

Introduction to Military Careers

Course Overview

Introduction to Military Careers is a single semester course that describes the different careers offered by the US military and its branches. This course begins by describing the US military, including its branches, history, and organizational structure. In this course, you will also learn about the different occupations offered by the military branches and the qualifications required for them. This course also covers enlistment requirements, training, pay systems, and benefits of joining the US military. You will also learn about the importance of personal traits, habits, and good health for a successful career in the military.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will:

- Describe the US military, including its branches, history, and chain of command.
- Describe the mission, history, and structure of the US National Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force.
- Identify military intelligence careers and the skills and qualifications required for them.
- Describe information technology, healthcare, legal and law enforcement, logistics, aviation, and transportation occupations in the US military.
- Describe specialized occupations in the US military, such as military intelligence, public affairs, linguistics, food services, and chaplain services.
- List the enlistment requirements, training provided, pay systems, and benefits of joining the US military.
- Describe the personal traits and habits that are essential for success and advancement in the US military.
- Explain why being healthy and fit is essential for a career in the US military.

General Skills

To participate in this course, you should be able to do the following:

- Complete basic operations with word-processing software, such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs.
- Perform online research using various search engines and library databases.
- Communicate through email and discussion boards.

For a complete list of general skills that are required for participation in online courses, refer to the Prerequisites section of the Plato Student Orientation document, found at the beginning of this course.

Credit Value

Introduction to Military Careers is a 0.5-credit course.

Course Materials

- notebook
- computer with internet connection and speakers or headphones
- Microsoft Word or equivalent

Course Pacing Guide

This course description and pacing guide is intended to help you stay on schedule with your work. Note that your course instructor may modify the schedule to meet the specific needs of your class.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
1 day: 1	Syllabus and Plato Student Orientation <i>Review the Plato Student Orientation and Course Syllabus at the beginning of this course.</i>	Course Orientation
4 days: 2–5	An Introduction to the US Military <i>Describe the US Military, including branches, history, and chain of command.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 6–9	US National Guard <i>Describe the mission, history, and structure of the US National Guard.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 10–13	US Army <i>Describe the mission, history, structure, and occupations of the US Army.</i>	Lesson

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4 days: 14–17	US Navy <i>Describe the mission, history, structure, and occupations of the US Navy.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 18–21	US Marine Corps <i>Describe the mission, history, structure, and occupations of the US Marine Corps.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 22–25	US Coast Guard <i>Describe the mission, history, structure, and occupations of the US Coast Guard.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 26–29	US Air Force <i>Describe the mission, history, structure, branches, and occupations of the US Air Force.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 30–33	Course Activity1	Course Activity
1 day: 34	Course Discussion 1	Course Discussion
1 day: 35	Thwack-A-Mole	Game
4 days: 36–39	Military Intelligence <i>Describe military intelligence careers and the skills and qualifications required.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 40–43	Information Technology and the Military <i>Describe information technology occupations in the US military.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 44–47	Health Care in the Military <i>Describe healthcare occupations in the US military.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 48–51	Law and Order in the Military <i>Describe legal and law enforcement occupations available in the US military.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 52–55	Military Logistics, Aviation, and Transportation <i>Describe logistics, aviation, and transportation occupations available in the US military.</i>	Lesson
5 days: 56–60	Other Specialized Military Careers <i>Describe specialized occupations in the US military, such as military intelligence, public affairs, linguistics, food services, and chaplain services.</i>	Lesson

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 61–63	Course Activity 2	Course Activity
1 day: 64	Course Discussion 2	Course Discussion
1 day: 65	Para Jumble	Game
5 days: 66–70	Joining the Military <i>Describe the enlistment requirements, training provided, pay systems, and benefits of joining the US military.</i>	Lesson
5 days: 71–75	Personal Traits for Military Careers <i>Describe the personal traits and habits, which are essential for success and advancement in the US military.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 76–79	Fitness for Military Careers <i>Describe why being healthy and fit is essential for a career in the US military.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 80–83	Course Activity 3A	Course Activity
4 days: 84–87	Course Activity 3B	Course Activity
1 day: 88	Course Discussion 3	Course Discussion
1 day: 89	Space Jumble	Game
1 day: 90	End-of-Semester Exam	Assessment