

# DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE STUDIES

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## Air Force ROTC

The mission of the Air Force ROTC program is to develop and produce leaders of character for the Air and Space Forces. Enrollment is open to any student attending the University on a full-time basis. The curriculum provides the individual with a firm understanding of the concepts of aerospace power and the Air Force mission, organization, and operation.

Enrollment in AFROTC is voluntary and accomplished through the fall and spring registration periods. Scholarships are available in many academic disciplines on a competitive basis. Approximately one-half of the students hold scholarships. Depending on the semester, approximately 40% of the cadet corps consists of women. All Air and Space Force career fields are open to women, including pilot and special warfare positions.

## General Program

The four-year program consists of the General Military Course (GMC) during the freshman and sophomore years and the Professional Officer Course (POC) for the remaining two years of college. Enrolled students are referred to as cadets. Compressed options may be available for students starting after their freshman year. Four-year cadets participate in a two-week field training period during the summer between their sophomore and junior years. Students may enroll in the Aerospace Studies courses for credit or to earn a minor; however, they are not considered members of Air Force ROTC.

## Scholarships

Air Force ROTC offers college students scholarships to assist with tuition, fees, and books. In addition, all cadets on scholarship receive a nontaxable monthly allowance during the academic year. The program is open to college freshmen and sophomores. Learn more about Air Force ROTC College Scholarships (<https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/college/types/>).

## Summer Programs

Air Force ROTC offers many summer programs for professional development. Before completing the ROTC program all cadets must complete field training, which is a rigorous two-week program involving physical conditioning, weapons training, and survival training. Field training is also an opportunity to develop skills as both a leader and a team member. In addition to this, cadets may choose to participate in other experiences, and will be able to tell their friends that they did something truly amazing. These summer programs include: freefall parachuting, advanced engineering, NASA research, nurse orientation, cultural and language immersion programs, and several others. Along

with the experience of a lifetime, cadets will receive travel to and from the location, room and board, and daily training pay.

## Active Duty Obligation

There is no active duty obligation for enrolling in either the freshman or sophomore AFROTC courses. Cadets who complete the Air Force ROTC program and receive a commission incur a minimum four-year, active duty commitment. Pilots, Combat System Operators, and Air Battle Managers serve additional commitments from the time they complete their training.