

**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE**

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Number: Military Science 402	Semester: Fall 2004, Spring 2005
Course Title: Role of the Army Officer	Military Science Class IV
Semester Credit Hours: 4	Classroom: DA 2027
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*****21 February 2005 is the last day to apply for Graduation!!**

Required Textbooks and documents: All students should purchase the MIL 402 textbook package (includes textbook, workbook, and CD); available at the WKU Bookstore. The instructor and/or Hilltopper battalion provide all other materials. We will also utilize the Blackboard Website to provide much of the course content and pre-class instructions (reading assignments, worksheets, etc.).

Course Description: The Role of the Army Officer class focuses on Army combat operations, logistics, administration, readiness, military justice, leadership/management, and preparing for commissioning. Additionally, each MSIV holds a battalion staff/leadership position.

Course Objectives: Cadets should have a clear understanding of the following:

- Basic knowledge of Army small unit personnel, supply, maintenance and judicial systems and functions.
- Demonstrate required written and oral communication skills by presenting a series of briefings on the Civil War campaign leadership project
- Properly define Army core values and apply them to the Army ethical decision-making model.
- Acquire and apply techniques for counseling, motivating, and team building.
- Develop an individual lifelong physical fitness commitment.

Assignments: Cadets must read and study homework assigned by the instructor. I will conducted this class as a seminar encouraging open discussion; it is imperative that cadets read assignments to prepare to discuss and participate in Practical Exercises (PE) during class.

Blackboard: The Army ROTC Blackboard web site is an additional source of information and assistance to facilitate communications. I will post class read-ahead instructions, assignments, announcements and general information to this site. The address to Blackboard is:

<http://rotc.blackboard.com>

You should check this site daily for announcements and late breaking information. Additionally, cadet **must** check their email DAILY.

Written Requirements: Army Officers must effectively communicate. Writing assignments this semester comprise 20% of your grade. For this course, I want you to pick a book from the recommended reading list and do a book report on it. These books include:

Band of Brothers; by Stephen Ambrose
Citizen Soldiers; by Stephen Ambrose
Death Ground; by Daniel Bolger
Feast of Bones; by Daniel Bolger
Once a Warrior King; by David Donovan
Prodigal Soldiers; by James Kitfield
Company Commander; by Charles MacDonald
The Defense of Hill 781; by James MacDonough
Brave Decisions; by Harry Maihafer
Men Against Fire: The Problem of Battle Command in Future War; by S.L.A. Marshall
Gates of Fire; by Stephen Pressfield
Attacks; by Irwin Rommel
Five Years to Freedom; by James Rowe
The Defense of Duffer's Drift; by E.d. Swinton
American Military Heritage; by William Hartzog
Starship Troopers; by Robert Heinlein
America's First Battles, 1775-1965; by Charles Heller and William Stoft
The Long Gray Line; by Rick Atkinson
The Greatest Generation; by Tom Brokaw
This Kind of War; by T.R. Fehrenbach
225 Years of Service, The U.S. Army 1775 - 2000; by David W. Hogan
The Face of Battle; by John Keegan
We Were Soldiers Once and Young; by Harold Moore and Joe Galloway
Once and Eagle; by Myrer Anton

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The Killer Angles; by Michael Shaara

For Nurse Cadets:

My Rise to the Stars; by Clara Adams-Enders

Another Kind of War Story; by Barbara Deardorff

Nurses at the Front; Margaret Higonnet

And If I Perish: Fontline U.S. Army Nurses in World War II; by Evelyn Monahan
and Rosemary Neidel-Greenlee

We Band of Angles; by Elizabeth Norman

Home Before Morning: The Story of an Army Nurse in Vietnam; by Lynda Van
Devanter

Do NOT pick the same book as last semester or for any other MIL classes – I’m tracking this! Cadets can find most of the above in the Cadet Library located on the second floor of Diddle Arena. Cadets write a one-page book report in memo format. The paragraphs of the memorandum are: 1. Overview – what the book was about; 2. Primary lesson learned from reading this book; 3. Recommendation to others. Cadets submit the book report by **22 April 2005**. Remember that the goal of Army writing is to, ***“transmit a clear message in a single, rapid reading and be generally free of errors in grammar, mechanics, and usage.”***

A second writing assignment occurs during the semester. I will provide details during class.

Finally, you will each update your Officer Evaluation Report Support Form (DA Form 67-9-1) and your Junior Officer Developmental Support Form (DA Form 67-9-1a) – we will discuss your JODSF during your beginning of semester counseling.

Student Presentation: Oral briefings take place as part of practical exercises throughout the semester, primarily in conjunction with the Civil War campaign leadership project.

