

Aerospace Studies (Air Force ROTC) Program

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Air Force ROTC is a college-level program designed to select and train highly qualified men and women to become commissioned Air Force officers. After graduation from college and completion of all Air Force ROTC requirements, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force. Typical service is four years; however, service duration for some career fields (i.e. pilots, navigators, air battle managers) is longer. These individuals serve in a broad range of careers to include flying, engineering, administration and a host of other fields, depending on the needs of the Air Force.

To enter Air Force ROTC, an individual must have at least three years of college left, which may include 1 year of graduate study. In addition, the individual must be a United States citizen prior to entering the last two years of the program, be able to pass an Air Force medical exam, be of high moral character and be in good academic standing in school with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Entry into the last two years of the program is on a competitive basis.

Students are required to graduate with a bachelor's degree, in any academic major, and complete one of the two program options. AFROTC offers 2, 3, and 4-year scholarships (some of which cover ALL tuition and fees), but scholarships are not required to participate in the program. AFROTC cadets under scholarship and all juniors and seniors receive a \$300-\$500 per month tax-free stipend, plus a \$600 textbook allowance each year. No military commitment is incurred until entering the last two years of the program (Professional Officer Course) or accepting an AFROTC scholarship.

Classes consist of one hour of academics plus two hours of leadership laboratory for freshmen and sophomores. Juniors and seniors will have three hours of academics plus two hours of leadership laboratory. The academic hours earned can normally be counted as elective credit toward graduation. All AFROTC classes and laboratories are held on Fridays to better accommodate students commuting from other colleges and universities.

More information is available at the Air Force ROTC website (<http://www.afrotc.com>).

Program Requirements

Option I (Four Year Program)

Program Requirements (18 units)

The four year program is available to students with three to four years of undergraduate/graduate study remaining. Entry into the program requires university course enrollment and consultation with the AFROTC admissions officer in the department. The program consists of three parts: General Military Course (academics and laboratory), Field Training, and the Professional Officer Course (academics and laboratory).

General Military Course (GMC) (6)

AS 1001	Heritage and Values I	1
AS 1002	Heritage and Values II	1
AS 2001	Team and Leadership Fundamentals I	2
AS 2002	Team and Leadership Fundamentals II	2
AS 5001	Leadership Laboratory	0

Field Training (0)

A four-week, noncredit course conducted at an Air Force base during the summer between the second and third years of the program. Successful completion is required before continuing in the program.

Professional Officer Course (POC) (12)

AS 3001	Leading People/Effective Communication I	3
AS 3002	Leading People/Effective Communication II	3
AS 4001	National Security/Leadership Responsibilities/ Commissioning Preparation I	3
AS 4002	National Security/Leadership Responsibilities/ Commissioning Preparation II	3
AS 5001	Leadership Laboratory	0

Total Units **18**

Option II (Two Year Program)

Program Requirements (18 units)

Application for the two-year program is made in the fall and spring semester for Field Training attendance, during the summer, and prior to entry into the POC. Field Training selection is based on a number of highly competitive criteria. For an application and selection criteria contact the department. The two year program is available to students with two years of undergraduate/graduate study remaining. The program consists of two parts: Field Training and the Professional Officer Course (academics and laboratory).

Field Training

Prerequisite for entry in the two-year program. A two-week, noncredit course conducted at an Air Force base during the summer before entry into the Professional Officer Course. Successful completion is required before continuing in the program.

Professional Officer Course (POC) (18)

AS 1001	Heritage and Values I	1
AS 1002	Heritage and Values II	1
AS 2001	Team and Leadership Fundamentals I	2
AS 2002	Team and Leadership Fundamentals II	2
AS 3001	Leading People/Effective Communication I	3
AS 3002	Leading People/Effective Communication II	3
AS 4001	National Security/Leadership Responsibilities/ Commissioning Preparation I	3
AS 4002	National Security/Leadership Responsibilities/ Commissioning Preparation II	3
AS 5001	Leadership Laboratory	0

Total Units **18**