

NM ROTC

Academic Survival Guide



What is ROTC?

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) trains college students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces while supporting their undergraduate education. ROTC focuses on preparing students for a career in the U.S. Military, emphasizing leadership, basic military education, and officer training.

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.

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)

For more specific information, ask the Cadre in your branch.

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nrotc@unm.edu
505-277-7028

Army ROTC - armyrotc.unm.edu
armyrotc@unm.edu
505-277-2270

Air Force ROTC - afrotc.unm.edu
afrotc@unm.edu
505-277-4502

ROTC at UNM

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

UNM is a Military Friendly® Top Ten Tier One Research School



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.

Not sure WHAT YOU WANT TO study?

The military is specifically interested in students studying:

Engineering

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

Computer Science

Languages

Chemistry

Physics

Mathematics

Nursing

Apart from the majors listed to the left, many ROTC students choose to study:

Business Administration

- Accounting
- Film and Digital Arts
- Finance
- General Management
- Human Resources Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing Management
- Operations Management

Military Studies

Global and National Security

Liberal Arts

Political Science

Criminology

Sociology

Biology

History

Exercise Science

Maintaining Good Grades

Center for Academic Program Support | caps.unm.edu

- Tutoring in most subjects – In-Person and Online
- Learning Strategy Workshops
- Online Writing Lab

Engineering Student Success Center | ess.unm.edu

- Tutoring in math and engineering

College Enrichment Program | cep.unm.edu

- CEP provides comprehensive student support services that assist students with their transition to higher education and attaining collegiate success.

General Education

(31 CREDIT HOURS)

gened.unm.edu

Area 1: Communication (6 credit hours)

- ENGL 1120: Composition II (3)
- Additional course selected from approved list (not ENGL 1110)

Area 2: Mathematics and Statistics (3 credit hours)

- One math course at the appropriate level selected from approved list
- Typically MATH 1220: College Algebra or MATH 1350: Introduction to Statistics

Area 3: Physical and Natural Sciences (4 credit hours)

- One course selected from approved list (3)
- The appropriate related laboratory section (1)

Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)

- One course selected from approved list (3)

Area 5: Humanities (3 credit hours)

- One course selected from approved list (3)

Area 6: Second Language (3 credit hours)

- One foreign language course at the appropriate level (3)

Area 7: Arts and Design (3 credit hours)

- One course selected from approved list

Area 8: Student Choice (6 credit hours)

- Two additional general education courses chosen from two different areas (1-7).
- ENGL 1110 may be used to fulfill part of Area 8 requirements.

General Education empowers students to face a rapidly changing world with the ability to frame questions and solve problems. Complementing the major, general education courses provide a set of strategies: communication, critical thinking, information analysis, quantitative skills, responsibility towards local and global communities.

Exploring different general education areas can be a great college strategy to find out what really interests you. Or, if you have a major in mind, your advisor can help you identify some courses to help you prepare for your next steps. Either way, browsing the course descriptions in areas of study will help you find courses that take you to unexpected places.

Depending on your major, there may be specific general education courses that are required. For example, Anderson School of Management requires ENGL 2120: Intermediate Composition or ENGL 2210: Professional and Technical Communication. Criminology and Sociology require MATH 1350: Introduction to Statistics. Check with your major advisor for recommendations.

U.S. & Global Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Power Requirement (3 credits)

This requirement is separate from general education and may overlap with a course from one of the general education areas, usually Area 5. Completion of an approved University of New Mexico course: [U.S. & Global Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Power Requirement](#)



Advisement

BE PROACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE!

Degree Plans

Purpose: To monitor progress toward degree, ensure all requirements are met, and outline the path to graduation.

Frequency of Update: once per semester (or more)

- NROTC: DCP
- AROTC: 104-R
- AFROTC: Form-48

LoboAchieve - loboachieve.unm.edu

LoboAchieve is an advising application that allows students to schedule appointments with advisors, and access advising session notes. All advising appointments are made via LoboAchieve.

