MSL 302, Applied Leadership In Small Unit Operations Course Syllabus

## MSL 302 Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations Spring 2016

#### **Instructor**

### **ROTC Advanced Course:**

#### Structure:

The Advanced Course is an academically rigorous 2-year college program comprised of four college courses, Leadership Labs (two sets, Fall/Spring), and the Cadet Leader Course (CLC) conducted at Fort Knox, KY. The overall objective of this course is to integrate the principles and practices of effective leadership, military operations and personal development in order to adequately prepare you for the summer CLC. This course has specific learning objectives for the six ALAs listed below.

## **Outcomes and Objectives:**

## **The Army Profession**

Live honorably and build trust

# **Professional Competence**

• Demonstrate intellectual, military and physical competence

# **Adaptability**

Think critically and creatively, make sound and timely decisions

### **Teamwork**

- Develop, lead and inspire
- Communicate and interact effectively

# **Lifelong Learning and Comprehensive Fitness**

Pursue excellence and continue to grow

# **Comprehensive Fitness**

• Seek balance, be resilient and demonstrate a strong and winning spirit

# **Course Description**

Continuation of MIL 301. Includes current tactical doctrine as applied to small unit leadership with special emphasis on those leadership skills

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required for an ROTC cadet to be successful at the Army ROTC Advanced Camp.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

This is an academically challenging course were you will study, practice, and apply the fundamentals of Army Leadership, Officership, Army Values and Ethics, Personal Development, and small unit tactics at the platoon level. At the conclusion of this course, you will be able to:

- Write Peer Evaluations on fellow Cadets correctly using the Specific,
   Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound (SMART) method
- Understand the Operation Order and compose an OPORD based on an OPORD from higher provided by the cadre
- Accurately explain and write about the relationship between the Orders Process and the Troop Leading Procedures
- Design a personal development plan based on peer reviews

Successful completion of this course will help prepare you for the ROTC Cadet Leader Course (CLC), which you will attend in the summer at Fort Knox, KY.

### **Course Design**

This course was designed to be student-centric with the onus of learning on the student, but facilitated by the instructor. Army Officers are expected to be life-long learners who take responsibility and personal initiative for their learning. You must properly conduct your pre-class assignments to gain an understanding of the foundation on each subject in the course. Doing so will allow your instructor to spend the majority of the class time on specific areas that are least understood from the lessons, rather than your instructor reteaching the subject from scratch.

Your instructor has a wealth of experience and knowledge to share in the classroom—do your homework so your instructor can spend more time sharing his personal knowledge and experiences with your class. Class will be conducted in an interactive manner with ample opportunities for small group discussions and practical exercises. Everyone will be responsible for contributing to the success of the learning experience.

### **Overview of Class Sessions**

MSL302-L01	MSL302 Course Overview
MSL302-L02	Army Publications and Professional Reading
MSL302-L03	Leadership Lab Practicum

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MSL302-L04	Direct Level Leadership
MSL302-L05	Bases of Power and Influencing Others
MSL302-L06	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L07	Emotional Intelligence
MSL302-L08	Motivating Soldiers
MSL302-L09	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L10	Managing Conflict/Negotiation
MSL302-L11	Negotiations Practical Exercise
MSL302-L12	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L13	Leadership Self-Assessment/Inventory
MSL302-L14	The Army Professional Ethic – Honorable Living
MSL302-L15	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L16	Ethics Case Studies
MSL302-L17	Mid Term Exam
MSL302-L18	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L19	Platoon Operations: Movement Formations and Techniques
MSL302-L20	Patrolling and Patrol Base Operations
MSL302-L21	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L22	Platoon Offensive Operations: Attack & MTC
MSL302-L23	Platoon Offensive Operations: Ambush, Raid
MSL302-L24	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L25	Platoon Defensive Operations: Techniques and Preparation
MSL302-L26	Platoon Defensive Operations: Engagement Area Development

