

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Purpose/Obligations

As the official NROTC website says, "The NROTC Program was established to develop midshipmen mentally, morally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, and loyalty, and with the core values of honor, courage and commitment in order to commission college graduates as naval officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the naval service, and have a potential for future development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government." Hence, our purpose at the Holy Cross NROTC Unit is to train and commission future leaders who meet these important requirements and will honorably serve as officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

Scholarship students that graduate and receive their commission are obligated to serve 8 years of commissioned service, 5 years of active duty and 3 years inactive reserve. This is in an unrestricted line billet (surface, submarine, aviation, or special warfare). If students go to flight school as Pilots or Naval Flight Officers, their obligations increase to 8 and 6 years of active

the students with the higher academic and aptitude rankings, regardless of where they go to school, will be most likely to receive their first choice of assignments.

Most likely. Just before the beginning of the senior year our students are asked to state their duty preferences, and most will get their first choice of duty. There are prerequisites for certain duty preference, such as being physically qualified for aviation or passing a screening interview to pursue a career aboard nuclear powered ships and submarines.

The Navy does not give such a guarantee. However, experience has shown that a solid academic performance, high scores on the aviation aptitude exam, and being physically qualified for aviation will give a midshipman an excellent chance of getting his aviation choice.

That is a possibility, but not a very likely one unless you have an exceptional record of undergraduate academic work. Across the nation, a few top students are selected each year to go on to graduate school, but the vast majority will be expected to enter the military after graduation. Keep in mind, though, that the Navy and Marine Corps have their own Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and you would be eligible for assignment there after your initial sea tours to obtain a graduate degree in the field of your choice while receiving full pay.

Maybe. At this time, only about twenty-five NROTC midshipmen nationwide are given permission to apply to medical school each year. If admitted to a medical school, they would attend immediately following graduation. Under this program, students would begin to serve

Benefits

The scholarship covers full tuition at Holy Cross University for two, three or four years depending on when the student applies for a scholarship. In addition, educational fees, uniforms, and a \$250 per month tax-free subsistence allowance are paid by the Navy for

Yes. You can join our Unit as a "cross-enrolled" student if you would like to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute or Worcester State University, our "cross-town affiliates." We have an agreement that will allow you to use an NROTC scholarship to attend WPI or WSU when you gain admission. As a "cross-enrolled" student, you would attend WPI or WSU as a full time student, and come to the Holy Cross campus to attend Naval Science classes. If you are a Nurse Corps scholarship candidate, be advised that Holy Cross has no nursing program. You will be applying to and attending WSC as a cross-town student. WPI and WSU are both about a twenty minute commute from Holy Cross.

You should wait until after you are notified of selection as a scholarship nominee, and then email Naval Service Training Command (Code OD2); email links are provided under the contact link at www.nrotc.navy.mil. This cannot be done over the telephone.

The naval science curriculum at each school is identical. If there are any apparent differences among NROTC Units, they are due to the customs and traditions of the Units, and the personalities of the Unit Staffs, and even the midshipmen in those Units. Our advice would be to choose your university on the basis of its overall reputation and the availability of the degree programs you prefer. Look also, at the reputation of the school's graduates. You should narrow your choices down to a few, and then visit those campuses (and their NROTC Units) to help you make the final decision.

midshipmen receive the same commission as Scholarship midshipmen. If a midshipman has not been granted Advance Standing by the beginning of the junior year, he or she will be disenrolled from the NROTC program with no service obligation.

Absolutely. As mentioned above, if a student hasn't been granted a scholarship, he or she can join the NROTC College Program, and will be required to do everything a scholarship student does. College Program students do not go on summer training. After one academic term, in which the student's academic performance and aptitude can be assessed, the student can be recommended for scholarship status to the Commander Naval Service Training Command, who is empowered to award scholarships to promising College Program students. In general, if you can earn better than a 3.3 G P A in your first academic term, achieve a " B " or better in Calculus, and demonstrate a high aptitude for Naval Service, you would have a good chance for a 3-year NROTC scholarship.

