

Outcomes-based Leadership & Critical Thinking Training at UT Army ROTC





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The UT Army ROTC leadership development model addresses the need to equip adaptable officer candidates for an increasingly complex future.



Persistent Conflict

Cyber Threats



Adaptive Adversaries

Hybrid Warfare

Resource Constraints

Uncertainty





Our UT Army ROTC graduates must have the "cognitive, interpersonal, and cultural skills necessary to make sound judgments in complex environments, from the tactical to the strategic level."

21st Century Soldier Competencies

- Character and accountability
- Comprehensive fitness
- Adaptability and Initiative
- Lifelong Learner (includes digital literacy)
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Communication and engagement (oral, written, negotiation)
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Cultural and joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational competence
- Tactical and technical competence



Previous Curriculum





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Curriculum Hours



- Focused on "What to Think"
- Task, Condition, Standard orientation
- Stressed assessment of tasks





The UT Army ROTC classroom seeks to be adaptive, facilitationfocused, learner-centric, and focused on how a Cadet thinks through a problem, not on the correctness of the solution.



Current Curriculum



Curriculum Hours

SYNTHESIS ANALYSIS APPLICATION COMPREHENSION

EVALUATION



- Focuses on "How to Think"
- Facilitator-mindset replaces instructor mindset
- Increased critical thinking and problem solving
- Improved values and ethics training
- Improved cadre preparation and education







Adaptive Soldier Leader Training and Education

Principles:

- 1) Grow Problem Solving
 - obtain skills to learn for themselves
- 2) Increase Intangibles
 - confidence, accountability, initiative, judgment, awareness
- 3) Increase Understanding and Awareness
- 4) Increase Deliberate Thought
 - Evaluation Judgment Decision
- 5) Improve Combat Performance



Lesson Methodology



Develop the "Outcome Statement"

- clear and defined abilities, knowledge, & competencies
- outcome is simply stated
- outcome is observable
- focus on **BE**, **KNOW**, **DO**

Determine which 21st Century Soldier Competencies to evaluate

Design the training around the competencies (based on year group)

Develop the assessment tool

Execute the training

Conduct the After Action Review

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Practical Exercise







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