If you are currently an active UNM student but not currently a Military Studies/ROTC student, you will need to click on the "Advising Offices" tab and "Search Advising Office" to manually search for "ROTC" which is part of the University College Advising Center. Please only schedule with Ms. Merrill, not the other UCAC advisors also found there.

If you are a prospective or returning student without a current UNM NetID, you may also access LoboAchieve using the "non-UNM sign in" option and creating an account. Please do not create an account if you have an existing/active UNM NetID, or have recently been accepted to UNM and just need to setup a NetID (which may be done via this link: <https://netid.unm.edu/>). If you have an active NetID but have simply forgotten your password please see this link to reset: <http://it.unm.edu/accounts/change-password.html>

If you need additional help using LoboAchieve, the following website has a walkthrough to help you: <https://advisement.unm.edu/resources/technology/loboachieve/index.html>

Basic Expectations

FOR CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN AS RELATED TO THE ROTC ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- LoboAchieve.unm.edu will be utilized for scheduling appointments and determining walk-in hours for current and prospective students.
- If a scheduled appointment needs to be cancelled, this should be done so by 1600 the day before unless an illness or emergency arises.
- ROTC students will refer to the Advisor as Mr./Ms. or Sir/Ma'am, not by first name.
- Unless a lengthier timeline is stipulated, students will respond to functional emails originating from the Advisor within 48-hours (excluding weekends) while UNM is in session, and the Advisor will normally do the same in return for student-initiated emails.
- ROTC degree plans will be prepared and/or updated via a live meeting (not email/Zoom) unless the Advisor determines otherwise.
- Work will not unknowingly be duplicated between the Advisor and other UNM Staff.
- Graduating students may be removed from the ROTC early degree certification list if they fail to comply with the tasks/deadlines given by the Advisor as part of that process.

Common Pitfalls

LoboAchieve appointments must be booked in advance.

- Availability is locked at 1600 the business day before

Follow the academic plan set out on your Degree Plan!

Make sure you sign up for PT: bump your GPA, get upper-division credits!

- 15 credit hours costs the same as 18
- Most scholarships require 15 credit hours per semester.

- Classes that you withdraw from do not count towards this 15, Ds and Fs do.

Repeated non-repeatable courses do not count toward scholarship hours, the required credit hours must be new credit hours

- Example: You got a C- in ENGL1120
- Example: AFAS329, MLSL229, and NVSC110L are all repeatable courses that do count.

Registration

& Holds

Each semester, you will need to register for the courses that you will take the next semester. You can register for classes online using my.unm.edu. To find course offerings, the schedule.unm.edu is a great resource.

Tips | <http://registrar.unm.edu/Registration/registration-tips.html>

If you are not sure how to register, the following video provides an in-depth explanation.

<https://youtu.be/ObuViOGzqYE>

- 0:17 Accessing Registration
- 1:06 Class Search / Course Offerings (Pre-Registration)
- 2:23 Check Registration Status and Holds
- 3:20 Registering For Classes
- 3:45 Searching For Classes (During Registration)
- 5:40 Adding Classes From Class Search
- 7:54 Adding Classes Using CRNs
- 8:45 Dropping Classes
- 9:21 Reviewing Your Schedule

Sometimes holds may prevent you from being able to register. It is best to resolve these prior to registration week to prevent any registration delays. The most common holds are:

- Admissions, Incomplete

You were admitted without final semester grades from your last institution. You will need to have your previous school send your official transcript to apply@unm.edu.

- Advisement

You most likely need to meet with your major advisor for a Plan of Study Review or transition from Pre-Major to Major status. You should make an appointment using LoboAchieve. Some of the Engineering disciplines resolve these holds using forms instead of meetings.

- Bursar

There is an issue with your account. You should contact the Bursar's office to find out how to resolve it.

Holds | <http://registrar.unm.edu/Registration/holds.html>

Frequently Asked Questions:

I have transfer credits. Where do I send them?

