



JROTC COURSE SYLLABUS 2020-21

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY JROTC BATTALION, MCCORMICK HIGH SCHOOL
6981 SC Highway 28 South
McCormick, SC 29835

1. COURSE NAME AND NUMBER: McCormick JROTC Leadership, Education and Training (LET), Levels 1-4. SY 2020-21.

2. INSTRUCTOR(S) NAMES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Senior Army Instructor (SAI)
Major (Retired) Kerry Greene Room 769A
Army Instructor (AI)
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3. TEXTBOOK NAME AND NUMBER: U.S. Army issued JROTC Textbooks.

4. COURSE DESCRIPTION. The McCormick Junior Reserve Officer Training Course (JROTC) is a congressionally mandated and funded course designed for high school students. It is a four-year program that emphasizes citizenship and leadership with the program's primary focus reflected by the mission statement **"To motivate young people to be better citizens."** It is designed to teach high school students the value of citizenship, leadership, service to the community, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment, while instilling in them self-esteem, teamwork, and self-discipline. The McCormick JROTC program is part of the Department of Defense commitment to America's Promise for Youth through its emphasis on service learning, community service and anti-drug efforts.

5. COURSE OBJECTIVES. The McCormick JROTC program helps to prepare students for responsible leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American Citizens. The program is a stimulus for promoting graduation from high school and it provides instruction and rewarding opportunities that will benefit the student, McCormick High School and the surrounding community and the Nation. Specific program outcomes describing what McCormick JROTC Cadets will know and be able to do upon successful completion of the course include:

- a. Maximizing potential for success through learning and self-management.
- b. The development of leadership skills.
- c. Incorporating principles of mental and physical wellness into behaviors and decisions.
- d. Building effective relationships with peers, co-workers and the community.
- e. Applying physical and political geography to building global awareness.
- f. Correlating the rights and responsibilities of citizenship to the purposes of U.S. Government.
- g. Relating events in U.S. History to choices and responsibilities Americans have today.

h. Characterizing the role of the military and other national service organizations in building a democracy and maintaining peace in a democratic society.

The McCormick JROTC curriculum also aids in the development of broad, life-long skills that are essential for success in the cadet's life and future roles. These skills are not learned in one lesson or LET, but are linked to lesson competencies and integrated throughout the curriculum. Additional core abilities which each cadet will learn include:

- a. Building the capacity for life-long learning.
- b. Communicating using verbal, non-verbal, visual and written techniques.
- c. Taking responsibility for your actions and choices.
- d. Doing your share as a good citizen at Nokomis, in the community, country and the world.
- e. Treating yourself and others with respect.
- f. Applying critical thinking abilities.

6. **COURSE PREREQUISITES.** Enrollment in the McCormick JROTC program is strictly voluntary, however some restrictions do apply. Cadets who have been convicted by a civil court for other than minor offenses require a waiver before they may be allowed to enroll in the McCormick JROTC Program, or for continued enrollment following such conviction. All cadets must participate in all JROTC events, including marching and physical fitness, and parents are required to certify that they are in good health and able to participate in these activities. McCormick JROTC classes are taught sequentially beginning with the freshman year and build on the skills learned in prior years. In no case will a cadet be allowed to re-enroll in the McCormick JROTC Program at the next LET level if they received a failing grade in JROTC in the prior academic year.

7. **CONTENT.** The McCormick JROTC curriculum is a 180 hour academic program awarding full elective credit for each year completed. Each year is taught sequentially (starting with LET 1 and progressing through LET 4), and is a required prerequisite for the next. The curriculum also includes a number of additional activities unique to the JROTC cadets such as the Drill Team, the Color Guard, the Rifle Team along with associated competitive events and meetings. There is also the opportunity to attend a one-week summer camp and a weekend leadership training weekend which stresses adventure type training and leadership skills training. There is the Yorktown Military History Overnight Tour and various other day trips. Finally, there will be a mandatory military ball scheduled each year.

Specific courses and hours taught to each LET level include the following:

Mandatory Training	LET 1	LET 2	LET 3	LET 4
Unit 1-Citizenship in Action	18		2	6
Unit 2-Leadership Theory and Application	18		12	10
Unit 3-Foundations for Success	30		36	16
Unit 4-Wellness, Fitness and First Aid		28		
Unit 5-Geography, Map Skills and Environmental Awareness		2		

Unit 6-Citizenship in American History And Government	36	16		
Physical Activity/Leader Assessment				
Leadership Application	20	20	20	20
Cadet Challenge	10	10	10	10
Activities				
Service Learning	10	10	10	10
Administration/Testing/Inspections	24	24	24	24
Additional Required Teaching and Leadership Hours				34
State and JROTC Elective Hours	50	50	50	50
Total Hours	180	180	180	180

8. DATES TO REMEMBER AND DEADLINES. Specific guidance and information about important events will be handed out or posted in the classroom, briefed to all cadets and sent home to parents as applicable. While cadets are expected to attend and participate in class and all JROTC events, some events are classified as mandatory. Missing a mandatory event will result in the cadet receiving a zero for that event. The only exceptions will be if there is a verified family emergency (such as a death or serious injury) or if a doctor's excuse is presented.

a. Two important events requiring emphasis are the Cadet Leadership Training and the Cadet Leadership Challenge (summer camp). Attendance at the Cadet Leadership Training is required for all cadets who become leadership (junior NCO and above). The Cadet Leadership Challenge is Summer Camp normally held in June or early July. While space is limited all cadets are encouraged to apply. Specific details on these events will be published separately.

