Interested in the best leadership program in the nation? Want something that will look great on your resume?

Army ROTC provides you an opportunity to do both while continuing your education.

Army ROTC is offered to students attending any college in Connecticut. Army ROTC classes are offered at the UCONN campus located in Storrs and Sacred Heart University, located in Fairfield. Army ROTC trains college students to become leaders and then, possibly, Army Officers. We teach the leadership and management skills needed to become leaders in the civilian sector and the skills to be a quality officer in the best Army in the world.

ROTC is a four-year program. The first two years are 1-credit Military Science classes. These classes are open to ALL students and incur no military obligation to the student. Junior and Senior cadets, upon contracting, take the 3-credit class/lab once a week and get paid $350 to $400 a month. Students who complete the program can be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Active Army, National Guard, or Army Reserves.

The Army provides two ways to assist with tuition for students. 2, 3 and 4-year ROTC scholarships are available to motivated, qualified students through an Order of Merit (OML) process. Students compete for 4-year scholarships at the national level and information on these 4-year scholarships can be found at http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.jsp. 2 and 3 year scholarships are campus-based which allows students to compete with others in the ROTC program for them. Those who perform well and need a scholarship are strong contenders. ROTC scholarships cover all tuition and fees up to $20,000 a year. Add to that the monthly stipend while in school and $900 a year for books and this means that you receive up to $24,050 a year, tax-free for your schooling.

Guard/Reserve soldiers train one-weekend a month and two weeks a year. They get paid for training, and also receive the G.I. Bill (about $292 a month). Soldiers in the National Guard/Reserve who have completed Basic Training do not have to take the first two years of ROTC and can begin the program their Junior year as a Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) cadet. SMP cadets get paid as an E-5, wear cadet rank, and are treated as an officer in training. E-5 pay, the G.I. Bill, and the tax-free stipend comes to between $650 and $800 a month. SMP cadets who decide they want to stay in the Guard or Reserve after commissioning may apply to receive a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) scholarship/contract of 2, 2 ½ or 3 years. Historically, UConn receives 5-6 GRFD scholarships each year.

To talk more about ROTC and your options please call Captain Eric Refsnider at (860) 486-6081 or email eric.refsnider@uconn.edu

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