What is ROTC?

- Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) was founded with the passage of the National Defense Act in 1916 and is designed to provide an avenue for college students to work towards a commission as an officer in the Armed Forces. It is now offered at more than 1,100 colleges across the country.

- ROTC trains college students to become commissioned officers while supporting their undergraduate education. The program focuses on preparing students for a career in the U.S. Military, emphasizing leadership, basic military education, and officer training.
UNM is the only higher education institution in New Mexico to host all three ROTC programs and one of approximately only 50 nationwide.

- Naval ROTC – Navy and Marines
- Army ROTC – Army
- Air Force ROTC – Air Force and Space Force

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Joining ROTC

Admission requirements, scholarships, and timelines vary between branches. The best way to find out how to join is to visit their websites and reach out to the branch you are interested in.

- Naval ROTC – nrotc.unm.edu
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- Army ROTC – armyrotc.unm.edu
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- Air Force ROTC – afrotc.unm.edu
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  - 505-277-4502
ROTC Life

GPA REQUIREMENTS

ROTC students are held to a high academic standard. As future officers in the U.S. Military, cadets and midshipmen represent the branches that they will commission into and are expected to maintain good grades and be respectful and responsible students.

ROTC COURSE LOAD

3-5 credits/semester

- Academic Course (1-3 credits)
- Leadership Lab (1 credit)
- Physical Training (1 credit)
Not sure what you want to study?

The military is especially interested in students studying:

- Engineering
  - Chemical
  - Civil
  - Computer
  - Construction
  - Electrical
  - Mechanical
  - Nuclear

- Computer Science
- Languages
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Nursing

Additionally, many ROTC students are interested in:

- Military Studies
- Global and National Security
- Liberal Arts
- Political Science
- Criminology
- Sociology
- Biology
- History
- Exercise Science

- Business Administration
  - Accounting
  - Film and Digital Arts
  - Finance
  - General Management
  - Human Resources Management
  - Management Information Systems
  - Marketing Management
  - Operations Management
Your Future as a Military Officer

CAREERS

There are hundreds of officer positions in many different fields. There’s a place for people with all interests!

SERVICE OBLIGATION

All ROTC students who commission incur an active-duty commitment, usually between 4-10 years, depending on branch and position. For example, pilots normally incur a ten-year active-duty service commitment after successfully completing their training. To find out more specific information, discuss your career plans with your branch.
Questions? – Contact:

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