ROTC is an elective curriculum you take along with your required college classes. It prepares you with the tools, training and experiences that will help you succeed in any competitive environment. Along with great leadership training, ROTC can pay for your college tuition, too.”

- Military.com
BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

You can enroll in Army ROTC or Air Force ROTC through North Central College and work towards a college education while receiving outstanding leadership training and preparation for a career as an officer in the U.S. Military. Tuition assistance and stipends are available for qualified applicants. North Central students are eligible to participate in the U.S. Army ROTC Rolling Thunder Battalion or the U.S. Air Force ROTC Detachment 195 leading to a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. This is the same rank as graduates of military academies. First-year students are welcome to participate in ROTC without committing to the post-graduation service requirement.

UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

In addition to having the full undergraduate experience at North Central, cadets take one ROTC course per semester at either Wheaton College (Army ROTC) or Illinois Institute of Technology (Air Force ROTC). Ten credit hours of military science (Army ROTC) or aerospace studies (Air Force ROTC) course work is accepted in transfer credit toward your North Central degree.

ROTC ROOM & BOARD GRANT

North Central ROTC cadets receiving the Army ROTC full-tuition scholarship or Air Force ROTC Type 1 or 2 Scholarship through the Department of Defense may be eligible for a North Central ROTC Room & Board Grant of up to $10,000/year.

LEARN MORE ABOUT...

BEING A ROTC CADET AT NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE
- Visit: northcentralcollege.edu/ROTC
- Contact: Julie Carballo, Veteran & Military Student Services Coordinator
  - 630-637-5155 | ROTC@noctrl.edu

AIR FORCE DETACHMENT 195 (AFROTC)
- Visit: afrotc.iit.edu
- Contact: Captain Ronaldo Colina, Operations Flight Commander
  - 312-567-3525 | admissions@afrotc.iit.edu

ROLLING THUNDER BATTALION (ARMY ROTC)
- Visit: wheaton.edu/ROTC
- Contact: Nathaniel LaLone, Scholarship & Enrollment Officer Commander
  - 630-752-5121 | military.science@wheaton.edu
U.S. ARMY ROTC—
THE ROLLING THUNDER
BATTALION

The purpose of the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps is to enable college students to pursue a course of study which will qualify them, upon graduation, for appointment as officers in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or National Guard. Army ROTC is focused on leadership development, both in the classroom and field environments. Army ROTC cadets at North Central participate in the Rolling Thunder Battalion (located seven miles from our campus at Wheaton College) with leadership lab on Thursdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m. and military science courses on Thursday evenings. Cadets also participate in physical training* on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 6 - 7:15 a.m.

ARMY ROTC MILITARY SCIENCE COURSES

MSL 101: Introduction to the Army and Critical Thinking (2 Credits)
MSL 102: Introduction to the Profession of Arms (2 Credits)
MSL 201: Leadership and Decision Making (2 Credits)
MSL 202: Army Doctrine and Team Development (2 Credits)
MSL 211: U.S. Military History (2 Credits)
MSL 301: Training Management and the Warfighting Functions (4 Credits)
MSL 302: Applied Leadership in Small Unit Operations (4 Credits)
MSL 401: The Army Officer (4 Credits)
MSL 402: Company Grade Leadership (4 Credits)

U.S. AIR FORCE ROTC—
DETACHMENT 195

The mission of Air Force Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (AFROTC) is to develop quality leaders for the Air Force. Students who become cadets can earn a commission in the U.S. Air Force while pursuing their baccalaureate degree. AFROTC cadets at North Central participate in Detachment 195 located at Illinois Institute of Technology (30 miles from our campus and easily accessible via public transportation). Air Force ROTC students gain an understanding of fundamental air and space concepts and principles, and a basic understanding of associated professional knowledge. Students develop a strong sense of personal integrity, honor, individual responsibility and an appreciation of the requirements for national security. North Central cadets participate in physical training* and take classes on Thursday mornings.

AIR FORCE ROTC AEROSPACE STUDIES CURRICULUM

AS 101: The Foundations of the USAF I (1 credit)
AS 102: The Foundations of the USAF II (1 credit)
AS 201: The Evolution of USAF Air and Space Power I (1 credit)
AS 202: The Evolution of USAF Air and Space Power II (1 credit)
AS 301: Air Force Leadership Studies I (3 credits)
AS 302: Air Force Leadership Studies II (3 credits)
AS 401: National Security Affairs (3 credits)
AS 402: Preparation for Active Duty (3 credits)

* Varsity athletes in either program are excused from physical training (PT) during their season.
NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE CADET TESTIMONIALS

Learn firsthand about the experience of being a ROTC cadet at North Central College. Each of these students have a unique story to share about why they chose to participate in ROTC and how it’s been a tool to find success. Discover how ROTC as a North Central student can help you exceed your personal best both in and out of the classroom and set you up to commission as a military officer upon graduation.

MICHAEL POLLACK  AIR FORCE ROTC, PHYSICS

“Being a cadet and student-athlete has been the most fulfilling experience in my life. Juggling basketball, physics and my obligations as a cadet is hard work. But at the same time, it is very rewarding. My coaching staff has been extremely accommodating in recognizing my commitment to the Air Force and there are always people at North Central who understand the different things that go into my schedule and work with me to manage it.”

TACOYA S. HARRIS  ARMY ROTC, COMPUTER SCIENCE

“The encouragement, support and comradeship of the program make ROTC a second family. Preparing to be a military officer is not only an honor, but a serious commitment. Being an ROTC cadet at North Central is particularly great because of the support and mentorship provided by the Military Student Services Coordinator and ROTC Cadet Mentor. I highly recommend being a ROTC cadet at North Central.”

EMILIO LOPEZ  ARMY ROTC, HISTORY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

“Being a member of the Army ROTC has helped me develop myself as a student and a professional. It has taught me responsibility, respect, discipline and how to challenge myself. Those interested should check out ROTC because it is a great opportunity. Being a cadet at North Central allows me the full college student experience while also pursuing my military career.”

BRADY DICKERSON  AIR FORCE ROTC, PHYSICS

“Everyone at North Central cares about you. The faculty and staff at North Central College understand the commitment and obligations of being a ROTC cadet and work with me to manage the responsibilities of each.”

MATTHEW BURDEN  ROTC CADET MENTOR AND U.S. ARMY VETERAN

“Vice President for Information and Technology

In both completing ROTC and graduating from North Central College, you will benefit from the combined experiences in developing excellent leadership and critical thinking skills, and exploring and understanding the core values necessary for a successful military career and a life of substance.”