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REQUIREMENTS:

- The institution provides student support programs, services, and activities consistent with its mission that promote student learning and enhance the development of its students.

  Responses:
  1. Describe how your unit’s mission, services and activities are consistent with the mission of the University.
     The mission of the Army ROTC unit at NCSU is to provide leadership training and education in a variety of academic and real world settings in order to prepare the students for future leadership positions in the Army.
  2. Describe how your unit promotes student learning and enhances the development of our students.
     The ROTC program is divided into phases: The Basic Course studies Army history, organization and structure. The techniques and principles of leadership and management are stressed throughout. The Advanced Course concentrates on tactical operations and military instruction, as well as advanced techniques of management, leadership, and command.
  3. Provide the web address for your unit.
     http://www.ncsu.edu/army_rotc/

- The institution identifies expected outcomes for its educational programs and its administrative and educational support services; assesses whether it achieves these outcomes; and provides evidence of improvement based on analyses of those results.

  Responses:
  1. Have you identified and articulated outcomes for your unit?
     Yes.
  2. If you have developed outcomes, please list them.
     Our identified outcome is a graduated student who is commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Army.
  3. If you have developed outcomes, are you measuring them?
     Yes
  4. If you are measuring your outcomes, what assessment methods are you using?
     To be commissioned as an officer in the United States Army you must possess a bachelor’s degree and you must show that you have internalized the seven Army values and that you possess satisfactory competence in the sixteen leadership dimensions designed to assess your leadership abilities. During the MSIII year of military science cadets are rotated every two weeks through a variety of leadership positions. During these rotations they are evaluated by an MSIV cadet on the sixteen leadership dimensions as well as the seven Army values. Each MSIII cadet will have eight different two week evaluation periods this academic year. Additionally, all cadets must demonstrate proficiency in
land navigation and physical fitness. Nationwide, between the MSIII and MSIV years of study, all cadets spend twenty-eight days training and being evaluated with their peers at the National Advanced Leadership Camp (NALC) held at Ft Lewis, Washington. The purpose of the camp is to ensure that all cadets meet the minimum acceptable standards for leadership and to test their physical fitness and land navigation skills. Cadets are exposed to many new military skills during the camp and are challenged mentally and physically. Rotating through a variety of leadership positions, the cadets are formally evaluated while serving in each leadership position by an officer or non-commissioned officer serving in our Army.

5. If you are using assessment to measure your outcomes, provide a brief summary of the results for each outcome listed in #2. 
   Annually, Army ROTC commissions the cadets who meet or exceed the standard. Last year we commissioned eleven. This year all eighteen cadets sent to NALC successfully completed the instruction and evaluation.

6. If you are measuring your outcomes, how is this information/data used to improve programs and services within your unit? 
   We receive a detailed breakdown of our cadets’ performance in all areas at NALC. We then use these results as the primary source of information for planning our training for the upcoming academic year.

7. Does your unit assess satisfaction with services offered? 
   Yes

8. If so, how are you assessing satisfaction? 
   Nationally, cadets at each level of military science are surveyed annually with the results being collected and evaluated at our national headquarters. Trends are identified and forwarded to all Army ROTC detachments for review. If problems appear at a specific detachment, information is forwarded through the chain of command to that location.

9. If you are assessing satisfaction, provide a brief summary of the results. 
   We fall within the nationwide trend parameters.

10. If you are assessing satisfaction, how is this information/data used to improve services within your unit? 
    We assess the information provided and react as required.

11. If you are conducting any other type of assessment, in addition to measuring outcomes and satisfaction, please describe the assessment, the results, and how the data are used. 
   None.

12. How do you use your Compact Plan with regards to improving services offered by your unit? 

13. If you are not where you would like to be with regards to assessment, what is affecting your progress? What is your schedule for developing and/or implementing an assessment plan for your unit? 
   • The institution engages in ongoing, integrated, and institution-wide research-based planning and evaluation processes that incorporate a systematic review of programs and services that (a) results in continuing improvement and (b) demonstrates that the institution is effectively accomplishing its mission.

   Responses:

1. To the extent that the above responses do not adequately address your unit’s planning and evaluation processes, please provide a brief description of your unit’s planning and evaluation process.

"The order, the self-discipline, the pride that had been instilled in me by ROTC was a tremendous companion to my basic liberal arts education and prepared me well for my Army career, or for that matter, any career I might have chosen."

GEN (Ret) Colin Powell
Former Chairman, The Joint Chiefs of Staff

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why do I have a problem seeing the navigation bar on the new web site?
   A. The new web site has been optimized for Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.xx and above. You may download a copy of Internet Explorer at no charge.

Q. Why am I not able to view the Smart Book or the JROTC Instructor Application?
   A. Some files require you to download the plug-in Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.0. You may download the plug-in from Adobe's web site for free. Acrobat Reader is compatible with most web browsers.

Q. By enrolling in ROTC, are you joining the Army?
   A. No. Students who enroll in ROTC don't join the Army. They take an ROTC class for which they receive credit. It's considered a college elective.

Q. Is ROTC like "boot camp"?
   A. No. ROTC cadets go directly to college where they earn their degree.

Q. What can students expect to learn by taking ROTC?
   A. Quite simply, leadership and management skills needed to become a U.S. Army officer or have a successful civilian career.

Q. What makes ROTC different from regular college management courses?
   A. Students in ROTC learn through a unique program that involves both classroom and "live" situations. For instance, an ROTC cadet might be found leading classmates through adventure training, down a river in a raft, or up a mountain wall.

Q. Is there a military obligation during college?
   A. During the first two years, ROTC cadets have no military obligation (or the first year in the case of scholarship winners).

Q. What is the ROTC course comprised of?
   A. The ROTC program is divided into phases: The Basic Course studies Army history, organization and structure. The techniques and principles of leadership and management are stressed throughout. The Advanced Course concentrates on tactical operations and military instruction, as well as advanced techniques of management, leadership, and command.
Q. Does Army ROTC offer scholarships?  
A. Yes. Each year hundreds of students attending colleges nationwide receive ROTC scholarships. ROTC awards them to students studying science, engineering, nursing, business, as well as a variety of other majors.

Q. How much money does ROTC usually award and what does the money go towards?  
A. Scholarships are awarded at different monetary levels. At some schools an ROTC scholarship is worth up to $80,000, which goes towards tuition and educational fees. Also, scholarship winners receive an allowance of up to $1,500 a year.

Q. On what basis are scholarship winners chosen?  
A. ROTC scholarships are not based on financial need. Instead, they're awarded on merit. Merit is exhibited in academic achievement and extracurricular activities, such as sports, student government or part-time work.

Q. Can only scholarship winners enroll in ROTC?  
A. No. Anyone can enroll in ROTC. And regardless of whether you're a scholarship winner or not, all ROTC books, supplies and equipment are furnished at not cost to you.

Q. How often are Army ROTC scholarships awarded?  
A. Scholarships are awarded once a year. Students apply by November 15 and selections are made continuously thru May 15. Four-year scholarship applications must be requested between March 1 and November 1. Also, once cadets are on campus, two-year and three-year scholarships become available.

Q. How do students benefit from Army ROTC?  
A. In college and after graduation, cadets find that the training and experience that they have received are assets - whether pursuing an Army or civilian career. Employers place high regard on the management and leadership skills that ROTC instructors stress. Plus, ROTC looks great on a resume. When cadets complete the ROTC course, upon graduation, they become commissioned officers in the U.S. Army.