When you send in the initial scholarship application form, you will have checked either the Navy or Marine Corps box on the form. The box you check will determine the route that your application will then take. You will be contacted by a Navy or Marine Corps recruiter to complete your application processing, according to the box you checked. If you are processed by a Navy recruiter, then you will be eligible for a Navy Option scholarship. The Navy and Marine Corps conduct their own scholarship selection boards to consider their own candidates. The Marine Corps is a much smaller service than the Navy and requires fewer new officers each year. Thus, the number of NROTC scholarships awarded by the Marine Corps is far fewer than is offered by the Navy.

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medical evidence may be required to substantiate your qualification. Unless you are told that your condition is absolutely disqualifying, you should do all that you can to obtain medical certification. Letters from family doctors or your local specialists can help to show that your condition should not be disqualifying. When in doubt, ask for a medical waiver. For more information, see the link below to the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review

No. NROTC midshipmen are only required to wear the uniform for one full day per week throughout the school year. Lab, otherwise known as drill, may consist of military formation, classroom sessions, general briefings, inspections or physical fitness training.

No. Each student makes his or her own arrangements with the college for housing.

NROTC students take, on average, two Naval Science courses per year, one each in the fall and spring semesters. All scholarship students (both Navy and Marine Option) must take one semester of American Military History/National Security Policy and one semester of Cultural Awareness. All Navy Option students are also required to take one year of English (grammar and composition), one year of Calculus (by the end of sophomore year) and one year of Physics (by the end of junior year). The NROTC Unit provides professional tutoring in calculus and physics for those students who need help with these difficult subjects. Additionally, the Unit will accept some AP credit for all academic requirements if these credits appear on the Holy Cross transcript.

Freshmen should register for "Naval Orientation".

Scholarship and College Program midshipmen must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale, have no failing grades in any subject required for their major or commissioning, progress on a prescribed timeline for graduation, and have a full academic load every semester (5 courses at Holy Cross).

The NROTC staff is composed of active duty Navy and Marine Corps officers and enlisted personnel. The Naval Science courses are instructed by the staff officers. These same officers will double as your NROTC class advisors, providing guidance and assistance as necessary, in your academic and military pursuits.

In most respects, it is the same. Marine Option students are not required to take calculus and physics courses, but are required to attend one extra physical training (PT) session per week.

Due to the tier system that the Navy recently implemented, all major fall into one of three tiers:

- Tier 1 encompasses all technical engineering majors, such as mechanical and electrical engineering.
- Tier 2 contains

An NROTC midshipman is a civilian, pursuing his or her own academic degree in a normal university environment, in the same manner as a non-midshipman would. The only difference is that the midshipman takes a series of Naval Science courses, similar to minoring in a specific field beyond the intended major, and he or she wears his or her uniform to class once a week. Midshipmen are free to join student societies and clubs, and enjoy all aspects of campus life. You will blend in with and participate in the campus activities of your choice, and when you graduate, you will serve with pride as a Navy or Marine Corps officer.

Absolutely. We have had a number of midshipmen who were on the swimming and diving team, played rugby and lacrosse, and participated in almost every intramural event. The question is really one of time management; Holy Cross is a Division I school with time-consuming varsity athletics, and you would probably have to negotiate with both the Unit and your coaches in order to make the time commitments for each work. Some sports are more flexible than others with the NROTC time commitment.

You don't know, and neither did any of us who are in the military now. You have to join the program and experience it for yourself. That is why the first year is without obligation. We are looking for intelligent and physically fit men and women of high moral character who can be trained to assume positions of leadership and great responsibility in the Navy and Marine Corps. If you fit that description, and if you prefer to be a leader rather than a follower, then you owe it to yourself to give it a try.

Summer Training

There are three different cruises, one each summer. The first summer cruise, known as CORTRAMID (Career ORientation and TRaining for MIDshipmen), occurs after the freshmen year, and gives all scholarship students the chance to learn about the four basic line officer specialties. The students spend one week each at four locations to receive familiarizations with aviation, submarine, surface ships, and Marine Corps operations. The second summer cruise, which all scholarship students take after the s2.0t9ETaf03(now)4(n as)TJ1-2(ne)4(Co)-84(shme)4(shw)4(sd(a)-c

The summer cruises are part of our curriculum and attendance is mandatory if a student is qualified. However, we will allow you to state your preference for one of three phases throughout the summer