- Have your official transcripts sent to apply@unm.edu. If you have already sent them, but they aren't showing up, you can ask your advisor to check if UNM has received them.

I have GI benefits, what are my requirements to keep my scholarships?

- The Veteran and Military Resource Center are experts on the various GI Bill benefits. You should speak with them to clarify your benefits.
Veteran & Military Resource Center | vrc.unm.edu

If I drop a course, will I lose my scholarship?

- There are a lot of intricacies in scholarship requirements; you should contact the Financial Aid Office. They have a great Live Chat function available on their website.

UNM Financial Aid Office | financialaid.unm.edu

I have a bursar hold and cannot register. What do I do?

- It is most likely that you have an overdue bill. You should contact the Bursar's Office. They have a great Live Chat function available on their website.

Bursar's Office | bursar.unm.edu

I want to change my major, what do I do?

- You should first discuss the possibility of changing majors with your ROTC Cadre. They will need to approve the change. To declare your new major, you will need to meet with an Academic Advisor for that major—not the ROTC Advisor. You will also need to meet with the ROTC Advisor to create a new/updated degree plan.

Additional Resources

African American Student Services | afro.unm.edu

- African American Student Services offers services and support for African American students at UNM.

Agora - HOME | agoracares.org

- Agora has certified trainers on staff who can help train your organization in suicide awareness and intervention.



American Indian Student Services | aiss.unm.edu

- American Indian Student Services offers services and support for American Indian students at UNM.

Office of Career Services | career.unm.edu

- Career Services offers assistance to students, staff, faculty, and alumni making career decisions.

Center for Financial Capability | cfc.unm.edu

- The Center for Financial Capability helps students learn how to manage their money.

College Enrichment Program | cep.unm.edu

- CEP provides comprehensive student support services that assist students with their transition to higher education and attaining collegiate success. Programs focus on students who are 1st Generation, Low Income, and/or are from Rural Areas.



Dean of Students | dos.unm.edu

- The Dean of Students offers many resources, including the Lobo Food Pantry, absence notifications, and emergency loans.

El Centro de la Raza | elcentro.unm.edu

- El Centro de la Raza offers services and support for underrepresented and Latino students at UNM.

LGBTQ Resource Center | lgbtqrc.unm.edu

- The LGBTQ Resource Center offers services and support for LGBTQ+ individuals at UNM. This center is one of three confidential reporting sites on campus.

LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center | loborespect.unm.edu

- The LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center is a place of advocacy, safety, and support for all members of The University of New Mexico and the greater community. Their staff facilitate various trainings for students, staff, faculty, and community members.

HOME | Abq Sane | www.abqsane.org

- SANE provides comprehensive care to victims of sexual violence and domestic violence. Their services are confidential and available 24/7.

Student Health and Counseling | shac.unm.edu

- SHAC provides quality health and counseling services to all UNM students to foster student success.

Veteran & Military Resource Center | vrc.unm.edu

- The Veteran's Resource Center offers services and support for student veterans and military affiliated students at UNM.

Women's Resource Center | women.unm.edu

- The Women's Resource Center is a place of advocacy, safety, and support for all members of The University of New Mexico and greater community.



NAVAL ROTC NAVY

Navy Option 4-year Plan			
note: Lab & PT are optional credit if they cause student to exceed 18 hours			
	Fall	Spring	Summer
Freshman Year	NVSC 101: Principles and Concepts of Naval Science (3) NVSC 102: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 110L: Naval Professional Laboratory Basic (1)	NVSC 300: Sea Power (3) NVSC 302: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 310L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	Cruise
Sophomore Year	NVSC 401: Leadership and Management (3) NVSC 402: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 410L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	NVSC 303: Navigation (3) NVSC 302: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 310L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	Cruise
Junior Year	NVSC 105: Naval Ships Systems I (3) NVSC 102: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 110L: Naval Professional Laboratory Basic (1)	NVSC 201: Naval Ships Systems II (3) NVSC 102: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 110L: Naval Professional Laboratory Basic (1)	Cruise
Senior Year	NVSC 304: Naval Operations (3) NVSC 302: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 310L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	NVSC 407: Leadership and Ethics (3) NVSC 402: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 410L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	



