Military Science
Military Science is a minor that will provide students with an extra edge in realizing career goals. No matter what students decide to major in, they will find that training and expertise in management, leadership, and self-discipline are excellent preparation for any career. As a college graduate with ROTC training, you will be more valuable to prospective employers.

Program of Study
The Military Science program is divided into the basic and advanced courses. The first two years, the basic course, is taken without making a commitment to military service; however, since the advanced course is designed specifically for those who want to earn a commission as an officer in the Active Army, Army Reserves, or Army National Guard, a military commitment is required.

Basic Course
During freshman year, students will take Military Science (MS) 111 and 112, which include an introduction to ROTC and the military, an introduction to leadership, and management skills.

During sophomore year, students will take the MS 211 and 212 course sequence, "Basic Military Science." This includes map reading and land navigation, techniques of military instruction, and introduction to small unit tactics.

Eligible Basic Camp graduates who agree to accept a contract with ROTC may be eligible for a two-year Federal Scholarship that covers either tuition or room and board costs, $600 a semester in reimbursement for book costs, and a $420 monthly living stipend.

Summer Basic Camp
If students miss all or part of the basic course and wish to enroll in the advanced course, they can attend the Summer Basic Camp. Basic Camp is a 28-day summer training event at Ft. Knox, KY, that enhances leadership, basic Army skills, and physical fitness. By attending this course, there is no commitment to join the Army, but students will earn over $700 and up to six hours of college credit.

Advanced Course
If a student has completed the basic course, attended the Summer Basic Camp, or completed U.S. Army Basic Training, he or she can qualify for the advanced course.

During junior year, students will take the MS 311 and 312 course sequence, "Intermediate Military Science," which includes advanced small unit tactics, organizational management, and leadership. In the summer after junior year, students will attend a five-week paid Advanced Camp at Ft. Knox, KY. As a contracted MS III Cadet, he or she will receive monthly stipends of $420 each school month, as well as numerous scholarship opportunities.
During your senior year, students take the final course sequence, MS 411 and 412, “Advanced Military Science,” which includes military justice, staff operations and organization, logistics and support operations, advanced leadership topics, and military decisionmaking. MS IV Cadets receive a monthly stipend of $420.

Scholarships
Each year, 10 state scholarships are awarded, with no military obligation, to full-time freshman students enrolled in the Military Science Basic Course. Selection is based solely upon competitive merit as evaluated during the first semester at Western. Financial need is not a prerequisite.

If students are interested in military service or are considering a military career, they may apply for two-, three-, and four-year ROTC Federal Scholarships. These scholarships pay tuition, all fees, $1,200 for books, and up to $420 per month while the scholarship is in effect. Federal scholarships require a military commitment by your sophomore year.

The scholarship pays tuition, athletic, and activity fees.

Other Activities
In addition to classroom activities, students may participate in adventure training, such as rappelling, orienteering, water survival, marksmanship, drill and ceremony, and more. They may also take part in social activities, such as the annual Military Ball. The ROTC program at Western offers Ranger Challenge, Ranger Company, Drill Team, and Pistol/Rifle Teams. Once a student is enrolled, he or she is eligible to attend training courses, such as Airborne or Air Assault. ROTC Cadets are also involved in other campus activities, such as resident assistant programs, volunteer services, athletics, fraternities, and sororities.

Contact Information
The Military Science department can be reached at (309) 298-1161 for specific questions, or visit us at wiu.edu/ROTC.

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Campus Visits
The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and individual appointments can be made on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Campus tours are conducted at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments with advisers, faculty, or a financial aid adviser may be arranged separately during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10 a.m., and a campus tour is conducted at 11 a.m. You may schedule your visit or tour online at wiu.edu/admissions by selecting “Visit Campus.” You may also schedule a visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU (742-5948) or (309) 298-3157, or by e-mailing admissions@wiu.edu.

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