

Aerospace Studies

The college Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) curriculum provides pre-professional preparation for future Air Force officers. It is designed to motivate and prepare college men and women for their initial active duty assignments as Air Force commissioned officers. The curriculum is designed to give the student an understanding of the military instrument of national power with emphasis on the United States Air Force and how it fits into American society. Inherent in course content and methodology are opportunities for the student to develop the capacity to think creatively, speak and write effectively, and lead and manage efficiently.

The Air Force ROTC Commissioning Program is open to all qualified students in all academic majors leading to a bachelor's degree. The program is also open to graduate students. The program is divided into the General Military Course (Basic Course) and the Professional Officer Course (Advanced Course).

Scholarships

Four-Year Scholarships

Air Force ROTC scholarships are available annually. These scholarships are awarded on a nationally competitive basis to high school graduates. Interested high school seniors should obtain application requests from their counselors and submit the request by December. Application forms are also available at the Aerospace Studies Program office.

Two and Three-Year Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded on a nationally competitive basis to college students. Students, including those not enrolled in Aerospace Studies, can apply through the Aerospace Studies Program. Contact the detachment personnel for more information on these scholarships.

One-Year Scholarships

Limited one-year scholarships are available for certain high-demand majors. Contact the detachment personnel for more information on these scholarships.

General Military Course (GMC)

The first two years of Air Force ROTC (AS 1121- AS 1122 and AS 2121-AS 2122) form the basic course known as the GMC. Basic courses are normally taken during the freshman and sophomore years. There is no military obligation associated with basic courses and they count as free elective credit. Scholarships are available for qualified students. All GMC students with Air Force ROTC scholarships must complete one English composition course prior to completion of the first two years of the program. Students can also receive a monthly study stipend of \$250 to \$300 if they qualify.

Professional Officer Course (POC)

The last two years (AS 3301-AS 3302 and AS 4301-AS 4302) form the advanced course known as the Professional Officer Course (POC). The POC normally requires two academic years to complete. The two academic years can be a combination of junior-senior, senior-graduate, or all graduate years. A one-year program can be offered for specific majors. Students must be physically and mentally qualified for POC entry and have a desire to be commissioned in the Air Force. Completion of the GMC is not a prerequisite for the POC. Students must attend a four-week or a five-week summer orientation course. Advanced courses can be taken out of sequence. Students can also receive a monthly study stipend of \$350 to \$400 if they qualify. Cadets also receive payment for the summer orientation course.

Leadership Training

This is an integral and mandatory portion of the Aerospace Studies curriculum. Within the framework of the cadet wing, it provides a progression of experiences designed to develop each student's leadership potential and serves as an orientation to military life.

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