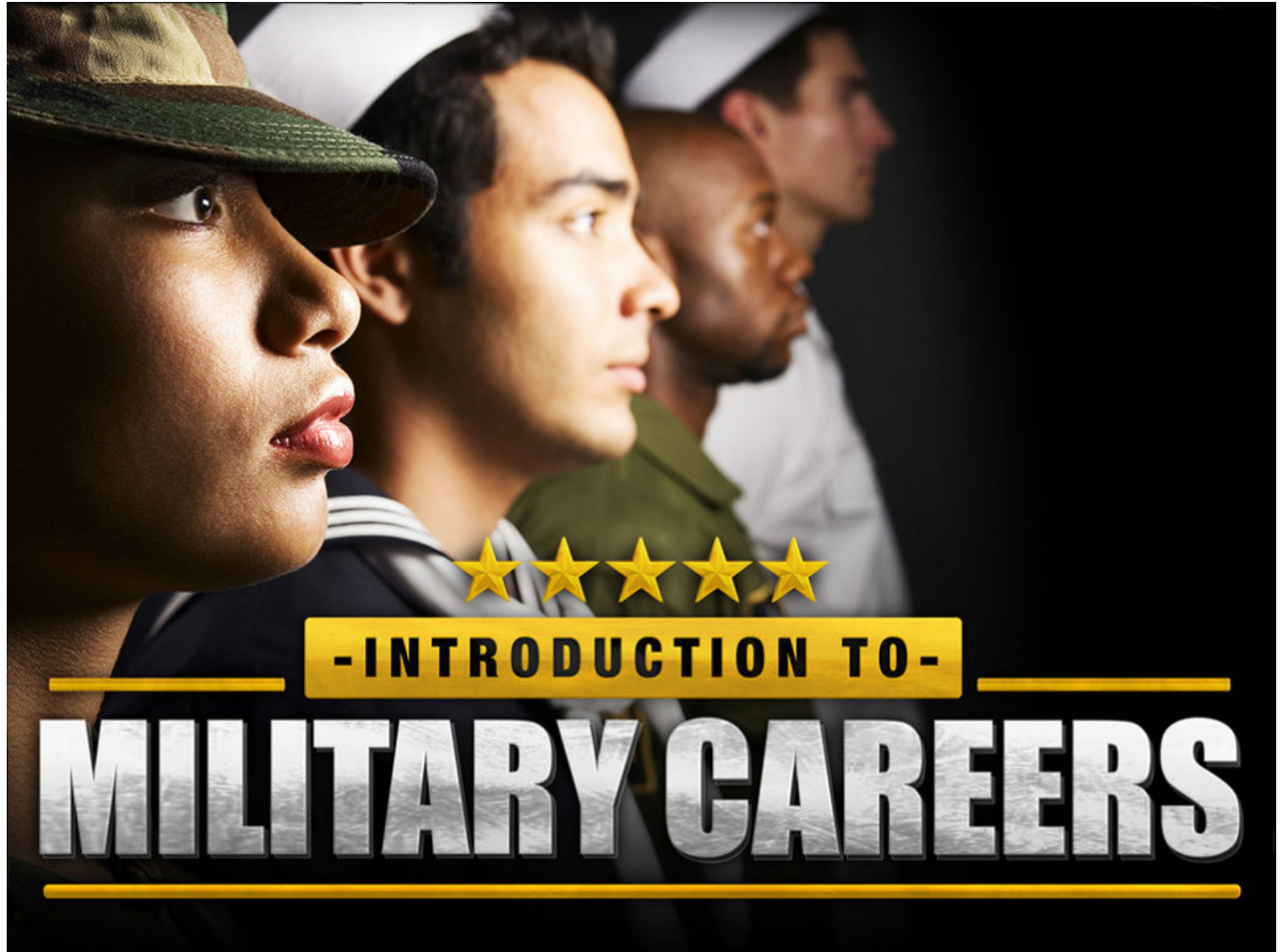


Course Syllabus



INTRODUCTION TO MILITARY CAREERS

You've probably seen an old movie about a hotshot naval aviator, or perhaps a more recent film about the daring actions of Special Forces operatives. But do you really know what careers the **military** can offer you? Introduction to **Military** Careers will provide the answers. The **military** is far more diverse and offers many more career opportunities and tracks than most people imagine. In Introduction to **Military** Careers, you'll learn not only about the four branches of the **military** (and the Coast Guard) but also about the types of jobs you might pursue in each branch. From aviation to medicine, law enforcement to dentistry, the **military** can be an outstanding place to pursue your dreams.

