

# MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

## NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

### ITEM 126-1010-R0105

**Institution:** The University of Montana - Missoula

**Program Title:** Minor in Military Studies

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?

This minor will provide more leverage in attracting and retaining new students. It will also allow the university to remain competitive with the 45 other universities in the nation who offer similar programs. Additionally, the availability of a military studies minor to graduates will have an immediate impact on their ability to lead in immediate assignments, future academic study and service to the community. The intent of this minor is not simply to confer a title but to provide an interdisciplinary experience that produces well-rounded and capable students.

2. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?

Adopting this minor to The University of Montana - Missoula curriculum is fiscally advantageous to the state of Montana as no additional infrastructure or monetary support will be required from the state. The infrastructure to support this minor currently fully exists. As a result, Montana will be able to attract more students and tuition to its university system without any increased financial or resource expenditures.

3. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?

This minor would assist the University of Montana in developing new officers, which the state of Montana constantly needs for the Montana Army National Guard, in addition to the active Army. Furthermore, non-ROTC students who pursue this minor will provide a more educated population with a better understanding of how the military functions and interacts with state, federal, and local governments and organizations.

4. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana? (Note projected annual economic impact both regionally and statewide.)

A MS minor would make UM a more attractive choice by offering another relevant academic credential and boost UM Military Science department recruiting efforts. The UM MS department competes with 270 other schools throughout the nation to fill its four- and three-year scholarship allocations with quality students. Many of these competing schools already offer a MS minor. About half of the students that apply for these scholarships are from out-of-state. UM's addition of a Military Studies Minor will help attract these quality non-resident students and help keep quality residents in the University of Montana system.

5. What is the program's planned capacity?

• Break-even point?	N/A	FTE students
• Enrollments / year?	20	
• Graduates / year?	10	
• MT jobs / year?	5	

6. Resource Allocation:

• Total program budget?	\$ 0
• Faculty FTE?	7 (MS Faculty are DOD paid)
• Staff FTE?	3 (2 are DOD paid)

7. Does this program require new resources?  Yes  No

If yes, what is the amount? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. How will the campus fund the program?

No additional funding is required.

9. If internal reallocation is necessary, name the sources.

No reallocation is needed.