

Fort Knox High School Army Junior ROTC Syllabus

Department: Army JROTC

Course Title: JROTC-2/JROTC-3

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Credit: One half credits per semester

Prerequisite: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The mission of Junior ROTC is *“to motivate students to be better citizens.”* We accomplish our mission by requiring students to demonstrate initiative and the desire to assume greater responsibilities while improving their academic skills.

The primary emphasis for LET1 is introductory level Junior ROTC instruction throughout the spectrum of our Program of Instruction (POI). The primary emphasis for LET2 and LET3 is built on twelve units; eight of those units build upon previous LET1 instruction. LET 4 will serve as PLT/CO mentors for all company’s within the Eagle BN. Select LET 4s will serve as the Eagle BN primary staff and will coordinate all JROTC related events with the AI/SAI.

COURSE GOAL:

The Junior ROTC program is designed to develop self-confidence, leadership, independent action and competitive spirit, while emphasizing citizenship. Leadership training is provided by means of small unit organization that allows students to progressively assume greater leadership roles upon the successful completion of each year of training.

Classroom Guidelines:

1. All school rules addressed in the student handbook will apply in this classroom
2. Students are expected to be **Responsible, Reliable** and **Respectful**
3. Once uniforms are issued or reissued, we will wear the uniform all day on Wednesdays, there will be no exceptions.
4. Things expected of students when entering the classroom:
 - a. Enter room on time and immediately take seats
 - b. Remain quiet and be ready to take attendance
 - c. Once the bell rings, all will stand and the highest ranking cadet will give the command of **Fall-In or Classroom Attention** and will begin calling names.
 - d. Students will respond with **PRESENT** or **HERE**
 - e. After Roll-Call students will recite the JROTC Cadet Creed

5. Students departing the classroom will place material used during class to its proper place and return to their seats 2-5 minutes before the bell. Students will stay in their seats until the bell rings, and then ensure their table is clean, chairs pushed underneath or place on top of the table at the end of the day.

6. Students at all times will respect their classmates, the classroom, their teacher and themselves. Everyone will be treated with dignity and respect.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Our co-curricular activities include Color Guard team, Drill team, Raider Team, Rifle Marksmanship Team, and Academic and Leadership (JLAB) Teams. Our teams are integral parts of our Junior ROTC program and provide an outlet for those students who desire to train and compete against other high school Junior ROTC teams. Additionally, all of our team members be currently failing two classes in order to maintain their position and to participation in any Junior ROTC competitions.

STUDENT OBJECTIVES: Students will learn and understand the following academic subjects:

1. Be goal oriented and focused on graduation from high school.
2. Think logically and communicate effectively with emphasis on improving writing skills.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the ethical values and principles that underline good citizenship.
4. Maintain good health and high standards of personal appearance and physical fitness.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in map reading and land navigation skills.
6. Participate in air rifle safety and marksmanship classroom and range activities.
7. Participate in all activities on the master training schedule.
8. When acting as a cadet leader, the students supervise and perform duties in accordance with the instructor's guidance. When acting as a staff officer, students complete all administrative, operational and logistical tasks in accordance with the instructor's guidance.
9. Participate in the annual Fort Knox HS canned food drive and community service projects.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: In order for the students to be successful in Junior ROTC, he/she must meet the following expectations:

1. The student will complete all tests, written reports and oral presentations.
2. The student will participate in close order drill, uniform inspections and physical fitness activities as scheduled.
3. Student leaders will organize and conduct close order drill, uniform inspections, small group activities and physical fitness training as directed.
4. All cadets are required to wear the US Army Junior ROTC uniform as designated on the training schedule (normally Wednesday) for the **ENTIRE CLASS DAY** and participate in a uniform inspection.
5. Student staff officers will complete all assigned duties germane to their functional area (i.e. battalion commander, executive officer, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, etc.) and other duties assigned. Additionally, all student staff officers must successfully complete an assigned oral presentation and senior portfolio writing assignment each semester in order to pass the LET 4 class.
6. Students must maintain proper grooming standards as prescribed by the US Army Cadet Command.

CRITERIA INCLUDED FOR EVALUATION:

1. Unit examinations and quizzes.
2. Written reports, persuasive essays and open response assignments.
3. Oral presentations.
4. Active participation in close order drill, uniform inspections, physical fitness and classroom participation.
5. Completion of the Cadet Physical Fitness Test (1 minute for PU/SU and 1 mile run).
6. Students are evaluated on their demonstrated performance as either staff officers or a troop leader. The staff leadership grade is based on how the student completes administrative or operational or logistical assignments. The troop leader's grade is based on how well the student manages and leads drill, uniform inspection and physical training events.

