

New Student Conference NROTC Information Packet

1. Welcome to the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Unit at Texas A&M University! This information packet is to help you successfully prepare for, and enroll in, the NROTC Program.

2. There are four categories of students enrolled in the NROTC Program:

(1) **Scholarship Student:** A student participating in the Corps of Cadets and NROTC who is receiving money from the Department of Defense for tuition, or room and board, with a contract to commission upon graduation as a Marine Corps Second Lieutenant or Navy Ensign.

(2) **College Program Student:** A student participating in the Corps of Cadets and NROTC pursuing a commissioning contract in the United States Navy or Marine Corps.

(3) **Advanced Standing Student:** A student not receiving money in the form of tuition, or room and board, but is under contract to commission upon graduation as a Marine Corps Second Lieutenant or Navy Ensign. These students receive a monthly stipend between \$350-\$400 from the Department of Defense.

(4) **Naval Science Student:** A student participating in the Corps of Cadets and NROTC but not pursuing a commission into the United States Navy or Marine Corps.

3. As a member of the NROTC Unit, you are required to take one Naval Science (NVSC) course per semester. Entering first-year students take NVSC 101 Intro to Naval Science in the Fall semester or NVSC 205 Sea Power and Maritime Affairs for transfer students in the Spring semester. Entering second-year students take NVSC 210 Leadership and Management. All NVSC courses have a Leadership Laboratory (LLAB) that meets one day each week for two hours.

4. All NROTC Scholarship and College Program Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester excluding Naval Science courses. (Total semester course load is minimum 14-15 hrs.)

5. Scholarship and College Program Students enrolled in NROTC are eligible to receive an annual uniform commutation allowance to offset the Corps of Cadets' uniform expenses. Uniform commutation is paid out in the Spring semester if you are in good standing from the previous Fall semester. Specific details, to include eligibility requirements, are available from your military advisor and are also included in your registration packet.

6. Physical Fitness is essential within the NROTC Program and Corps of Cadets. This packet includes information on Navy and Marine Corps physical fitness standards. The inventory PRT for Navy Option and PFT for Marine Option will occur within the first two weeks of the semester.

7. College Program/Advanced Standing/Scholarship students are required to attend physical fitness training with the NROTC Unit twice a week, attend all Leadership Laboratories, and be advised by a military advisor. Regardless of which commissioning contract you pursue; you must maintain a 2.5 GPA or above and pass our Physical Fitness Test.

8. College Program Students must apply to earn a contract.

- **Navy Contracts.** The application selection process occurs annually during the summer. Extremely competitive Navy NROTC scholarship applicants will have two semesters of Calculus (Math 151/152, 171/172, or 2413/2414) and at least one semester of Calculus-based Physics (PHYS 206, 221 or 2425) by the end of the Freshman year. It is possible to select for the Navy NROTC scholarship without Calculus or Physics, but once selected, Calculus courses are required to be completed by the end of the Sophomore year and Physics courses are required by the end of the Junior year. Minimum requirements to earn a contract are maintaining a 2.5 GPA and passing the Navy Physical Fitness requirements. Applicants must have acquired no less than 30, and no more than 120, college credits.
- **Marine Corps Contracts.** The application process occurs at the beginning of each semester. Applicants must be observed in the NROTC Program for a minimum of one semester prior to application submission. The semester-long observation includes evaluating a student's academics, physical fitness, extracurricular activities and leadership.

9. **IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS FOR ENROLLING IN NROTC:**

- Fill out the documents listed below. These documents are all included in this packet. Copies of all forms are found on our website at <https://nrotc.tamu.edu/inbound-students>.
- Use the envelope included to return your completed enrollment package. It is preferred that you return your completed package at your New Student Conference (NSC). However, if you decide to mail the package, it must be postmarked NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER YOUR NSC.
- This packet contains the form NSTC 1533/167 which allows scholarship recipients to elect whether they wish to receive tuition and fees or room and board. This form may be changed and therefore will be verified at the beginning of each academic semester. Prior to making your selection ensure you have a complete understanding of the Patriot Scholarship. More information is provided about the Patriot Scholarship is included in paragraph 12.
- Write dates in required format only. (Example: 2023SEP15)
- USE BLACK INK TO COMPLETE ALL FORMS.