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b. Weekly Uniform Days. Uniform wear and personal appearance comprises 10% of a cadet's grade. Cadets will wear the complete U.S. Army cadet uniform (A, B, C) on that day corresponding to the day of class (A or B day) Tuesday or Wednesday or as indicated on the weekly training schedule. However, on the normal Thursday battalion formation day, the required uniform day will be that day. The uniform will be worn the entire school day and will be worn correctly at all times. If for some reason the cadet is unable to wear the uniform on the required day, only the SAI or AI will allow excusals. Only in exceptional cases will excusal be allowed for uniforms that have not returned from cleaning. ie. Cadet did not take the uniform to the cleaners until the day before class will not be a legitimate excusal.

c. Special Team Practices. Specific dates and times for the Drill Team, Color Guard, and Rifle Team(s) will be briefed by the instructor in class, however, for general planning purposes these

teams will practice per a set schedule determined by the battalion commander or command sergeant major.

9. MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT/RESOURCES.

a. Items required of cadets. All cadets must have a signed parental release and statement of health on file to remain in and participate in JROTC. There are no exceptions to this policy. These forms will be handed out in class to bring home and cadets will return the signed release within the first two weeks of school or they will be either dis-enrolled from the McCormick JROTC program or not allowed to participate in JROTC activities (in which case they will receive a zero for the activities not participated in). All cadets must bring their Chromebooks (charged) and a notebook and pen/pencil to class daily. All cadets will be required to have a serviceable pair of running or good walking shoes and suitable physical training clothing (either shorts and t-shirts or sweatpants and shirt for colder months).

b. All cadets will be issued (and sign for) a complete U.S. Army cadet uniform. It is the cadet's responsibility to maintain all uniform items in good condition, including dry cleaning if necessary or as needed. If items of the uniform are lost or damaged a debt card will be submitted to the administrative office of the school and it becomes the cadet's responsibility to replace the item(s) by paying for them. If the cadet is dis-enrolled from the program or leaves McCormick High School all uniform items must be cleaned and turned back into the McCormick JROTC Department and all missing items paid for or the cadet will not receive final grades and transcripts from the school.

c. Textbooks. All cadets will receive the prescribed textbooks for the course and will sign for the textbooks and materials. Textbooks and materials will be turned back at the end of the school year in good condition or the cadet will be required to pay for the damaged textbooks and/or materials.

d. Chromebooks. All cadets will have a fully charged Chromebook for each class and be given a sign in code to log onto the appropriate LET class in Google.

10. EVALUATION AND GRADING. Cadets are constantly being evaluated whether in JROTC class or not. In addition to the school policies on grooming and behavior, which will be adhered to by all cadets, there are additional policies that are unique to the McCormick JROTC program. As a general rule, if a cadet is where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there and doing what they are supposed to be doing to the best of their abilities, they will receive a good grade in JROTC.

a. Grading Categories. The semester grade will be comprised of the following items and percentages.

(1) LET 1 Semester 1

Daily Conduct 20%

-Class Participation

-Leadership

-Mandatory Events

Wear of the Uniform 10%

-Personal Appearance

-Uniform

Quizzes 30%

Tests 40%

(2) LET 1 Semester 2 same as for Semester 1.

(3) LET 2 Semester 1 same as for LET 1

(4) LET 2 Semester 2

Daily Conduct 20%

-Class Participation

-Leadership

-Mandatory Events

Wear of the Uniform 10%

-Personal Appearance

-Uniform

Service Learning 10%

-Quizzes

-Project

Quizzes 20%

Tests 40%

(5) LET 3 Semester 1 same as for LET 1,2

6) LET 3 Semester 2

Daily Conduct 20%

-Class Participation

-Leadership

-Mandatory Events

Wear of the Uniform 10%

-Personal

-Uniform

Service Learning 20%

-Project

Test

Quizzes 20%

Tests 30%

(7) LET 4 Same for Semester 1 and 2

Daily Conduct 20%

-Assistant Instruction

-Leadership

-Mandatory Events

Wear of the Uniform 10%

-Personal Appearance

-Uniform

Programmed Text 40%

-Completion of text

-Lesson quizzes

Tests 30%

(8) LET 4 Honors

Daily Conduct 20%

-Assistant Leadership

- Leadership
- Mandatory Events
- Wear of the Uniform 10%
- Personal Appearance
- Uniform
- Programmed Text 20%
- Programmed Text
- Lesson quizzes

