



2023-24 COURSE SYLLABUS

Marine Corps Junior ROTC (MCJROTC) Leadership and PE

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1. Marine Corps Junior ROTC program - This is a four year program afforded to the students of John F. Kennedy High School. Each of the four courses earn college elective credits.
2. Course Prerequisites -
 - a. LE I - completion of the eighth grade.
 - b. LE II-IV must successfully complete the previous LE program.
3. Course Requirements -
 - a. All cadets will be required to adhere to Marine Corps grooming standards.
 - b. The MCJROTC uniform will be worn one day each week.
 - c. All cadets are expected to maintain minimums of a 2.0 cumulative GPA, satisfactory citizenship in all classes, and satisfactory attendance in all classes.
 - d. Community Service is key to our mission of developing citizenry. All cadets are required to participate in 12.5 hours of community service per semester, and a total of 25 hours per school year. This is an essential part of the program; failure to meet requirements impacts promotion eligibility, class standing, and overall grade.
 - e. The MCJROTC leadership development program is challenging by design. Cadets are subjected to daily physical training, as well as health education regimen and instruction.
4. Course Descriptions -
 - a. LEADERSHIP EDUCATION I (LE-I/PE) - The first year of the program provides cadets with an introduction to both leadership and citizenship. The first year also exposes the new cadets to personal growth and responsibility, and begins to establish a foundation of military structure and tradition, with great emphasis on its history. LE-I has 200min per school week of physical training and health instruction, including each of the eight required California Physical Education content areas. The remaining schedule is for academics, close order drill, marksmanship, and other practical applications. These additional activities include both locomotor and non-locomotor physical tasks. LE-I cadets earn G-level college credit at UC and CSU, under Military Science.
 - b. LEADERSHIP EDUCATION II (LE-II/PE) - The second year continues with physical fitness, leadership and citizenship instructed in LE-I. During LE-II, cadets refine and demonstrate customs & courtesies, master our Corps Values, and are introduced to public speaking and land navigation training. LE-II has 200min per school week of physical training and health instruction, including each of the eight required California Physical Education content areas. The remaining schedule is for academics, close order drill, marksmanship, and other practical applications. These additional activities include both locomotor and non-locomotor physical tasks. LE-II cadets earn G-level college credit at UC and CSU, under Ethics. LE-II cadets also earn credits toward graduation, for physical education.
 - c. LEADERSHIP EDUCATION III (LE-III) - In LE-III, cadets will begin to use their leadership training as they assume positions of increased authority and responsibility within the program, including supervision and leadership of activities and events. During LE-III, classes on

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personal finances are presented, as well as many classes involving career preparation and opportunities in public service. There are over 50 hours of classroom instruction during LE-III, with the remaining for physical fitness, drill, and marksmanship. LE-III cadets earn G-level college credit at UC and CSU, under Leadership.

d. LEADERSHIP EDUCATION IV (LE-IV) - LE-IV is the year when cadets bring together all previous training and apply it as leaders of the program. Senior cadets will conduct formations and inspections, as well as plan and prepare for community events with younger cadets. There are over 50 hours of classroom instruction during LE-IV. Cadets continue to be challenged with leadership responsibilities and academic requirements for research papers and independent studies that include special projects and event planning. Senior cadets are instilled with a sense of ownership of their JROTC program. LE-IV cadets earn G-level college credit at UC and CSU, under Leadership.

5. Grading scale -

- a. A: 90-100
- b. B: 80-89
- c. C: 70-79
- d. D: 60-69
- e. F: 50-59

6. Category Values -

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| a. Uniform Inspection | 30% |
| b. Physical Training | 25% |
| c. Community Service | 20% |
| d. Exams & Projects | 15% |
| e. Quizzes | 10% |

7. Late, missed, incomplete work -

Due dates are communicated at the time of assignment, and posted on the JFK MCJROTC website calendar. Further, the application Remind.com is used to supplement this information. A late assignment will cost the cadet a full letter grade. Missed assignments will earn a 50 grade; Cadets with an excused absence during quizzes, tests, or exams will be assessed upon returning. Missed physical training days and uniform days are addressed under Attendance, below. Incomplete assignments are graded based on the instructor's assessment of work submitted.

8. Plagiarism/Cheating -

Integrity is essential to leadership development. Cadets discovered to have violated the program's trust and confidence risk losing rank and being removed from MCJROTC, in addition to full implementation of the MCJROTC Uniform Code of Military Justice, and the school's consequences for academic dishonesty.

9. Weekly Routine -

Monday: Physical Training, out of the classroom (MCJROTC PT uniform)

Tuesday: Academic Instruction, in the classroom (includes stretching & warmup exercises)

Wednesday: Uniform Inspection and Close Order Drill, out of the classroom

Thursday: Close Order Drill, out of the classroom (no heels, sandals, slides or flip-flops)

Friday: Physical Training, out of the classroom (MCJROTC PT uniform)

*an up-to-date class schedule is maintained on the JFK MCJROTC website

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10. Rules and Regulations for the classroom - The Cadet Handbook is distributed during the first week. Cadets receive instruction and are quizzed on "MCJROTC Rules and Regulations," requiring a 100% to pass. A copy of the rules and regulations is emailed to the parent/guardian.

11. Attendance -

a. Cadets late to class must present their colored Late Slip to the class Platoon Sergeant.

b. If a cadet is absent on Physical Training Day, they will receive an automatic ZERO for the day; this grade cannot be made up. If absent with a valid Doctor's note or a note from the parent/guardian, the cadet will receive an excused grade.

*not wearing the MCJROTC PT uniform will result in a loss of points.

c. If a cadet is absent on uniform inspection day, the uniform must be worn the next day at school. Cadets who fail to wear the assigned uniform will receive an automatic 50% for the uniform inspection grade that week.

d. Cadets absent on academic days may complete and submit the day's assignment through Google Classroom (LE1: q52cdnd) (LE2/3/4: uyzir3x).

12. Discipline -


Cadets enrolled in MCJROTC are expected to hold themselves and their classmates accountable for their actions. When a cadet chooses not to abide by classroom and/or school policies, their fellow cadets are expected to correct the behavior in a respectful manner, either verbally or using appropriate hand gestures. If self- and peer-accountability is not effective, the cadet will be subjected to the school behavior policy.

13. Promotions -

Cadets earn promotions in the MCJROTC program based on individual leadership & merit. Promotions facilitate cadets understanding that with increased authority comes greater responsibility.

14. Office Hours - Both instructors are available Monday through Friday, before and after school. Please make an appointment with Sergeant Major Esparza or Sergeant Major Ortega.


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