Unit 1: Welcome to the Military

You may have dreams of accomplishing an epic flyby as the best of the best naval aviators; becoming an elite member of a Special Forces unit so you can take down the world's most dangerous terrorists; or becoming the first person to walk on Mars successfully. The **military** is certainly the place to fulfill these dreams. But what do you really know about the 12 service branches of the United States

military? In this unit, we'll examine the two types of **military** service, discuss the different branches and their unique missions, and highlight some of the historical successes and unsung heroism of each. By the end of this unit, you will definitely have a better sense of not only the differences amongst each **military** branch, but also which one sounds like a good fit for yo

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify the unique mission of each branch of the U.S. **military**
- Understand the basic history of each branch, including some of its major successes
- Explain how the **military** fits within the U.S. government
- Discuss the requirements for active duty and part-time duty **military** service and understand the differences

UNIT 1 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Unit 1 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 1 Lab	Homework
Unit 1 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 1 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 1 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 2: Military Aviation Careers

If you've seen that famous movie featuring confident naval fighter pilots fighting for first place over the desert skies of California, you may think you know what **military** aviation is like: the roar of a jet, the breathless landings on an aircraft carrier in the middle of a midnight-blue sea, the swagger of a pilot who has just seemed to defy gravity with ease, the heroic efforts to defend a border or rescue a stranded vessel off of an enemy coast. You're not wrong, but this picture of aviation is just one part of this incredibly demanding yet adventurous and competitive career path. In this unit, you'll learn about the opportunities available in aviation, across the branches, and the many different talents that each job requires.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Understand the two different career paths that **military** personnel can take in aviation

- Identify and describe the responsibilities of each type of aviator
- Describe the four types of aviation support career paths
- Understand the relationship between aviators and aviation support careers

UNIT 2 Assignments

Assignment	Type
Unit 2 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 2 Lab	Homework
Unit 2 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 2 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 2 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 3: Logistics, Supply, & Transportation Careers in the Military

Have you ever seen a caravan of large **military** trucks heading down the highway? It's an impressive sight whenever you see the **military** on the move. More than likely what you saw was a small snapshot of the logistics and transportation division of the **military** when it's on the move. Though they get very little attention—as in most people don't think about them at all—careers in these fields are the backbone of the working **military**. Whether responsible for planning and analyzing potential needs, stocking and restocking supplies for soldiers, or getting those supplies to the people who need them most, these jobs literally and figuratively support the troops in the most important way possible. These are the unsung heroes of the **military**.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify the differences between logistics, supply, and transportation careers
- Understand the role of logistics to the success of **military** campaigns
- Discuss how logistics, supply, and transportation work together to aid soldiers and missions
- Recognize how logistics and supply careers affect every part of a soldier's life

UNIT 3 Assignments

Assignment	Type
Unit 3 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 3 Lab	Homework
Unit 3 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 3 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 3 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 4: Law & Order in a Uniform

You might imagine a **military** law career to be a lot like a civilian legal career. To a certain degree, it is. Crimes and punishable offenses are dealt with by the police and perpetrators are forwarded for trial. But that's about where the similarities end. The **military** legal system and its career track have their own unique language, set of laws, and punishments. In this unit, you'll learn about the two types of career tracks, along with the jobs that people do in each, as well as the legal world of the **military**. In the process, you'll understand the kind of people who may be attracted to a career in **military** law.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Describe the career tracks available in **military** law
- Understand how the **military** legal environment differs from the civilian one
- Identify some of the types of law that **military** lawyers practice on a regular basis
- Recognize how all of the career tracks fit together

UNIT 4 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Unit 4 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 4 Lab	Homework
Unit 4 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 4 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 4 Quiz	Quiz

Introduction to Military Careers Midterm Exam

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

MIDTERM Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Midterm Exam	Exam
Midterm Discussion	Discussion

