

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Number: Military Science 402 Semester: Fall /Spring

Course Title: Role of the Army Officer Military Science Class IV

Semester Credit Hours: 4 Classroom: DA 2027

Instructor:

Office Phone: 745-4293

Text Book: MIL402 Officership

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. MIL 402

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Assignments: Cadets must read and study homework assigned by the instructor. I will conduct 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 AntonMIL 402

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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

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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 MIL 402

Spring 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 dis-enrolled.

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:

Graded Areas Points Possible

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:MIL 402

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Total Points Earned Grade

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 Course Introduction & Assessing the Ethical Climate

13 Jan Leadership Project Orientation

Leadership LAB Briefings

Wk 2 18 Jan Transition to Lieutenant – Graduation Preparation

20 Jan Personal Finance – Unit Finance

Leadership LAB Battle Drill 1A

Wk 3 25 Jan LP Brief #1 – Civil War Overview

27 Jan Brief Climate Assessment

Leadership LAB Battle Drill 3

Wk 4 1 Feb Foundations of Military Law

3 Feb Law of War

Leadership LAB BRM

Wk 5 8 Feb Punitive Military Law

10 Feb Non-Judicial Military Law

Leadership Lab Conduct a Recon

Wk 6 15 Feb Administrative Discipline and Separations

17 Feb LP Brief #2

Leadership Lab Land Navigation

Wk 7 22 Feb Ethics - Joint Ethics Regulation

24 Feb Military Etiquette

Leadership Lab Customs and

Courtesy

Wk 8 1 Mar TOEs, MTOEs

3 Mar Logistics Overview

Leadership Lab PCI/Dining In Prep

Wk 9 8 Mar Supply Operations

10 Mar LP Brief #3 MIL 402

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Leadership Lab Battle Drill #5

Wk

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15 Mar Maintenance Overview

17 Mar Maintenance Operations

Leadership Lab Cadet Challenge

Wk

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Break

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29 Mar Levels of Operations

31 Mar LP Brief #4

Leadership Lab PCI/Spring FTX

Wk

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5 Apr Technology in the Army

7 Apr Role and Responsibilities of the NCO

Leadership Lab Spring FTX

Wk

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12 Apr NO CLASS – Comp time for FTX

14 Apr Additional Duties – Lieutenant Responsibilities

Leadership Lab FLRC

Wk

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19 Apr OBC – First Assignment

21 Apr LP Brief #5 – Campaign Summary

Leadership Lab TBD

Wk

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26 Apr Continuity Brief Prep – NO CLASS

28 Apr Continuity Brief

Final

Exam

2 May, 1300 - 1500

If you have any questions regarding the content of this syllabus do not hesitate to ask.

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