

Motion Re Acceptance of Military Science 1000/2000 Credit
Passed by Admissions and Standards, February 19, 2009

Effective Fall 2009

Motion:

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) requests the current policy at Georgia State University (GSU) be amended in order to allow Military Science 1000 and 2000 courses to apply as general elective credits towards all degrees. Section 1480 of the Catalog will be modified as follows:

1480 Semester Hours Requirement

The curriculum for a baccalaureate degree at Georgia State University requires a minimum of 120 semester hours. Some programs require a higher number of semester hours. Students should consult the description of their program in this catalog to determine the number of semester hours required. The semester hours for graduation are calculated as follows:

Semester hours included:

- Academic credit (transfer and Georgia State) in which grades A, B, C, D, S, or P are earned (except as excluded below).
- Credit earned through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and any other approved credit-by-examination

Semester hours excluded:

- All hours earned in courses that are repeated except the final attempt
- Hours earned in courses with course numbers below 1000
- Courses (transfer and Georgia State) that are required to meet College Preparatory Curriculum deficiencies
- GSU 1010, GSU 1050, and GSU 1060
- Physical education “skills” courses KH 1010, 1020, 1030 (previous course prefixes: HPRD, HPRS, PE)
- ~~Military science courses at the 1000 and 2000 level~~

Rationale:

1. The majority of colleges and universities nationwide accept Military Science 1000 and 2000 courses as electives towards degrees. Under the current GSU policy, this places GSU ROTC Cadets at a disadvantage compared to their peers nationally because they have to take a larger course load to make up for not receiving elective credits for Military Science courses. This policy can have a significant effect on their grade point averages.

a. The Military Science 1000/2000 courses are standardized nationally by the US Army Cadet Command. The Cadet Command develops and distributes the curriculum to all colleges and universities for use by Military Science instructors. Therefore, GSU ROTC Cadets are required to complete the same work load as their peers nationally who are receiving elective credits for the Military Science 1000/2000 courses.

GSU ROTC Cadets are required to attend 6.5+ hours of ROTC instruction per week (see course description for timeline break down). ROTC Scholarships are not allowed to exceed more than eight semesters, unless an exception to policy is granted. Therefore, GSU Cadets are not authorized to take a reduced course load to make up for the lack of credit for Military Science courses.

b. Although each school accepts different amounts of credits, 29 out of the 35 public members of the Association of American University Public accept Military Science 1000/2000 courses as elective credits. The following Public AAU schools accept Military Science 1000/2000 courses as elective credits: Iowa State University, Michigan State University, The Ohio State University, The Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University, Stony Brook University – State University of New York, Texas A&M University, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, The University of Arizona, Berkeley, University of Missouri – Columbia, University of California, Irvine, University of California, Los Angeles, University of California, Santa Barbara, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Florida, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, The University of Iowa, The University of Kansas, University of Maryland at College Park, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Oregon, University of Pittsburgh, The University of Texas at Austin, University of Virginia, University of Washington, and The University of Wisconsin – Madison.

c. Georgia Tech University and University of Georgia accept Military Science credit as electives.

d. Nine of the top ten public research schools cited by the Lombardi Program for Measuring University Performance accept Military Science 1000/2000 as elective credits. Those schools are University of California, Berkeley, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, University of Florida, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and University of Wisconsin, Madison.

2. ROTC Cadets at GSU compete against all Cadets nationally for US Army Active Duty positions and choice of duty branch. Cadets' assessments packets are reviewed by a board, which determines each Cadet's ranking compared to his or her peers. Within the assessments packet, the Cadet's grade point average accounts for 40 percent of the criteria evaluated.

3. Military Science course descriptions.

a. Military Science 1000.

(1) Military Science 1000 Lecture Portion: Course provides a foundation in basic military subjects such as customs and traditions, history, and leadership. Students are instructed and evaluated in the following curriculum: military rank and structure, time management, orienteering, US Military customs and courtesies, officership and the Army profession, health and fitness, stress management, warrior ethos, and leadership. 1.25 hours per week.

(2) Military Science 1000 Physical Fitness: Students participate in and learn the fundamentals of physical fitness programs. Course provides education in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, weight management, and drill and ceremony. Students take the Army Physical Fitness Test as an evaluation of their fitness and knowledge. 3.75 hours per week.

(3) Military Science 1000 Lab: Course provides students the opportunity to apply leadership theory in a wide range of scenarios. Students will apply training in drill and ceremony, combat water survival, land navigation, squad movement and techniques, pre-combat checks, offensive combat operations, rifle marksmanship, rappelling, and patrol base operations. 1.66 hours per week.

(4) Course culminates into a four day field training exercise at Fort Benning, Georgia.

b. Military Science 2000.

(1) Military Science 2000 Lecture Portion: Course provides a foundation in basic military subjects such as customs and traditions, history, and leadership. Students are instructed and evaluated in the following curriculum: Army values and consideration of others, terrain analysis, patrolling, defense, effective military writing, operations orders, and terrorism awareness. 1.25 hours per week.

(2) Military Science 2000 Physical Fitness: Students participate in and learn the fundamentals of physical fitness programs. Course provides education in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, weight management, and drill and ceremony. Students take the Army Physical Fitness Test as an evaluation of their fitness and knowledge. 3.75 hours per week.

(3) Military Science 2000 Lab: Course provides students the opportunity to apply leadership theory in a wide range of scenarios. Students will apply training in drill and ceremony, combat water survival, land navigation, squad movement and techniques, pre-combat checks, offensive combat operations, rifle marksmanship, rappelling, communications and reporting, and patrol base operations. 1.66 hours per week.

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