Unit 5: Boots on the Ground: Combat Operations Careers

The **military** is a huge organization full of careers of every type. Every **military** base is more like a large city than a small business. Though you can find doctors, lawyers, dentists, human resource specialists, accountants, chefs, and child care specialists within the **military**, the **military** has one purpose: to be ready to win battles. That challenge is a serious one, and it requires an enormous amount of expertise and training. The careers that focus on combat operations, then, are the heart of the **military**'s mission: to defend our interests, our borders, and our citizens. People in these careers are the workers who are ready to respond at a moment's notice, who are well trained in battlefield tactics, and who can perform the essential jobs needed to defeat the enemy and bring soldiers home safely. These are the careers of those who face danger and do not flinch. If every soldier is a hero, those in combat operations are the superheroes.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify the different types of combat operations careers available in the **military**
- Understand the differences between the types of jobs
- Explain why the Marines have a different combat readiness program
- Discuss the training differences between special operations combat soldiers and more traditional combat careers

UNIT 5 Assignments

Assignment	Type
Unit 5 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 5 Lab	Homework
Unit 5 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 5 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 5 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 6: Military Brains: Technology, Engineering, Intelligence

Think about some of the smartest people you know. They are usually the people who are always coming up with new ideas; who can speak multiple languages; can crack an entire crossword puzzle faster than you can figure out 17 down; or people who can take something apart, fix it, and put it back together without looking at a single instructional manual. These wizards of technology, engineering, and intelligence are the people who keep the **military** humming from the inside out and manage to fix almost anything just in the nick of time. Every career in every branch of the **military** requires intelligence and passion. These jobs, however, require a special set of skills that may be the perfect description of your strengths and talents. If they are, you most certainly will have a home here.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify the skills necessary to be a part of the information technology division of the **military**
- Discuss how signal specialists maintain communication throughout the **military** and why their roles are essential
- Understand what people with **military** intelligence careers do
- Describe the role of civil engineers in the **military**

UNIT 6 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Unit 6 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 6 Lab	Homework
Unit 6 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 6 Discussion 2	Discussion

Unit 7: Military Behind the Scenes

In *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy is surprised to learn that the magnificent Wizard is actually a regular man hiding behind a curtain with a pretty impressive set of machinery. It's a surprise that has created the saying "the man behind the curtain," implying that sometimes the big show is actually happening behind the scenes. It's no different in the **military**, mostly because so many of the important careers in the **military** are the ones that no one pays much attention to. In this unit, we'll pull back the curtain on some of these careers. We'll focus on business and finance, public affairs, music, chaplain services, and food services, showing you both what they do and why they are so crucial to the success of the United States Armed Forces.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Understand the role of business administration and human resources careers in the **military**
- Explain how public affairs careers help shape the way that the public understands the **military**
- Describe how **military** music careers work and the opportunities that come with them
- Identify how a chaplain helps soldiers and **military** families
- Discuss how culinary services support the lives of **military** personnel

UNIT 7 Assignments

Assignment	Type
Unit 7 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 7 Lab	Homework
Unit 7 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 7 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 7 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 8: Private Practice or General Practice?: Military Medical Services

When you think of **military** medical care, do you picture a cot in a dusty tent with only some gauze to treat a wound? Patching someone up in the back of a Humvee while it screams across a battlefield?

For combat medics, that picture may be truer than not. But **military** medical services are far more sophisticated than you may imagine. **Military** medical care spans basic preventive care to combat medicine, to dietetics, to research-driven roles in the lab, all with one goal: improve the lives of soldiers and their families. In this unit, you'll learn about the different facets of **military** medical care and how the **military** combines these facets to serve soldiers, veterans, dependents, and the global community as a whole.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify the three types of medical careers the **military** offers
- Describe the responsibilities of **military**-specific medical fields
- Understand how the different medical careers work together to serve soldiers
- Discuss the diversity of skills and interests that **military** medical careers attract

UNIT 8 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Unit 8 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 8 Lab	Homework
Unit 8 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 8 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 8 Quiz	Quiz

Introduction to Military Careers Final Exam

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

FINAL Assignments	
Assignment	Type

Final Exam	Exam
Final Exam Discussion	Discussion

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