	Development
MSL302-L27	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L28	Reconnaissance
MSL302-L29	Fire Support in Platoon Operations
MSL302-L30	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L31	Call for Fire Simulation
MSL302-L32	Platoon Sustainment: Convoy Operations
MSL302-L33	Leadership Lab Practicum
MSL302-L34	Counseling – Elite Lite

MSL302-L35 Peer Evaluations

MSL302-L36 Final Exam

### **General Lab Schedule**

LAB 13	Equal Opportunity/ SHARP
LAB 14	Profession of Arms
LAB 15	Team Building Exercise
LAB 16	VBS Exercise
LAB 17	Ethics Problem Solving Process
LAB 18	First Aid I
LAB 19	First Aid II
LAB 20	Antiterrorism (Cadre Led)
LAB 21	Emergency Preparedness
LAB 22	Cultural Property Protection Exercise
LAB 23	VBS Exercise
LAB 24	Summer Training Orientation

# **MSL 302 Course Requirements**

## Class/PT participation

You are expected to participate actively in learning through critical reflection, inquiry, dialogue, and group interactions. This includes participating in class discussion, sharing personal perspectives and experiences related to principles discussed in class or reading, working with fellow students to engage in class exercises, and leading lab exercises. Participating in the ROTC PT program will also count towards your grade. Unexcused absences from PT will count as deductions from your final grade.

# Writing Skills (Peer Evaluations)

Write Peer Evaluations on fellow Cadets selected by the instructor. Using the **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant, **T**ime-bound (SMART) method. (See cadre for additional information)

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### Quizzes

Quizzes will be given throughout the semester to assess your progress in learning the principles and practices related to the course material.

#### **Mid-Term Exam**

A mid-term exam will be given to assess your knowledge achieved during the first half of the semester.

#### **Final Exam**

A cumulative Final Exam will be given to assess your knowledge attained throughout the course of the semester.

The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: http://www.univ.edu/registrar/calendars.

#### **APFT\***

As a future officer, you are expected to set the example for physical fitness according to Army regulations. You will be required to take a diagnostic APFT at the beginning of the spring semester and a for-record APFT at the end of the semester.

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**NOTE:** Listed below are several additional methods used to assess knowledge and learning that the instructor may choose to implement as course requirements.

## **Final Paper**

Final paper will be in the APA format. Final papers do not need to be printed off and turned in. Final papers can be typed using Microsoft Word and emailed to the MSIII Instructor. Final papers are due by April 29, 2016. Cadets will write a Final paper on only ONE of the following subjects of their choosing:

- 1. Reflecting on your own experiences during this course, write a three to five page essay, (typed and double-spaced) describing the relationship between the Orders Process and the Troop Leading Procedures.
- 2. Reflecting on your own experiences during this course, write a three to five page essay, (typed and double-spaced) comparing and contrasting the offense with the defense using at least two characteristics from each.

- 3. Reflecting on the feedback you received from any peer evaluations and counseling, write a three to five page personal development plan that you can implement during your spring semester, MSL 302 course. Your paper will outline your plan to sustain your excellent ratings and what actions you will take or implement to improve your satisfactory and needs improvement ratings you received.
- 4. Write a 5-paragraph OPORD based on an OPORD from higher provided by the cadre.

## Reading

- Student Text: SROTC eBooks located on Blackboard <u>https://rotc.blackboard.com/webapps/blackboard/content/listContent.j</u> sp?course id= 10334 1&content id= 878461 1
- Selected readings available online at: <a href="http://www.apd.army.mil/">http://www.apd.army.mil/</a>

#### **UNLV Policies:**

**Academic Misconduct**—Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV's function as an educational institution.

An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another, from the Internet or any source, without proper citation of the sources. See the *Student Academic Misconduct Policy* (approved December 9, 2005) located at: <a href="https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct">https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct</a>.

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Religious Holidays **Policy**—Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor within the first 14 calendar days of the course for fall and spring courses (excepting modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for summer and modular courses, of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. additional information, For please visit: http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531.

