

Specialized Academic Opportunities

Naval ROTC

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps

The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) unit administers the Naval Science Program at Embry-Riddle. All students enrolled in the University who are physically and mentally qualified are eligible to apply for entry into the NROTC Program. This program affords men and women the opportunity to receive instruction in Navy-specified courses that, in conjunction with the baccalaureate degree and U.S. citizenship, will qualify them for a commission in the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps. Students are selected on their own merit to become officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. As naval officers, Embry-Riddle NROTC graduates become eligible for varied careers, serving in aviation squadrons, on surface ships, on submarines, and in special operations, or in numerous sub-specialties as an officer of the Marine Corps.

Reserve Officer Training programs are subject to the control of the service branch that sponsors them and are operated according to the rules and regulations established by the service branch.

Students interested in the Embry-Riddle NROTC Program may compete for four-year NROTC national scholarships prior to matriculation. Students who join the unit through the NROTC College Program are eligible to compete for other types of scholarships throughout their college career. With the consent of the Professor of Naval Science, any student, although not enrolled in the NROTC Program, is eligible for enrollment in naval science courses.

Contact the NROTC department at 1-386-323-8990 or dbnrotc@erau.edu for more information.

Naval ROTC Four-Year National Scholarship Programs

Scholarship students are appointed Midshipmen, U.S. Navy Reserve. The Navy pays for tuition, fees, uniforms, a stipend for textbooks each semester, and a per month subsistence allowance starting at \$250 per month for first-year candidates and up to \$400 for senior students during the academic year. Four-year scholarship students are normally selected through national competition during their senior year in high school. However, students who are already enrolled in college and have less than 30 college credits but not in the NROTC Program may compete nationally for four-year scholarships during their freshmen year of college.

Although it is not a requirement, students in the NROTC Scholarship Program are encouraged to pursue a major in engineering, mathematics, chemistry, or physics to meet the technological requirements of the Navy. Other fields of study for a major leading to a baccalaureate degree are permitted with the approval of the Professor of Naval Science. Regardless of the major, every Navy scholarship student must complete one year of calculus and calculus-based physics.

Students must include certain Navy-specified courses in their program and complete a program of courses as prescribed by the Professor of Naval Science. Upon graduation and successful completion of the Naval Science curriculum, the Midshipman will receive a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy or Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and will serve on active duty for a minimum of five years.

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Naval ROTC College Program

Students enrolled in the NROTC College Program can compete for full scholarships of various lengths. Once selected for a scholarship, students fall under the Scholarship Program described above. Students who are not selected for a scholarship may be eligible for selection to Advanced

Standing status and will be appointed as a Midshipman prior to the commencement of the Advanced Course starting their junior year.

The Navy pays for uniforms and naval science textbooks during the four-year period and, during the junior and senior years, pays the Midshipman a monthly subsistence allowance. Each student is selected for enrollment in the program through application to the NROTC and will be selected on the basis of past academic performance, potential, personal interviews, and a physical examination. A College Program Midshipman acquires a military service obligation only after entering the Advanced Course at the beginning of the junior year.

Although there are no restrictions on the major college program students may pursue, it is highly recommended that they pursue a course of study similar to that of scholarship students. Students must also include in their program certain Navy-specified courses and a program of courses in naval science. Students, upon graduation and successful completion of the Naval Science curriculum, receive a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy or as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and will serve on active duty for a minimum of five years.

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Naval ROTC Two-Year Scholarship

NROTC offers a two-year scholarship program that is designed specifically for students commencing their third year of college who were not enrolled in the NROTC program during their freshman and sophomore years. Applications must be submitted during the sophomore year by March 1 to permit processing, personal interviews, and a physical examination. Qualifications for acceptance into this program include demonstrated ability to complete college-level physics and calculus courses.

Upon acceptance into this program, the student will attend a six-week intensive course at the Naval Science Institute in Newport, R.I., in the summer prior to beginning the junior year of study. Students in a five-year engineering curriculum may attend the institution between their third and fourth years. The six-week summer course qualifies the student for enrollment in the NROTC Program at the junior level. During the student's attendance at the Naval Science Institute, the Navy provides room and board, books, uniforms, transportation from home and return, and also pays the student a monthly stipend. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will return to the University and participate as a scholarship student in the NROTC program. Students, upon graduation and successful completion of the Naval Science curriculum, receive a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy or as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and will serve on active duty for a minimum of five years.

