

UP SYSTEM

**GUIDELINES FOR
IMPLEMENTING NSTP**

UP SYSTEM INTERNAL GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP)

1. Coverage.

Starting AY 2002-2003, all incoming freshmen students, male and female, enrolled in any baccalaureate program of the university shall be required to complete one (1) NSTP component of their choice as a graduation requirement.

2. Program Components.

- a. A student can choose from the following components: Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), Literacy Training Service (LTS), and Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS).
- b. LTS refers to the component designed to teach literacy and numeracy skills to school children, out-of-school youth and other sectors of society in need of these services.
- c. CWTS refers to the component or activities contributory to general welfare and betterment of life or enhancement of community facilities, especially those devoted to improving health, education, environment, entrepreneurship, safety, recreation and morale of the citizenry and other social services.
- d. The CUs shall offer ROTC and at least one other component every semester.

3. Duration and Equivalent Course Unit

- a. Each NSTP component shall be undertaken for a period of two (2) semesters, with fifty-four (54) training hours and student load credit of 3 units per semester. A grade of "Pass" or "Fail" shall be given at the end of each semester. An official form for the purpose of reporting completion of NSTP shall be provided by the CU.
- b. A one (1) summer program in lieu of the two (2) semester program may be designed, formulated and adopted by CU, except that in the case of ROTC, the CU shall coordinate with the AFP.

4. Management and Monitoring

- a. The Department of National Defense and the CU shall exercise joint supervision of ROTC. In the case of LTS and CWTS, the CU may design

or adopt activities or courses that may be accredited as part of the NSTP requirement. The CUs may, if they wish, accredit NGOs as collaborators in the LTS and CWTS components provided that the form and nature of the collaboration is approved by the Chancellor.

- b. A list of accredited activities, courses, or programs shall be provided and disseminated by the office duly designated by the Chancellor to oversee the NSTP. The CU may consider the suitability of Palihunang activities, pre-existing field work, internship, and other programs for accreditation.
- c. The CU shall determine faculty compensation and/or load credit in connection with involvement in the NSTP.

5. Fees and Insurance

- a. The CU may charge a fee which shall not exceed 50% of the tuition per unit, following established university procedures for the collection of fees.
- b. Should it be necessary, the CU shall help arrange group accident and health insurance. Insurance fees shall be paid directly by students to insurers. The university will have no involvement in the collection of fees and settlement of claims.

6. Transitory Provisions

- a. Any male student who has completed all requirements for graduation except for the ROTC requirement as of the end of the 2nd semester, AY 2001-2002 may apply for graduation; the ROTC requirement shall be set aside. Their graduation shall be approved as of the semester they filed their application.
- b. Male students who are not covered by Section 6(a) and are currently enrolled but have not taken ROTC or any component of the Expanded ROTC shall be covered by the NSTP law.
- c. Male students who have completed two semesters of ROTC are deemed to have complied with the NSTP requirement.
- d. Male students who are not covered by Section 6(a) of these guidelines and have taken only one (1) semester of ROTC shall take one more semester of any of the NSTP components to qualify for graduation.