

# AEROSPACE STUDIES

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The Aerospace Studies Program provides an opportunity for students to earn a commission in the United States Air Force/ United States Space Force while working toward an academic degree simultaneously. Skills that are the cornerstone of leadership excellence such as confidence, self-esteem, motivation, leadership and fellowship, creative thinking, self-discipline, team building, and decision-making are taught in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) Program.

Upon completing the AFROTC Program and all requirements for an academic degree, students can achieve their goal of a degree in their chosen academic field and a presidential commission as an Air Force/ Space Force Second Lieutenant. The objectives of the program are:

- To produce the future officer leadership of the U.S. Air Force.
- To provide an introduction to the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps and the Air Force (how they're organized, how they work).
- To provide first-year cadets an informative and motivational program designed to recruit, retain, and familiarize them with the Air Force way of life and foster leadership, followership, teamwork, and esprit de corps.
- To provide cadets returning from field training sufficient opportunities to demonstrate and develop the leadership and management skills needed to successfully function as an active duty officer.
- To provide cadets to be commissioned additional opportunities to demonstrate and develop the leadership and management skills needed to successfully function as an active duty officer and to adequately prepare them to transition from the ROTC environment to active duty.

The topics covered include the history and structure of the US Air Force, the Air Force's capabilities, career opportunities, benefits, Air Force installations, core values, leadership, managing diversity, team-building, communications skills, general aspects of air and space power through a historical perspective, the National Security process, regional studies, advanced leadership ethics, and Air Force doctrine. A separate Leadership Laboratory is a mandatory requirement for all cadets.

The Air Force ROTC Program is divided into the General Military Course (GMC) during the freshman and sophomore years and the Professional Officer Course (POC) for the remaining two years of college. Four-year cadets participate in a 12-day training period during the summer between their sophomore and junior years.