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ECTC partners with WKU to offer ROTC classes

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Next school year, students at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College will be able to participate in ROTC through a partnership with Western Kentucky University.

The college announced in a news release that students can enroll in military classes as part of a joint enrollment program with the Bowling Green-based university. Students previously have not been able to participate in ROTC while at ECTC.

This fall, students can take MIL 101, an introductory course that teaches mountaineering operations and leadership, according to the news release. The two-credit hour class will be taught Friday mornings to accommodate class schedules.

"This is a great opportunity for students to try it out, have some fun and perhaps continue in the ROTC program," ROTC recruiting operations officer for WKU Brandon Smith said in the news release.

Other classes that to be offered later include MIL 102 – Developmental Skills; MIL 201 – Basic Leadership; and MIL 202 – Team Building and Military Doctrine. The military classes may be counted as electives in some ECTC programs.

Cadets who want to continue in the ROTC program at WKU also could be eligible for scholarships that would pay tuition.

ECTC students can submit a free application to WKU for joint-enrollment status and register for the class through WKU's advisers.