

### **National Service Training Program (NSTP)**

The National Service Training Program Act of 2001 (R.A. 9163) was enacted in response to public clamor for reforms in the Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Program. This Act affirms that the prime duty of the government shall be to serve and protect its citizens. In turn, it shall be the responsibility of all its citizens to defend the security of the State; thus, the government may require each citizen to render personal, military or civil service. In the pursuit of these goals, the youth shall be motivated, trained, organized, and mobilized in military training, literacy, civic welfare, and other similar endeavors in service to the nation.

The NSTP is a program aimed at enhancing civic consciousness and defense preparedness in the youth by developing the ethics of service and patriotism while undergoing training in any of its program components.

Its various components are specially designed to enhance the youth's active contribution to the general welfare of the nation.

All male and female students enrolled in any baccalaureate or in at least two (2)-year technical/ vocational or associate courses are required to complete the equivalent of two (2) semesters of the NSTP Common Module offered by any unit for the period of at least twenty-five (25) hours and any one (1) of the components listed below as a requisite for graduation:

- 1) Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC);
- 2) Literacy Training Service (LTS);
- 3) Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS);

Under the NSTP law, state universities are required to offer ROTC and at least one other NSTP component. Furthermore, for NSTP courses, schools may collect not more than 50% of the current basic tuition. *(Please refer to the table for the computation of the NSTP fee as of June 2014<sup>1</sup>)*

Socialized Tuition System			
STFAP BRACKET CODES	STS Codes for UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños	Tuition Fee	NSTP
A	ND (No Discount)	PhP 1500/unit	PhP 750/unit
B	PD 33% (Partial Discount-33%)	PhP 1000/unit	PhP 500/unit
C	PD 60%	PhP 600/unit	PhP 300/unit
D	PD 80%	PhP 300/unit	PhP 150/unit
E1	FD (Full Discount)	Free	Free
E2	FD+S (Full Discount + stipend)	Free	Free

While the NSTP law requires the courses as a requisite for graduation, it does not make reference as to when students should enroll in these courses. Thus, these can be taken anytime before a student graduates.

Students who finished all their academic requirements on or before the second semester of AY 2001-2002 but who were not graduated because they lacked the required ROTC subjects maybe graduated as of 2nd semester 2001-2002, after application for graduation and without the required one-year residence prior to graduation.

### **Insurance for NSTP Students**

Insurance is required under the NSTP law. The University has pre-qualified insurance providers for students enrolled in NSTP courses; thus, students taking NSTP courses will be assessed for insurance.

<sup>1</sup>Source: OUR-Admission and Registration Section