- Classes (5 classes) 20%
- Preparation and Rehearsal
- Conduct of class
- Tests 30%

b. Merit/Demerit Policy. Cadets receive demerits for inappropriate behavior and merits for exceptional behavior/performance. These are factored into daily and other grades and may have a large impact on the cadet's final grade. Every cadet should strive to get as many merits and as few demerits as possible. At the end of each month, each cadet's total merits and demerits will be computed. Merits will cancel out demerits on a one for one basis. If there is an excess of merits left over, they will be used to determine rating on the Order of Merit List. Excessive demerits will be deducted from the conduct grade. Excessive demerits may also be worked off by cadets performing extra duty for the JROTC department which eliminates 4 demerits per hour served.

c. Uniform Wear and Appearance Standards. When wearing the uniform, a cadet is a visible representative of U.S. Army JROTC and will act accordingly. When the uniform is worn it will be worn correctly at all times and be complete, even if the cadet is not in the JROTC classroom at the time. Civilian clothes will not be mixed with the military uniform at any time. The uniform will also be kept clean and the shoes cleaned as needed. Maintaining the uniform is the responsibility of the cadet. Cadets will be inspected in the JROTC classroom on uniform days for their uniform and appearance and given merits or demerits as appropriate. In addition, the cadet will receive a grade for that day of uniform wear. Personal appearance and grooming standards will adhere to the McCormick JROTC policies. Cadets are not allowed to be unshaven (unless there is a doctor verified medical reason). Male cadets must maintain a neat haircut and female cadets must have a hairstyle that allows the hat to be worn properly. Male cadets must be clean shaven and are specifically prohibited from wearing ponytails, braids, cornrows, twists or dreadlocks. Both male and female cadets are not allowed to wear non-natural colors in their hair and female cadets must ensure their hair is worn up while in uniform so the length of the hair does not go below the collar.

d. Mandatory events. Mandatory events are of critical importance to the overall success of the McCormick JROTC program. Missing a mandatory event without valid excuse (prior approval from the Senior Army Instructor or Army Instructor, Principal, verified family emergency or valid medical excuse verified by doctor) will result in a grade of zero for the missing event that will be averaged into the cadet's overall semester grade.

e. Refusal to Participate in a JROTC Activity. Cadets refusing to participate in drill, Cadet Challenge, physical training or any other activity will be penalized appropriately. Cadets are part of a team and are both expected and required to participate in all activities and events. Unless there is a valid medical reason why the cadet cannot participate, for each occurrence of non-participation the cadet will receive a zero in their conduct grade for that day and 5 demerits.

Continued refusal to participate can lead to disciplinary action such as reduction in rank or possible disenrollment for the program.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CADETS AND PARENTS

a. During the course of instruction you will be using modern technical tools in the classroom. If you willfully damage or destroy the hand-held scoring devices, you will be charged an amount of either \$50.00 if the device can be repaired or \$100.00 if the device is unrepairable or is taken from the classroom and not returned. Any other damaged items will be paid for by the cadet if it is found that the cadet willfully destroyed or damaged equipment. Other punishment such as demerits may also be assigned.

b. If you encounter difficulty in your JROTC subjects or any other course do not be afraid to ask for assistance. Your instructors are available to assist you and help you succeed (not just in JROTC). Instructors are also available to confer with parents. Due to class schedules or other requirements, instructors may not answer the phone immediately. If there is no answer on the McCormick JROTC phone (864) 443-0040 ext: 0132, parents should call the main office to leave a message or schedule an appointment. The instructors will call back as soon as possible after receiving the message.

c. All cadets will be in their respective classrooms prior to the start time of class. All cadets will assume the position of attention/parade rest by their seats and remain that way until the SAI/AI takes charge of the class. Cadet class leaders will report to the SAI/AI that the class is present and who is absent.

d. Cadet rank is not automatic but is earned. All promotions are based on the cadet's performance in class and drill, academic grades, uniform wear and personal appearance and overall conduct.

e. All instructors will be addressed by their military rank or appropriate title (Sir, Maam, Mr. Etc). Cadets will also address other cadets by their ranks when participating in JROTC activities.

f. All cadet leaders (officer and NCO) are expected to conduct the day-to-day business of supervising and running the McCormick JROTC Battalion. They are also expected to set the example in discipline and appearance standards for all cadets in JROTC whether in JROTC class or any other class.

g. A "C" or below in JROTC at mid-semester is a clear indicator that the cadet either lacks interest in JROTC or is not performing to standard provided there is no learning disability. An "F" in JROTC is inexcusable and is typically the result of excessive demerits, uncorrected behavior or discipline problems, failing to wear the cadet uniform or not wearing it properly, no effort to earn merits and a general total disregard for the requirements of the course. Bottom line: McCormick JROTC instructors will do all they can to help a cadet succeed, but the cadet is responsible to make an honest effort to meet the course requirements.

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