Military Studies Minor - Navy (24 credits)

Completion of:

- NVSC 101
- NVSC 300
- NVSC 401
- NVSC 303
- NVSC 105
- NVSC 201
- NVSC 304
- NVSC 407

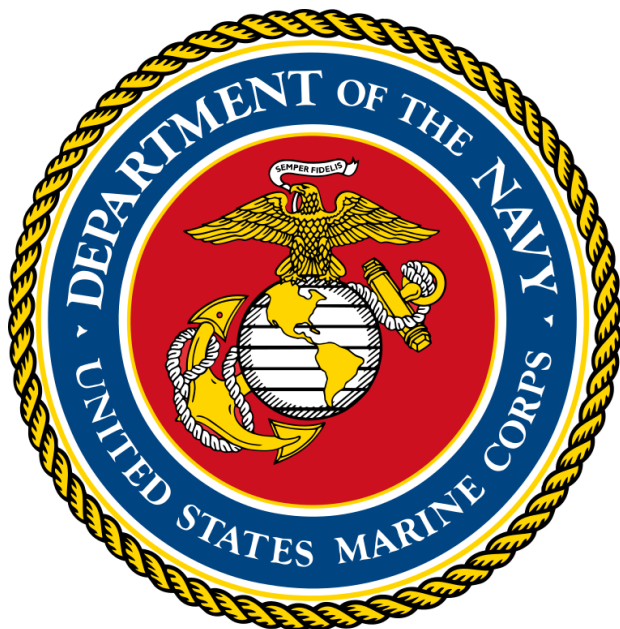
Additional Academic Requirements

- MATH 1512: Calculus I
- MATH 1522: Calculus II - completed by end of sophomore year
- PHYS 1310: Calculus-Based Physics I
- PHYS 1310L: Calculus-Based Physics I Lab
- PHYS 1320: Calculus-Based Physics II - completed by end of junior year
- PHYS 1320L: Calculus-Based Physics II Lab
- American History/National Security Policy - See ROTC Advisor for list
- World Culture/Regional Studies - See ROTC Advisor for list

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MARINE CORPS

Marine Option 4-year Plan			
	Fall	Spring	Summer
Freshman Year	NVSC 101: Principles and Concepts of Naval Science (3) NVSC 102: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 110L: Naval Professional Laboratory Basic (1)	NVSC 300: Sea Power (3) NVSC 302: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 310L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	
Sophomore Year	NVSC 401: Leadership and Management (3) NVSC 402: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 410L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	NVSC 102: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 110L: Naval Professional Laboratory Basic (1)	
Junior Year	NVSC 331: Evolution of Warfare (3) NVSC 302: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 310L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	NVSC 431: Fundamentals of Maneuver Warfare (3) NVSC 402: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 410L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	Note: placement of 331 & 431 may change based upon when courses are offered by MOI
Senior Year	NVSC 102: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 110L: Naval Professional Laboratory Basic (1)	NVSC 407: Leadership and Ethics (3) NVSC 402: Navy and Marine Corps Fitness (1) NVSC 410L: Naval Professional Laboratory (1)	



Additional Academic Requirements

One History or Political Science Elective
(counts towards minor)

Military Studies Minor - Marines (21 credits)

Completion of:

- NVSC 101
- NVSC 300
- NVSC 401
- NVSC 331
- NVSC 431
- NVSC 407
- One History or Political Science Elective

