The Army Reserve Officers’ Training Program (ROTC) is America’s primary program for training military officers. The Nanook Battalion is a cooperative effort agreed to by the Army and UAF as a means of providing junior officer leadership in the interest of national security. The goal of the program is to assist young men and women with leadership potential in obtaining commissions in the Army Reserve, National Guard or Regular Army.

Military science and leadership is an approved minor for the B.A. degree. Army instructors train students in leadership, management and decision-making through academic instruction and practical experience laboratories. These instructors impart qualities necessary for the Army officer and civilian executive.

ROTC is divided into the basic course for freshmen and sophomores and the advanced course for juniors and seniors. Programs and courses can be adjusted to meet specific needs of individual students who desire to enroll but are past their freshman year.

Basic military science courses are open to all students regardless of whether or not they intend to seek an Army commission. There is no military obligation incurred by enrolling in any of the basic courses.

Students who complete the basic course and desire to pursue the program for a commission may apply for enrollment in the advanced course. A special basic camp, two-year program is available for transfer students and others who were unable to take ROTC prior to their last two years in school. This program allows immediate acceleration into the advanced course. Students should consult the professor of military science prior to June 1 annually for information concerning the basic camp. Students with prior military service may also apply for immediate enrollment as an advanced course student. Applicants must be physically qualified and be selected by the professor of military science. The criterion for selection is based on both academic proficiency and leadership potential. Students who wish to enroll in advanced classes but do not desire to earn a commission may do so with the approval of the department head.

There are many activities sponsored by the Nanook Battalion. The ROTC Color Guard team opens UAF hockey, basketball and other sporting and communal events. They provide a recognized trained and dedicated guard for the national colors during the national anthem and opening ceremony. The Ranger Challenge team represents the Nanook Battalion and UAF in an annual military skill-based competition in Hawaii. The Nanook Battalion has a complete set of match grade rifles and pistols for marksmanship training. Army training such as Airborne School, Air Assault School, Northern Warfare Training and Mountaineering School are also offered to students.

At an annual UAF ceremony, awards are presented for outstanding academic, athletic and leadership achievement, as well as excellence in ROTC skills.

Completion of the advanced program will lead to service in the Army as a commissioned officer. Students who compete for a commission are provided a monthly stipend. Advanced course students receive a monthly subsistence allowance during the school year. This allowance is tax free. Students enrolled in military science are furnished uniforms and texts by the department. Army ROTC scholarships are available for tuition and lab fees, and provide a book allowance in addition to the stipend. Scholarships are awarded for two, three or four years on a competitive basis. Interested students should contact the military science department for further details.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
   MILS electives* ................................................................. 19
2. Minimum credits required .................................................. 19

* Electives must be approved by the department.