

How ROTC Helps Foster Undergraduate Student Success

Community • Whole Person Advising • Scholarships • Experiential Learning



68% 4-year ROTC graduation rate
100% 5-year ROTC graduation rate
67% 6-year OSU graduation rate

ROTC mission:

Train college students to become commissioned officers in the U.S. Armed Services



FACULTY-STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Each ROTC student has a staff/cadre class advisor, in addition to their college advisor
 - 20:1 student to class advisor ratio
 - Minimum 2 meetings per term to discuss:
 - degree completion plan
 - academic goals
 - extracurricular activities
 - barriers to success
 - campus and community involvement
 - military aptitude progression (e.g., physical fitness, leadership, ethics, etc.).



CURRICULAR EXCELLENCE

- Robust instructor syllabus preparing instructors to teach a university class
- Instructor review process
- Courses designed to provide the basic competencies needed to succeed as a military officer and beyond
- Many ROTC courses open to entire OSU student population
- Course materials provided by the respective programs at no charge
- Naval ROTC incorporating virtual reality simulation in 2020 to enhance learning



TRANSITION EXPERIENCES

- ROTC new student orientation programs:
 - Familiarize new students with ROTC
 - Emphasize teamwork and a sense of belonging
 - Leadership training opportunity for upper-class students
- Beginning Effective Study Techniques (BEST) sessions that emphasize time management and study strategies
- Encourage new students to seek help when needed, highlighting resources on campus
- Group living - 7th Floor, Finley Hall



EXPERIENTIAL AND RESEARCH-BASED LEARNING

- Engagement on campus and in the community
 - Color Guard for Convocation, Athletic Events and Commencement; Armed Services Blood Drive; Veterans & Memorial Day events; OSU Food Drive; Toys for Tots; etc.
 - Many ROTC students involved in undergraduate research on campus
- Local field training
- Nationwide leadership conferences
- Summer training - global
- Competition among peers
 - Pacific Region Ranger Challenge, Northwest Navy, Joint Service Olympics, etc.



FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- The U.S. military continues to provide a path to upward economic mobility and further education
- Scholarship benefits – tuition, book stipend, monthly stipend
- Provost scholarships to high need students each term
- Alumni, community and other need-based ROTC scholarships available
- Opportunity for in-residence graduate education programs while serving in the military, as well as Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits



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