- PRINT FULL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON ALL FORMS THAT REQUIRE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, even if document only asks for last four.

10. **LIST OF FORMS IN THIS PACKET TO BE FILLED OUT:**

- NROTC Student Information Sheet
- Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form (This form must be student's account and include a voided check).
- Report of Medical History (**This report is 3 pages and must be signed by a physician. The physician completes block 30a and signs blocks 30b-d). The Report of Medical History is required even if you completed the DoDMERB physical for the NROTC scholarship or any service academy.
- NAVPERS 1070/613 - Commutation Agreement Form (Signed by the student).
- Voluntary Waiver for Release of Student Information
- Concept of Honor
- College Program Application (For College Program students only).
- NROTC Scholarship Benefits Room and Board or Tuition and Fee Election Form (NSTC 1533/167)
- Not included as forms in this packet but also required to be submitted, are your immunization record and sickle cell test results. A list of required immunizations can be found at the end of this packet.

*The NROTC Staff will serve as **Witness** on all forms requiring a witness signature.

11. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED AT FRESHMAN ORIENTATION WEEK (FOW):**

- **Original and a copy** of your Birth Certificate, Certificate of Birth Abroad, or Naturalization Papers. After citing the original document, the NROTC Unit will certify your copy and retain it in your student file. The original document will be returned to the student during the NSC.
- **Original and a copy** of your Social Security card. After citing the original card, the NROTC Unit will retain the copy. The original document will be returned to the student during the NSC.

12. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- When registering for your NSC, you are given the option to include the associated cost with your tuition and fees or to pay the cost up front. Scholarship students are recommended to include this cost as a part of their tuition so that it may be reimbursed by the NROTC Unit.
- **Patriot Scholarship:** Scholarship students on contract and in good standing with the NROTC Program are automatically enrolled

in the Patriot Scholarship through Texas A&M. This covers students' **basic** meal plan and Corps of Cadets dormitory costs. Contact the Corps of Cadets with questions about the Patriot Scholarship or visit their website at <https://corps.tamu.edu/future-cadets/scholarships>.

- **Major General Murray Scholarship:** NROTC Scholarship students attending Texas A&M automatically receive 'In-State' tuition, regardless of their home state. Out of state students not on NROTC Scholarship, because of their enrollment in the Corps of Cadets, are awarded the Major General Murray Scholarship to reduce the total tuition and fees to be equivalent to those paid by Texas residents. Contact the Corps of Cadets with questions about the Murray Scholarship or visit their website at <https://corps.tamu.edu/future-cadets/scholarships>.
- **Blinn Team:** Collaborative, co-enrollment partnership between Texas A&M University and the Blinn College District. Team Students are enrolled in one or two academic courses at Texas A&M each semester and take the remainder of their courses at the Blinn College. NROTC Scholarship students on Blinn Team will be reimbursed for classes successfully passed at Blinn but require students to pay initial cost. For reimbursement after semester completion, provide transcripts with passing grades and Blinn receipts showing \$0.00 balance to your NROTC Advisor. Please contact your Military Advisor should you have questions regarding Blinn Team.
- **Required classes for (Navy) NROTC scholarship students.** It is important to note that all Navy NROTC Scholarship students are required to complete course sequences in calculus and physics equivalent to at least six semester hours in each area, regardless of major.

Calculus. By the end of the Sophomore year, Navy students are required to complete Math 151 and 152, Math 171 and 172, or Blinn Math 2413 and 2414.

Physics. By the end of the Junior year, Navy students are required to complete Physics 206 and 207, Physics 221, 222 and 225, or Blinn Physics 2425 and 2426.

All Navy NROTC Scholarship Students are also required to complete two courses (6 credit hours) of English, one course (3 credit hours) of American History/National Security and one course (3 credit hours) of Cultural Diversity. To see which classes are accepted by the NROTC for these requirements see **Navy Option Approved Course List** on the next page.

AP classes could count towards NROTC requirements. Your Texas A&M University Academic Advisors will help you determine if AP credit can be accepted by the University and if it makes sense for your specific major. Your NROTC Military Advisor will help determine if your AP credit satisfies NROTC Program requirements.