Classes, Laboratories and Field Training Exercises: Classes occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1400 – 1515 for Team 2 which consists of Cadets Martin, Bryant, Meadows, Holley and Abbott. Classes occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 0800 – 0915 for Team 1 which consist of Cadets Porter, Brant, Shoults and Campbell. Labs occur from 1530 – 1730 each Thursday - refer to the syllabus and weekly training schedule for exact lab and FTX dates. Staff Call is immediately following Labs until 1815. Physical training occurs on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 0645 - 0800. The proper uniform is IAW the weekly training schedule. Cadets must demonstrate acceptable physical readiness to qualify for commissioning. The goal is for each MS IV to achieve 270 on the APFT with at least 90 points in each event. Additionally, cadets **MUST** pass the APFT and meet height/weight standards within 30 days of commissioning before they can receive their Army commission as an officer.

Enhanced Skills Training Program (ESTP): Cadets **MUST** complete ESTP prior to commissioning - **YOU CANNOT RECEIVE YOUR COMMISSION UNTIL YOU**

COMPLETE ESTP. You may use the computers in the Cadet Lounge to complete this requirement.

Attendance Policy: I expect all MS IV cadets to attend all classes, laboratories, physical training, staff planning sessions, and any other mandatory formations or meetings. I recognized that there are occasions when emergency situations or personal illness may necessitate a cadet's absence; however, cadets will notify the MS IV instructor as soon as possible BEFORE the event is missed. Doctor's statements regarding illness or other supporting documentation may be requested. Cases of excessive unexcused absences will result in disenrollment from the ROTC program.

Color Guard participation is mandatory for MSIVs. The Battalion S-5 tracks color guard participation using a DA6 (duty assignment) duty roster maintained by the Cadre training cell. The only MSIV cadets exempt from the color guard duty roster are the CDT CSM and CDT majors and above.

Staff performance: I evaluate staff performance based upon participation and accomplishment of assigned/required staff functions. For an effective cadet battalion staff, each member does his or her staff functions to ensure the success of the battalion. I will use the DA Form 67-9-1, Officer Support Form as a guide for your staff goals during the semester.

Individual Performance: Cadets must arrive on time to class or functions, provide timely response to inquiries by the cadre, inform cadre members of situations that might affect graduation or commissioning, and present a neat appearance and a positive attitude toward attaining a U.S. Army Commission. **Remember that any arrest or conviction, regardless of how minor, must be reported to the instructor as soon as possible.** We may consider disenrollment for cadets who fall short of standards. **Cadets caught cheating or using someone else's work on assignments will be disenrolled.**

Course Evaluation Plan: I will evaluate a cadet's performance using the following plan, based on a 100-point system, and determine letter grades IAW university policy:

<u>Graded Areas</u>	<u>Points Possible</u>
Final Exam	20
Leadership Project	40
Book writing assignment	10
Class / lab attendance	10
Staff performance	10
OER Spt Form and JODCF updates	10
Total Points Possible:	100

The following is the point breakdown for each letter grade:

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<u>Total Points Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 or less	F

MILITARY SCIENCE 402 SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION

Class	Date	Subject	Remarks
Wk 1	11 Jan 13 Jan	Course Introduction & Assessing the Ethical Climate Leadership Project Orientation Leadership LAB	Briefings
Wk 2	18 Jan 20 Jan	Transition to Lieutenant – Graduation Preparation Personal Finance – Unit Finance Leadership LAB	Battle Drill 1A
Wk 3	25 Jan 27 Jan	LP Brief #1 – Civil War Overview Brief Climate Assessment Leadership LAB	Battle Drill 3
Wk 4	1 Feb 3 Feb	Foundations of Military Law Law of War Leadership LAB	BRM
Wk 5	8 Feb 10 Feb	Punitive Military Law Non-Judicial Military Law Leadership Lab	Conduct a Recon
Wk 6	15 Feb 17 Feb	Administrative Discipline and Separations LP Brief #2 Leadership Lab	Land Navigation
Wk 7	22 Feb 24 Feb	Ethics - Joint Ethics Regulation Military Etiquette Leadership Lab	Customs and Courtesy
Wk 8	1 Mar 3 Mar	TOEs, MTOEs Logistics Overview Leadership Lab	PCI/Dining In Prep
Wk 9	8 Mar 10 Mar	Supply Operations LP Brief #3	

Leadership Lab			Battle Drill #5
Wk 10	15 Mar 17 Mar	Maintenance Overview Maintenance Operations Leadership Lab	Cadet Challenge
Wk 11	Spring Break		
Wk 12	29 Mar 31 Mar	Levels of Operations LP Brief #4 Leadership Lab	PCI/Spring FTX
Wk 13	5 Apr 7 Apr	Technology in the Army Role and Responsibilities of the NCO Leadership Lab	Spring FTX
Wk 14	12 Apr 14 Apr	NO CLASS – Comp time for FTX Additional Duties – Lieutenant Responsibilities Leadership Lab	FLRC
Wk 15	19 Apr 21 Apr	OBC – First Assignment LP Brief #5 – Campaign Summary Leadership Lab	TBD
Wk 16	26 Apr 28 Apr	Continuity Brief Prep – NO CLASS Continuity Brief	
Final Exam		2 May 05, 1300 - 1500	

If you have any questions regarding the content of this syllabus do not hesitate to ask.
Information contained in this document is subject to change.

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