**Transparency in Learning and Teaching**—The University encourages application of the transparency method of constructing assignments for student success. Please see these two links for further information:

https://www.unlv.edu/provost/teachingandlearning https://www.unlv.edu/provost/transparency

**Incomplete Grades**—The grade of I—Incomplete—can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student's control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. The incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester for undergraduate courses. Graduate students receiving "I" grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

### **Library Resources**

Students may consult with a librarian on research needs. For this class, the subject librarian is Sue Wainscott.

(<a href="https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians">https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians</a> by subject). UNLV Libraries provides resources to support students' access to information. Discovery, access, and use of information are vital skills for academic work and for successful post-college life. Access library resources and ask questions at <a href="https://www.library.unlv.edu">https://www.library.unlv.edu</a>.

**Tutoring and Coaching—**The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring, academic success coaching and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For information regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC programs and services, visit <a href="http://www.unlv.edu/asc">http://www.unlv.edu/asc</a> or call <a href="702-895-3177">702-895-3177</a>. The ASC building is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of the SSC (ASC Coaching Spot). Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor of the Lied Library and College of Engineering TEB second floor.

**UNLV Writing Center**—One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, located in CDC-3-301. Although walk-in consultations are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 702-895-3908. The student's Rebel ID Card, a copy of the assignment (if possible), and two copies of any writing to be reviewed are requested for the consultation. More information can be found at: http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/.

**Rebelmail**—By policy, faculty and staff should e-mail students' Rebelmail accounts only. Rebelmail is UNLV's official e-mail system for students. It is one of the primary ways students receive official university communication such as information about deadlines, major campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the university. Students' e-mail prefixes are listed on class rosters. The suffix is always @unlv.nevada.edu. **Emailing within WebCampus is acceptable.** 

**Final Examinations**—The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: <a href="http://www.univ.edu/registrar/calendars">http://www.univ.edu/registrar/calendars</a>.

## Any other class specific information

### **Evaluation and Grading**

Final Record APFT*	300 Points
Class/PT Participation*	100 Points
Mid-Term Exam	200 Points
Branch Information Briefing	100 Points
Final Paper	100 Points
Final Exam	200 Points

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The following grading scale will be used based on 1000 points possible. GRADING CRITERIA: **A**, 930-1000; **A-**, 900-920; **B+**, 870-890; **B**, 830-860; **B-**, 800-820; **C+**, 770-790; **C**, 730-760; **C-**, 700-720; **D+**, 670-690; **D**, 630-660; **D-**, 600-620; **F**, 590 and below.

Every attempt will be made to offer adequate written assessments in explaining evaluations. *All late papers and assignments will receive a* 10% reduction in grade.

### **Uniforms and Appearance**

Unless specifically designated by Cadre, all contracted Cadets will wear the ASU or ASU Class B uniform on the first day of class each week and the ACU on the second day of class each week and adhere to Army Regulation 670-1 with regard to uniforms and appearance. Non-Contracted Cadets will wear appropriate attire and present a professional appearance in class at all times.

#### Collaboration

You are encouraged to work together with your fellow MSL III Cadets and seek guidance and help from your instructor, MSL IV Cadets and other ROTC cadre.