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Naval ROTC Summer Training

The NROTC Scholarship Program and College Program Advanced Standing students are required to complete training of approximately four to six weeks during summer recesses. During the first summer period, each scholarship student receives instruction in aviation training, marine combat training, surface warfare indoctrination, and submarine indoctrination either in Norfolk, Va., or San Diego, Calif. The second summer training is performed aboard operational ships of the U.S. fleet from an enlisted service member's perspective. During the third summer, candidates for U.S. Navy commissions will perform training aboard operational ships from a junior officer's perspective. The students who qualify for nuclear propulsion training may elect to cruise on nuclear-powered ships or submarines. Some midshipmen cruise with allied navies through the Midshipman Foreign Exchange Program. Transportation costs to and from the training sites, subsistence, quarters, and monthly pay will be paid to every participating student.

The candidates for U.S. Marine Corps commissions will perform training at the U.S. Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va. The Marine Option NROTC Summer Training Program is designed to prepare midshipmen for

appointment to commissioned grade by providing basic military instruction and physical training. An evaluation of midshipmen is made to ensure that they possess the leadership, academic, and physical qualifications required for appointment to commissioned grade in the Marine Corps.

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Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Course Program

For freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, the Marine Corps offers the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC) program. Freshmen and sophomores attend two six-week training sessions, and juniors attend one 10-week session at Quantico, Va. During the training sessions, candidates can earn from \$2,100 to \$3,200, depending on which training session is attended. In addition, eligible candidates may apply for two financial assistance programs, the Financial Assistance Program (FAP) and the College Tuition Assistance Program (CTAP). Call or visit the Web site to receive more information.

To be eligible for the program, the student must be a U.S. citizen (either native-born or naturalized), with full-time enrollment in a minimum of 12 academic credits per semester, and must be working toward an accredited/recognized baccalaureate degree.

The PLC Program offers two entry-level paths that lead to commissioning as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. The first is the Guaranteed Aviation Program. Applicants must have a qualifying ACT, SAT, or ASVAB score and must take the Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB). Those who have at least the minimum score of 4/6 on the ASTB; pass a Class 1 aviation medical examination performed at a Navy medical facility; pass a Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test (PFT); and are accepted into the program by Headquarters Marine Corps, will be eligible to receive a contract guarantee. The second program is the Ground Officer Program. This program encompasses all military occupational specialties not directly related to piloting aircraft, or guaranteed law.

To be eligible for the U.S. Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class Program, a student must be enrolled full-time. Openings are available for men and women with any major who are under the age of 28.

Contact the Officer Selection Office at 1-866-290-2680 (toll free) or 1-407-249-5873.

Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program

Two and a half years prior to college graduation, future nuclear power officers can enter the Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program (NUPOC). This program offers you a monthly stipend from \$2,990 to \$5,000 per month for up to 30 months depending on location, a \$15,000 selection bonus, and an additional \$2,000 bonus upon completing nuclear propulsion training. After completion of the 12-week course at Officer Candidate School, nuclear power officers then begin training at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command (NNPTC) in Charleston, S.C. This 24-week course helps students understand the complex nature of nuclear propulsion through a broad background on theory and operations mechanics. Once you've successfully completed NNPTC, you'll begin training at a Nuclear Power Training Unit for real-life work on an actual operating reactor. You'll work at all junior watch stations and eventually assume the role of engineering officer of the watch in charge of the entire plant. Submarine nuclear-trained officers attend Submarine Basic Course, a 12-week course that will familiarize you with submarine safety and operations and all of the necessary aspects of submarine life as an officer. Surface ship nuclear power officers will first attend officer candidate school, complete a sea tour, and attend Surface Warfare Officer School prior to receiving nuclear power training. The NROTC department can offer more information and contact information for the Navy Officer Recruiter.

Contact the Nuclear Officer Programs Recruiter, at 1-407-240-5939 Ext 1407 for more information.

Civil Engineering Corps Collegiate Program (CEC)

Provides money for students to focus on completing their degree without having to take on a part-time job. They will graduate with a guaranteed job as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy.

Eligibility:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be physically qualified
- 19-35 years old on date of commissioning
- Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (engineering or architecture degree)
- 24 months or less from graduation (in an accredited ABET or NAAB program)

Benefits:

- Earn up to \$101,000 while in college
- Medical/dental coverage and life insurance
- Possible advancement while in college
- College years enrolled in the program count toward retirement
- Full-time student; military duties begin after degree obtained

Please contact General Officer Programs at 1-407-240-5939 Ext 1405 for more information.

Naval Aviation Club

A dynamic Naval Aviation Club informs and assists students who are eager to learn about naval aviation careers. Membership dues are nominal, and no academic credit is conferred. The club features guest speakers and aircraft from fleet squadrons, in addition to field trips to naval air stations, aircraft carriers, and the cradle of naval aviation at Pensacola. Current Navy policy information is made available through close liaison with Navy Recruit Command representatives.

For more information, contact the president of the Embry-Riddle Naval Aviation Club.