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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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MS 301/303 – Military Tactics and Leadership

Fall Semester 2001

1. Course Description: Military Science 301 is a 3-credit course that is accompanied by MS 303, a 1-credit lab. Together the class and lab employ lecture, discussion, and practical exercises. Scheduled class periods are 1240-1400 on Tuesday and Thursday in Schreiber Gym Room 303. The lab meets from 1440-1630 in Schreiber Gym. On several occasions the Tuesday class and lab session will be combined with no break between the two.
2. Course objectives: The primary focus of instruction is to provide students with a fundamental understanding of military leadership, basic individual and small unit tactics and hands-on leadership experience in preparation for the U.S. Army Cadet Command Advanced Camp. Students will develop their own personal leadership style through practical application. We will accomplish these objectives through instruction and student application of the following subjects:
 - a. Cadet Command Leadership Development Program
 - b. Land Navigation
 - c. Troop Leading Procedures
 - d. The Operations Order Process
 - e. The role of the squad in the offense, defense, and on patrolling operations
 - f. Drill and Ceremony
 - g. Physical Training
 - h. Individual Briefings

At the conclusion of the semester the students will be able to present a military briefing, navigate over rough terrain using a map and compass (day and night), engage targets with an M16 rifle at ranges up to 300 meters, and lead a squad on a variety of tactical missions.

3. Course Requirements:
 - a. Class attendance: Students are required to attend all scheduled instruction and must obtain permission from the instructor prior to missing any training. Students are responsible for completion of all missed work. Attendance at all Labs, FTXs, PT, and other functions is required. Uniforms will be worn to class and Lab on Tuesdays. The uniform is the Army Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) unless otherwise specified.
 - b. Readings: Each student is required to read all designated material prior to class and be prepared to discuss the material during class.
 - c. Lab: Lab is held weekly from 1440-1630. Labs are designed to improve proficiency in technical and tactical skills and provide an opportunity to put classroom instruction into practice. All Lab sessions are mandatory. The grade you earn in MS 301 is also the grade you will receive in MS 303.
 - d. Examinations: The mid-term and final exams will consist of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and essay questions. Unannounced quizzes will be given periodically throughout the semester.
 - e. Briefings: Students are required to prepare and present operations orders, and news-sports-weather briefings throughout the semester.

- f. Physical Training (PT): PT is mandatory and is held from 0630-0730 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at McGill Gym. Those who do not score 270 points or above on the September Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) will also be required to participate in PT on Tuesday and Thursday from 0630-0730 (location TBA). Failing to plan your study time in advance is not an acceptable excuse for missing PT.
- g. Leadership Positions: Each student will assume a variety of platoon leadership positions throughout the semester. These garrison positions (Platoon Leader, Platoon Sergeant, and Squad Leader) are evaluated positions and will be considered in semester and end of year cadet evaluation reports (CER).

4. Course Evaluation: This course can be taken for letter grade only. Grading criteria is as follows:

a. Attendance: Class, Lab, PT, FTX Subtract 10 points for each unexcused absence	10%	100 Points
b. Leadership evaluations in the field and Garrison	30%	300 Points
c. FTX Performance Land Nav; FLRC; Squad STX	10%	100 Points
d. Homework assignments and quizzes	10%	100 Points
e. Mid-Term Exam	10%	100 Points
f. Final Exam	20%	200 Points
g. APFT	10%	100 Points
TOTAL	100%	1000 Points

h. Extra credit assignments may be allowed at my discretion.

i. Course Reading Assignments for FM 7-8 (Other required reading as assigned)

Chapter 2: 4-14 September
Chapter 4: 17-28 September
Chapter 5: 1-12 October
Chapter 3: 15-31 October
Chapter 5: 1-16 November

5. Grading Scale:
- A = 900-1000 pts
 - B = 800-899 pts
 - C = 700-799 pts
 - D = 600-699 pts
 - F = 0-599 pts

6. Course Administration:

- a. Office Hours: Normal office hours are from 0830-1700 daily. If any problem exists you are welcome to call me at home (406) 549-1428 or at the office (406) 243-4533 at any time.

- b. Counseling: I will counsel each cadet two times each semester, once at the beginning and once at the end.
- c. Required Texts: FM 7-8 and the Infantry Platoon TACSOP. The Ranger Handbook is highly encouraged. All other texts will be provided as necessary.

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MS 301/303 Outline

4 September	Class	Course Introduction/Requirements/LDP
	Lab	Activation/Awards Ceremony/Cadet Chain of Command
6 September	Class	Land Navigation
7 September		Welcome Back Picnic (Bonner Park)
11 September	Class	Land Navigation
	Lab	Land Navigation Practical Exercise
13 September	Class	Advanced Camp AAR
18 September	Class	Battle Drills
	Lab	Battle Drills
20 September	Class	Intro to Operations Orders
25 September	Class/Lab (Combined)	Land Navigation (Patee Canyon)
27 September	Class	Operations Orders
2 October	Class/Lab (Combined)	Squad STX Lanes
4 October	Class	AAR of Squad STX Lanes/Battle Drills
6 October		RANGER CHALLENGE (Boise State)
9 October	Class	Written Land Navigation Skills
	Lab	Night Land Navigation Exercise (2000-2400 Blue Mountain)
11 October	Class	M16 Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction
16 October	Class/Lab Combined:	M16 Zero and Qualification
18 October	Class	Pre-Combat Check for FTX/Operations Order
20-21 October		Fall FTX: Squad STX Lanes; Day/Night Land Navigation; FLRC
23 October	Class	Review for Mid-term
	Lab	Field Recovery/Weapons Maintenance
25 October	Class	Mid-term Exam
30 October	Class/Lab (Combined)	Squad STX Lanes
1 November	Class	Operations Orders
6 November	Class/Lab (Combined)	Squad STX Lanes
8 November	Class	Sand Table Briefs
9 November		Battalion Dining Out

13 November	Class	Sand Table Briefs
	Lab	23 Minute Drills
15 November	Class	Troop Leading Procedures, Proper Radio Procedures
20 November	Class	Call for Fire, Medevac
	Lab	23 Minute Drills
22 November		Thanksgiving Day Holiday
27 November	Class/Lab (Combined):	Presentations
29 November	Class	Presentations Continued
4 December	Class	AAR of Semester – Review of FM 7-8
	Lab	Drill and Ceremony
6 December	Class	Review of Semester as indicated by AAR
11 December	Class/Lab (Combined)	Drill and Ceremony
13 December	Class	Review for Final
18 December		Final Exam