# **Course Publications**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	Additional
ADD 1	The Assessed	17.0 2012	Information
ADP 1	The Army	17 Sep 2012	w/chg 2, 6 Aug 2013
ADP 2-0	Intelligence	31 Aug 2012	
ADP 3-0	Unified Land Operations	16 May 2012	
ADP 3-07	Stability	31 Aug 2012	w/ch1, 25 Feb 2013
ADP 3-09	Fires	31 Aug 2012	w/ch1, 25 Feb 2013
ADP 3-28	Defense Support of Civil Authorities	14 Jun 2013	
ADP 3-37	Protection	28 Feb 2013	w/ch1, 28 Feb 2013
ADP 3-90	Offense and Defense	31 Aug 2012	
ADP 4-0	Sustainment	31 July 2012	
ADP 5-0	The Operations Process	17 May 2012	
ADP 5-0.1	Commander and Staff Officers Guide	14 Sep 2012	
ADP 6-0	Mission Command	Mar 2012	w/chg 2, Mar 2014
ADP 6-22	Army Leadership	1 Aug 2012	w/ch1, 10 Sep 2012
ADP 7-0	Training Units and Leaders	23 Aug 2012	
ADRP 1	The Army Profession	14 Jun 2013	
ADRP 1-02	Operational Terms and Military Symbols	02 Feb 2015	
ADRP 2-0	Intelligence	31 Aug 2012	
ADRP 3-0	Unified Land Operations	16 May 2012	
ADRP 3-07	Stability	31 Aug 2012	w/ch1, 25 Feb 2013
ADRP 3-09	Fires	31 Aug 2012	w/ch1, 25 Feb 2013
ADRP 3-28	Defense Support of Civil Authorities	14 June 2013	
ADRP 3-37	Protection	28 Feb 2013	w/ch1, 28 Feb 2013
ADRP 3-90	Offense and Defense	31 Aug 2012	
ADRP 4-0	Sustainment	31 July 2012	
ADRP 5-0	The Operations Process	17 May 2012	
ADRP 5-0.1	Commander and Staff Officers Guide	14 Sep 2012	
ADRP 6-0	Mission Command	17 May 2012	w/ch2, 28 Mar 2014
ADRP 6-22	Army Leadership	1 Aug 2012	w/ch1, 10

			Sep 2012
ADRP 7-0	Training Units and Leaders	23 Aug 2012	000 2012
ATP 3-09.30	Techniques for Observed Fire	02 Aug 2013	
ATP 5-19	Risk Management	Apr 2014	w/ch1, 12
		•	Sep 2014
ATP 6-22.1	Counseling Process	1 July 2014	
FM 2-0	Intelligence	15 Apr 2014	
FM 3-05.70	Survival	17 May 2002	
FM 3-21.8	The Infantry Rifle Platoon and Squad	Mar 2007	
FM 6-0	Commanders and Staff Organization and Operations	05 May 2014	
FM 6-22	Army Leadership: Competent, Confident, and Agile	12 Oct 2006	w/ch1, 17 July 2014
FM 7-22	Army Physical Readiness Training	26 Oct 2012	w/ch1, 3 May 2013
FM 27-10	Law of Land Warfare	July 1956	w/ch1, 15 July 1976
CALL 07-19	Base Defense	Mar 07	
JP 3-0	Joint Operations	11 Aug 2011	
JP 3-07	Stability Operations	29 Sep 2011	
JP 5-0	Joint Operation Planning	11 Aug 2011	
	Journal of Gradient Figure 1		
STP 21-1	Warrior Skills Level 1	14 Apr 2014	
STP 21-24 SMCT	Warrior Leaders Skills Level 2, 3, and 4	9 Sep 2008	
TC 2 21 E	Drill and Caramany	20 lan 2012	
TC 3-21.5 TC 3-25.26	Drill and Ceremony  Map Reading and Land Navigation	20 Jan 2012 15 Nov 2013	
10 3 23.20	Map Reading and Land Navigation	13 NOV 2013	
	Unit Training Management	Dec 2013	ATN
	LG to Company Training Meetings	Dec 2013	ATN
	LG to AAR	Dec 2013	ATN
	Develop Unit METL		ATN
	Determine KCT to Train		ATN
AR 25-50	Preparing and Managing Correspondence	17 May 2013	
AR 600-20	Command Policy	6 Nov 2014	
AR 623-3	Evaluation Reporting System	31 Mar 2014	
AR 670-1	Wear and Appearance of Uniforms and Insignia	10 Apr 2015	

DA Pam 623-3	Evaluation Reporting System	31 Mar 2014	
CCR 145-3	Reserve Officers Training Corps Precommisioning Training and Leadership Development	20 Sep 2011	USACC Sharepoint
Cadet Text	SROTC eBook		ROTC Blackboard

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This is a very general list. Cadre members are encouraged to contribute references they believe to be beneficial. For a more complete listing of leadership references see <u>Human Dimensions of Strategic Leadership</u>, published by the U.S. Army War College Library (December, 2002) or The U. S. Army Chief of Staff's Professional Reading List, United States Army Center for Military History (CMH Pub 105-5-1).