ARMY



Army ROTC 4-year plan			
	Fall	Spring	Summer
Freshman Year	MLSL 101: Introduction to Leadership I (1) MLSL 101L: Introduction to Leadership Lab I (1) MLSL 229: Military Fitness I (1)	MLSL 102: Introduction to Leadership II (1) MLSL 102L: Introduction to Leadership Lab II (1) MLSL 230: Military Fitness II (1)	
Sophomore Year	MLSL 201: Foundations of Tactical Leadership I (2) MLSL 201L: Foundations of Tactical Leadership II (1) MLSL 229: Military Fitness I (1)	MLSL 202: Foundations of Tactical Leadership I (2) MLSL 202L: Foundations of Tactical Leadership II (1) MLSL 230: Military Fitness II (1)	
Junior Year	MLSL 301: Adaptive Tactical Leadership (3) MLSL 301L: Adaptive Tactical Leadership Lab (1) MLSL 429: Military Fitness III (1)	MLSL 302: Leadership in Changing Environments (3) MLSL 302L: Leadership in Changing Environments Lab (1) MLSL 430: Military Fitness IV (1)	Advanced Camp Note: MLSL 350: Advanced Leadership Seminar (6) may be added any semester Advanced Camp training is completed
Senior Year	MLSL 401: Developing Adaptive Leaders (3) MLSL 401L: Developing Adaptive Leaders Lab (1) MLSL 429: Military Fitness III (1)	MLSL 402: Leadership in a Complex World (3) MLSL 402L: Leadership in a Complex World Lab (1) MLSL 430: Military Fitness IV (1)	

Military Studies Minor - Army (25 credits)

Completion of 25 upper-division MLSL credit hours.

Additional Academic Requirements

Upper-Division US Military History (3 credits)

- MLSL 303 - Military History of the United States
- HIST 349 - Military History of the United States to 1900
- HIST 350 - Modern U.S. Military History, 1900 to Present

AIR FORCE

Air Force ROTC 4-year Plan			
	Fall	Spring	Summer
Freshman Year	AFAS 120: Heritage and Values (1) AFAS 120L: Leadership Laboratory (1) AFAS 329: Active Duty Physical Training Preparation (1)	AFAS 121: Heritage and Values (1) AFAS 121L: Leadership Laboratory (1) AFAS 329: Active Duty Physical Training Preparation (1)	
Sophomore Year	AFAS 250: Team and Leadership Fundamentals (1) AFAS 250L: Leadership Laboratory (1) AFAS 329: Active Duty Physical Training Preparation (1)	AFAS 251: Team and Leadership Fundamentals (1) AFAS 251L: Leadership Laboratory (1) AFAS 329: Active Duty Physical Training Preparation (1)	Field Training
Junior Year	AFAS 300: Leading People and Effective Communication (3) AFAS 300L: Leadership Laboratory (1) AFAS 329: Active Duty Physical Training Preparation (1)	AFAS 301: Leading People and Effective Communication (3) AFAS 301L: Leadership Laboratory (1) AFAS 329: Active Duty Physical Training Preparation (1)	Note: optional AFAS 350: Air Force ROTC Field Training (3) may be added any semester after field training is completed
Senior Year	AFAS 400: National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation (3) AFAS 400L: Leadership Laboratory (1) AFAS 329: Active Duty Physical Training Preparation (1)	AFAS 401: National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation (3) AFAS 401L: Leadership Laboratory (1) AFAS 329: Active Duty Physical Training Preparation (1)	



U.S. AIR FORCE

Military Studies Minor - Air Force (22 credits)

Completion of AFAS 120, 121, 250, 251, 300, 301, 400, 401

Completion of two additional courses that emphasize military studies

- Excluding Leadership Lab, PT, and AFAS 350

Time Management Worksheet

Create your new ideal schedule below: You can start with a day or construct a whole week. Be sure to include the changes you wish to make for yourself and don't forget to include your top priorities. You will need time to take care of yourself. For instance, when will you sleep, eat, etc.?

What do you spend time on that you will remove or reduce in your weekly schedule?

How many hours are you spending in class each week?

How many hours have you devoted to studying each week?

List any additions you want to add to your weekly schedule: _____

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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