

ARMY ROTC

Jackson State Community College

Skyhawk Battalion

MSL 102- Foundations of Tactical Leadership

COURSE SYLLABUS & CLASS SCHEDULE FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2009

Instructor: SFC Forrest Jones, Military Science Instructor (Jackson State Community College, Walter L Nelms Building C-110-B. Office Hours: 1200-1400 hrs: Office Phone (731) 425-8809. I will meet with any of you to discuss assignments, issues, or concerns. My schedule is generally flexible and I will schedule a specific time to meet with you beyond office hours, if necessary.

Number of Lessons: 8 instructed classes, 4 leadership labs on designated Saturdays: 0800-1400, 41 PT sessions in the Gymnasium Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 0630-0730 which includes 3 APFT, 4 homework and project assignments 4 quizzes, mid-term exam, and a final exam.

Class Meeting Times: **Class:** Wednesdays 0900-0950, **Lab:** Saturdays 0800-1400; **PT:** Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 0630-0730.

Class Location: Jackson State Community College, Walter L. Nelms Building **Room C-110-B.**

Course Description

MSL 102 overviews leadership fundamentals such as setting direction, problem-solving, listening, presenting briefs, providing feedback, and using effective writing skills. You will explore dimensions of leadership attributes and core leader competencies in the context of practical, hands-on, and interactive exercises.

Learning Objectives

The key objective of this semester is to explore in more detail the Army's leadership philosophy and learn fundamental military concepts.

Leadership

- Distinguish between leadership attributes and core leader competencies
- Illustrate how a leader leads, develops, and achieves

Values and Ethics

- Explain how values impact leadership
- Describe the importance of Warrior Ethos for effective leadership

Personal Development

- Develop personal mission statement and goals
- Explain the basic elements of Army communication

Officership

- Explain the importance of personal development for officership

Tactics and Techniques

- Describe the components of a fire team and squad
- Describe the three individual movement techniques
- Identify symbols and colors on a military map

Requirements

Reading

- Student Text: MSL I, Introduction to Leadership, Pearson Custom Publishing, 2008
- FM 1-02: Operational Terms and Graphics (Sep 04)
- FM 3-21.8: The Infantry Rifle Platoon and Squad (Mar 07)
- FM 3-25.26: Map Reading and Land Navigation (Aug 06)
- FM 6-22: Army Leadership (Oct 06)
- FM 21-31: Topographic Symbols (Dec 68)

Army Publications Site: http://www.army.mil/usapa/doctrine/Active_FM.html

DVD Support Materials (Curriculum Utility Pack – CUP)

Tenino Map Sheet & Protractor

Class 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, and working with fellow students to engage in class and lab exercises.

Quizzes

The class is interactive and uses homework and in-class assignments to evaluate learning. You will be given quizzes to check your learning.

Mid-Term Exam

A mid-term exam will be given to test the levels of learning achieved by students in the first half of the course.

Final Exam

A cumulative final exam will be given to test the levels of learning achieved by students throughout the course of the semester.

Homework/Project Assignments

In addition to reading assignments, you have a key homework assignment that is graded.

- 1) Present to the class (in a team) one of the core leader competencies from FM 6-22. Presentation must have supporting documentation and meet the lesson objectives.

Evaluation and Grading

Class Participation	15%
Mid-Term Exam	30%
Core Leader Competencies Presentation	15%
Final Exam	40%

Solid performance in each area of evaluation is necessary to earn a grade of “B”. The following grading scale will be used based on 100 points possible:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C

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.*

Course Design

This class will be conducted in an interactive manner. Everyone will be responsible for contributing to the success of the learning experience. Lectures will be brief and interactive. You will have extensive small group discussions and exercises scattered throughout the class. Time will be given in class to discuss and work on projects and papers.

Collaboration

You are encouraged to work together with the instructor in modifying assignments, suggesting agenda, and raising questions for discussion.

Special Needs

The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires universities to provide a “reasonable accommodation” to any individual who advises us of a physical or mental disability. If you have a physical or mental limitation that requires an accommodation or an academic adjustment, please arrange a meeting with me at your earliest convenience.

Date	MSL 102 Course Outline	
January 21	Lesson 1: ROTC & Course Overview; PT Uniform & ACUs	\$*
28	Lesson 2: Goal Setting & Personal Mission & Diagnostic PT Test; PT Uniform & ACUs	*
February 4	Lesson 3: Intro to effective communication; PT Uniform & ACUs	*
7	Leadership Lab (CWST, Map Reading, Receiving an OP Order); PT Uniforms & ACUs	Cadre
11	Lesson 4: Intro to Tactics I; PT Uniform & ACUs/ Class A Hanger Day	*
18	Lesson 5: Intro to Tactics II; PT Uniform & ACUs	*
25	Lesson 6: Mid-Term Exam; PT Uniform & ACUs	*
28	Leadership Lab; PT Uniform & ACUs	Cadre
March 4	Lesson 7: Intro to Map Reading & Diagnostic PT Test; PT Uniform & ACUs	*
9-14	SPRING BREAK	
18	Lesson 8: Intro to Land Navigation; PT Uniform & ACUs	*
21	Leadership Lab; PT Uniform & ACUs	Cadre
25	Lesson 9: Army Leadership- Character & Presence; PT Uniform & Class A's	*
April 1	Open Topic; PT Uniform & ACUs	!
8	Lesson 10: Army Leadership- Leader Intelligence; PT Uniform & ACUs	!

15	Open Topic; PT Uniform & ACUs	*
16-19	JFTX (Fort Knox)	Cadre
22	Lesson 11: Army Leadership- Core Leader Competencies; PT Uniform & ACUs	*
24	Skyhawk Military Ball (UT Martin)	
29	Final Exam; PT Uniform & ACUs	*

Legend

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