DESIGNATION OF GRADE:

1. All students:

a) Physical fitness will be 33% of each student's grade. In order to receive full points for physical fitness training (Monday and Tuesday), the cadet must: Change into appropriate physical fitness clothes and participate in the physical training event. A student may be excused from PT with a written note from a parent/guardian.

b) Classroom work will be 33% of each student's grade. All exams, quizzes, and assignments are graded within this scale. If a student is late on an assignment they will receive a -10 for each day for up to 5 days to complete the assignment in which they are delinquent in.

c) Uniform wear is 34% of the overall grade. Students who fail to wear their uniform on a designated inspection day (Wednesday) will have the opportunity to make up their uniform inspection the following school day and the grading process will be -10 points per day. If a student has an excused absence on the day of the uniform inspection, they are able to earn full points by wearing the uniform on the next day they return to school. Students who fail to make up a missed uniform inspection will receive a zero. A large portion of the grading scale results from properly wearing the uniform. Makeup uniform inspections must be completed the first day returning to school with an excused absence.

SUPPLIES AND FEES:

1. We have NO CLASS FEES at this time.
2. We provide virtually all the classroom materials for the students who attend our Junior ROTC classes; however, the student is required to bring paper and a writing utensil to class every day.
3. Every student will be issued an US Army military dress uniform (at a minimum a JROTC cadet Army Service Uniform (ASU blue pants and dark navy jacket) with black windbreaker); however, it is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to properly maintain and account for this property. Pants and Jackets are to be laundered by dry clean only; the shirt can be washed in a regular washing machine. If a student loses an item, they must purchase the item before a replacement item will be issued. If a uniform item is damaged or a uniform item no longer fits, the cadet can bring the item in and we will replace the item. We must have the uniform item before a new item will be issued.

ARMY INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE:

In essence, each student should approach the course of instruction enthusiastically and with a can do attitude. Students must exercise initiative in completing both academic and performance objectives, come to class prepared; think about their responsibilities and develop a positive mind set.

Through the course of instruction, students will develop improved communication skills, problem solving skills and team building skills. Our Junior ROTC program as well as the community will benefit as each student applies these refined skills. Requirements shall be modified to accommodate students who qualify for specially designed instruction.

The faculty and administration reserves the right to change the class syllabus as deemed necessary.

Grading policy:

Academics: (33%), to receive the maximum points, a cadet must participate during the class period. A cadet will receive 0 points if they refuse to conduct classroom work (which will also result in a conference/referral).

Tests and quizzes: There will be several quizzes and chapter tests covering the material discussed in class; some will be open book and others closed. A semester exam will be given in class during each semester. Each tests and quizzes count for one of the student's grade.

Uniform Inspection: (34%), failing to wear the uniform on the day of inspection and failing to make up the uniform inspection once the cadet returns to school will result in an "M" (Missing). Cadets who "forget" to wear their uniform on the inspection day can make up the uniform inspection the next day, however, the maximum number of points a student can earn will be 90 points. If a student has and excused absence on the uniform inspection day, full points can be awarded if the uniform is worn the next day the student is present for school.

Uniform Wear and appearance: Cadets will conduct drill/inspection on Wednesdays. Once ASU jackets are issued, students are expected to wear the complete class A or B uniform, as listed on the training schedule, during the entire day. Cadets will be inspected for proper wear of the uniform, personal grooming and receive a grade each drill period. Remember all male cadets must have a haircut IAW cadet command regulations. Points will be deducted for students found out of uniform during the day without proper authorization.

Students will be responsible for the care and safekeeping of their uniforms. Any uniform items not turned in at the end of the year (or if the students depart the school) will be paid for by the parents or guardian.

Duties and Participation: (33%), to receive the maximum points, a cadet must change into appropriate PT clothes (shorts, t-shirt, running shoes) and participate fully in PT. Cadets who do not have PT clothes, yet participate in PT will be deducted 10 points and cadets who do not change and do not participate (unless excused by a note from a physician) in PT will receive a 0.

Student Assignments: Outside of preparing for leadership positions, or an occasional presentation project, students will not normally be assigned homework. However, students are expected to come to class in the proper uniform/attire for the day and be ready to participate and learn.

Most classroom instruction is conducted in small groups. Cadets are expected to participate in class discussions and be a productive team member. All students will receive many chances to represent their group and conduct short briefings. Poor participation or bad behavior will affect the student's grade. LET IV students will occasionally be asked to teach a LET I class, they will also be treated with the same respect as the instructor. Classroom participation is part of the cadet's grade. Students who talk too much, misbehave, or are disrespectful to the instructor; substitute teacher or other students will be held accountable.

Service Learning: Each cadet will perform a minimum of 10 hours of service learning this year, although 20 or more hours should be each cadet's goal. The types of projects will mostly be determined by the students. There will be many opportunities for service learning to the community during the school year and all cadets are encouraged to participate as much as possible.

Semester Final: (100 points)

Co-Curricular Activities: The Eagle Battalion will form Rifle & Drill teams, Color & Honor Guard, also Raider and Academics teams this year that will participate in competitions off campus.

SUMMARY: Your success in JROTC and life is not about how smart you say you are, but instead, how you show it. Remember, attitude is everything. Cadets that work hard and maintain proper respect and attitude towards others will do well in this course and gain knowledge and experience that will help them reach their goals in life. I am glad to be here and look forward to a great year with the cadets of the Eagle Battalion.

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