

# Air Force Aerospace Studies

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## Mission

The mission of AFROTC is to develop leaders of character for tomorrow's Air Force and Space Force. The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win...airpower anytime, anywhere. The United States Space Force (USSF) is a military service that organizes, trains, and equips space forces in order to protect U.S. and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint force. Successful graduates of the program receive a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force or Space Force.

## Educational Objectives

Students who successfully complete the AFROTC program will develop:

1. An understanding of the fundamental concepts and principles of Air and Space.
2. A basic understanding of associated professional knowledge.
3. A strong sense of personal integrity, honor, and individual responsibility.
4. An appreciation of the requirements for national security.

## Air Force ROTC Programs

There are two traditional routes to an Air Force commission through Air Force ROTC. Entering students may enroll in the Air Force Four-Year Program. Students with at least three academic years remaining in college may apply for the Accelerated Program.

## Four- or Five-Year Program

The preferred program is the traditional Four-Year Program. To enroll, simply register for Air Force Aerospace Studies in the fall term of the freshman year in the same manner as other college courses. There is NO MILITARY OBLIGATION for the first two years of Air Force ROTC unless you have an Air Force ROTC scholarship.

The first two years are known as the General Military Course (GMC). Classes meet one hour per week and are required for freshmen and sophomores.

Individuals who successfully complete the GMC compete nationwide for entry into the Professional Officers Course (POC). POC classes meet three hours per week and are required for all juniors and seniors. Officer Candidates enrolled in the POC and on scholarship receive a nontaxable subsistence allowance of up to \$500 each month.

Qualified Officer candidates will attend the Air Force ROTC field-training program for four weeks, usually between their sophomore and junior years.

## **Accelerated Program**

For students who do not enroll in Air Force ROTC during their first year in college, it is possible to condense the two years of GMC membership into a single year, as long as the student has three more years of college left.

## **Other Aspects of the AFROTC Program**

### **Leadership Laboratory:**

Air Force ROTC officer candidates participate in a Leadership Laboratory (LLAB) where the leadership skills and management theories acquired in the classroom are put into practice. The LLAB meets once each week for approximately two hours.

This formal military training is largely planned and directed by the officer candidates. The freshmen and sophomores are involved in such initial leadership experiences as problem solving, dynamic leadership, team building, Air Force customs and courtesies, drill movements, Air Force educational benefits, Air Force career opportunities, and preparation for field training. The juniors and seniors are involved in more advanced leadership experiences as they become responsible for the planning and organizing of wing activities, including conducting the Leadership Laboratory itself.

### **Field Training:**

The summer program is designed to develop military leadership, discipline, and evaluate performance. At the same time, the Air Force can evaluate each student's potential as an officer. Field training includes: expeditionary operations, Air Force professional development, marksmanship training, physical fitness, and survival training.

### **Base Visits:**

Air Force ROTC officer candidates may have the opportunity to visit Air Force bases for firsthand observation of the operating Air Force.

### **Additional Information:**

In addition to formal activities, the cadet wing plans and organizes a full schedule of social events throughout the academic year. These include a Dining-In, Military Ball, a Field Day, and intramural sports activities. Professional Development Training Programs, such as Advanced Cyber Education, internships with the National Reconnaissance Office, combative training, and global cultural language and immersion training may also be available to selected volunteer officer candidates during the summer. Students may also participate in Arnold Air Society, Drill Team, and Civil Air Patrol, among other activities.