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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORP (ROTC)

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TO: Dr. Edward E. Pratt  
Dean of Undergraduate Studies

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SUBJECT: Proposal and Request for Approval of Military Science Minor

I am pleased to submit this package requesting approval of a Military Science minor at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). This proposal will be open to any and all students attending FAU on the condition they meet the requirements to commission into the United States Army following their completion of undergraduate studies. Across the United States, Universities such as the Florida State University, University of Washington, Western Illinois University, and The University of Florida have added a Military Science Minor to their offered courses. The U.S Army Cadet Command located at Fort Knox, KY, serves as the Army ROTC Headquarters and has a dedicated curriculum development section that provides lesson plans and slide presentations for every course we teach. The curriculum is standardized across the United States for all Army ROTC programs. All Army ROTC courses are similar in curriculum development and presentation. All lesson plans follow this standardized format and we would be glad to provide lesson plans necessary for proper evaluation.

The following are the Military Science courses offered at FAU:

* MSL 1001	Foundations of Officership	1 Credit
* MSL 1002	Basic Leadership	1 Credit
* MSL 2101	Individual Leadership Studies	2 Credits
* MSL 2102	Leadership and Teamwork	2 Credits
MSL 3201	Leadership and Problem Solving	3 Credits
MSL 3202	Leadership and Ethics	3 Credits
MSL 4301	Leadership and Management	3 Credits
MSL 4302	Officership	3 Credits
MSL 4400	U.S Military History	3 Credits
Total		15 Credits

\* Military Science electives not required for Military Science minor.

Army ROTC programs attract many high caliber students to universities across the nation and FAU is no exception. Choice of academic majors spans the gamut from STEM degrees like physics and electrical engineering to history and political science. Cadets enrolled and contracted with ROTC fulfill university degree requirements and, simultaneously, complete a rigorous commissioning program composed of academic classes, leadership laboratory, and field training between their sophomore and junior years. Many cadets, especially those pursuing a

technical major, will complete up to 21 semester hours above and beyond their degree requirements. If you incorporate field training at the U.S Army Cadet Command training site located at Fort Knox, KY, these cadets commit to an excess of 750 hours above and beyond their degree requirements. This number doesn't include the many hours dedicated to campus and community projects. One of our primary motivations for creating a minor is to reward FAU cadets who work so hard to obtain a commission as an Army officer. In addition to the minor appearing on their transcript, completion of such a program would provide the student with credentials that can help secure employment or special assignments in the Army, State Department, or other government agencies.

In addition to studying Army organizations, missions, and operations, all students will gain a broad perspective of the military in general by taking a ROTC mandated Military History class focused on the study of military conflicts over the past century. By rewarding deserving students, we believe a Military Science minor benefits the university because it would act as a positive motivating factor for students to attend FAU's ROTC program in lieu of ROTC programs at other universities. This equates to attracting higher caliber students, many of which bring scholarship money to the university.

We look forward to joining the ranks of at least 45 other universities nation-wide that have already established a Military Science minor. I hope that our presentation is compelling. We stand ready to provide any additional information that you may need to make your decisions. Once again, thank you for your consideration.

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