**ROTC: RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS**

**Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC)**

Fordham University hosts the Yankee Battalion of the Army’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), which exists for:

- College and university students in New York City and the Hudson Valley, who
- Belong to a diverse service-oriented team, and who
- Grow as organizational leaders.

Fordham’s military program began in the late 1840s, when New York State issued 12 muskets to students to defend the school against xenophobic nativist mobs. In 1885, Major General James R. O’Beirne, a Fordham graduate who led the capture of Abraham Lincoln’s assassin, orchestrated a formal partnership between Fordham and the US Army. In 1926, this partnership expanded into today’s ROTC unit, and by World War II, Fordham produced more officers for the Army than West Point.

After Vietnam and 9/11, Fordham and the Army expanded ROTC opportunities for schools across New York City and the Hudson Valley. Today, our distinguished military alumni include general officers like Jack Keane, who led the Army through 9/11, six Medal of Honor recipients from the Civil War to Vietnam, and tens of thousands who have served their country by leading Soldiers.

Fordham’s Department of Military Science is an academic department within the Gabelli School of Business. We teach classes at several locations across New York City and the Hudson Valley, including students from 32 partnered universities and colleges.

Students learn through structured study in the field of military science, anchored by classroom instruction expanded through experiential learning and practical exercises, including physical fitness and outdoor adventure-type activities.

Students who successfully develop and demonstrate leadership talents can serve after graduation as leaders and officers in the active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard.

Students enrolled in ROTC classes can compete for paid-contracts and scholarships, including generous institutional incentives. Military science course credit may fulfill specific college or elective requirements. Courses are taken by students at no cost.

To learn more about the Army ROTC program, including eligibility requirements and scholarship opportunities, please:

- Visit our website at [https://www.fordham.edu/rotc](https://www.fordham.edu/rotc),
- Visit our main office at Fordham University’s Rose Hill campus, in Faculty Memorial Hall Room 130,
- Email our Recruiting Operations Officer at rotcroo@fordham.edu, or
- Call us at 718-817-4798.
For more Air Force ROTC information, please refer to the appropriate chapter of this bulletin.