarship Programs. Navy, Nurse, and Marine Corps scholarships provide full tuition, book allotment, laboratory and instructional fees, and a \$250-\$400 per month subsistence allowance. In addition, Nurse scholarship students are issued special equipment required by the BSN curriculum.

Students who receive their baccalaureate degree and complete the NROTC program receive commissions as either Navy Ensigns or Marine Corps Second Lieutenants. After commissioning, these individuals are obligated to serve a minimum of four years on active duty, though these service obligations may vary dependent upon which warfare community the officer enters.

What is Naval Science?

Naval Science is a field of study that offers university students an introduction to the operations, technology and culture of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. Naval Science courses are available for all university students but are designed to operate in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State University NROTC program to provide professional development and service knowledge to perspective officers. Naval Science courses can also be utilized to fulfill prescribed course requirements for the Military Studies minor.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are enrolled in the NROTC program at Penn State (Required).
- You are enrolled or considering enrolling in the Military Studies minor at Penn State.
- You are interested in learning about Naval operations, technology and culture.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NAVAL ROTC (<https://nrotc.psu.edu>)

Program Requirements

All students must complete at least 18 credits of Naval Science (NAVSC) courses; subjects and credits appear under course descriptions (ROTC/NAVSC) later in this bulletin. College Program students must participate in one active duty training period (cruise) during the summer between junior and senior years. Scholarship students are required to participate

in either two (Nurse) or three (Navy and Marine Corps) summer cruises prior to commissioning.

In addition, all Navy scholarship students must complete University courses in calculus, physics, national security policy, and American military affairs. Requirements for Nurse and Marine Corps scholarship students are somewhat less. College Program students must complete University courses in national security policy and American military affairs.

Career Paths

Students who receive their baccalaureate degree and complete the NROTC Program are commissioned as either Navy Ensigns or Marine Corps Second Lieutenants. Post-commission career paths for Navy option students include Surface Warfare Officer, Submarine Warfare Officer, Naval Aviator, Naval Flight Officer, or Special Operations Warfare Officer. Marine Corps option students can serve as either Ground or Aviation Marine Corps Officers. All students are obligated to serve a minimum of four years of active duty, though select career paths may require a greater minimum service time.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE NAVAL RESERVES OFFICER TRAINING CORPS WEBSITE (<https://www.netc.navy.mil>)

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY WEBSITE (<https://www.navy.mil>)

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WEBSITE (<https://www.marines.mil>)

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