RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

The Sol Price School of Public Policy is the proud home of the University of Southern California’s ROTC program. USC’s unbroken partnership with the U.S. military began in 1914 when USC hosted a training school for U.S. Army officers. In 1940, the university began hosting ROTC programs and has since continued our unwavering support and a commitment to producing the next generation of leaders.

Since 1984, the ROTC programs have been a part of the Price School’s academic units. USC consistently ranks in the top 10 among private research universities in Department of Defense-sponsored research. Additionally, USC is 1 of 60 universities nationwide to house all three (Air Force, Army, and Navy) ROTC programs on campus.

A LEGACY OF SUCCESS

Highly decorated military and civilian leaders—including four-star generals, astronauts, Medal of Honor recipients, and officials in the highest levels of government service—have chosen to attend USC before or after their military service.

Our Trojan ROTC graduates are unparalleled, with more than 200 notable USC ROTC alumni making the ranks of a flag officer or senior civilian in the Department of Defense.

ROTC has enabled me to operate in a driven environment, surrounded by people who are united by a common goal. I leave every training with a sense of accomplishment—with real-life applications for the skills I have acquired.

— C/3C SOPHIA CANCIO, AIR FORCE ROTC CADET
A TRADITION OF LEADERSHIP

USC’s ROTC programs are directed and managed by Professor Frank V. Zerunyan, the Director of Executive Education at Price, who also serves as a University liaison to the USC ROTC program.

Each unit is led by an outstanding commanding officer in Lt. Col. Reid Wynans, U.S. Air Force, LTC Christopher Gin, U.S. Army, and Col. Gilbert Juarez, U.S. Marines. With their cadre of officers and enlisted staff, the commanding officers advance the military science curriculum for approximately 300 ROTC students at USC. Our faculty and staff are committed to maintaining the most elite ROTC programs to qualify students for commission in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Space Force.

It is my distinct honor to oversee this elite ROTC program at USC and as part of the academic units of our distinguished Sol Price School of Public Policy. Our commitment to ROTC is unwavering. We are determined to train and commission officers who will continue to serve their country at the highest levels with great distinction.

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