

Military Affairs (MIL AFF)

Courses

MIL AFF 1 Military Physical Fitness 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

This course teaches the fundamentals of physical fitness employed by the U.S. military to condition ROTC cadets for the physical demands they will face as military officers. The course consists of rigorous physical training under the supervision of military officers and noncommissioned officers. The goal of this course is to not only enhance one's level of physical fitness, but also to develop leadership qualities in the conduct and planning of physical fitness training. Physical training will include, but is not limited to: running up to five miles, team sports, aerobics, and other activities.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Military Affairs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

MIL AFF 145A National Security Forces in Contemporary American Society 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Conceptually examines the Armed Forces as an integral element of American society. Examines contemporary issues in civil-military relations and the national and international environment in which U.S. defense policy is formulated and implemented.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Military Affairs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

MIL AFF 145B Preparation for Active Duty 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course focuses on commissioning of cadets and their transition to active duty. The primary focus of instruction is officership, professionalism, and leadership. Topics for specific discussion include the military justice system, military ethics, core values, military professionalism and current issues affecting the Air Force, and a general introduction to base functions designed to ease cadets' transition to active duty. This course combines lecture and discussion with increased emphasis on the students' written and oral communication skills.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Military Affairs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

MIL AFF 180 Philosophy of Leadership 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020

What is leadership? Does leadership remain fundamentally the same when you change scale or purpose, or does it in some way become fundamentally different? What is good leadership? Are the virtues of leadership universal and unchanging, or are they relative to your historical circumstances? Who can be a leader? Can leadership be taught, or is it something you are born with? How do we gain knowledge about leadership? Can we learn leadership through logic, reasoning from fundamental ideas, or do we require experimentation and empirical evidence? These are some of the questions we will be investigating through the close reading of classic texts on the philosophy of leadership, such as Plato's Statesman and Machiavelli's The Prince.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Military Affairs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Emerson

MIL AFF 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Supervised independent study and research for undergraduate students who desire to pursue topics of their own selection.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Military Affairs/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.