Military Air and Space Studies- Air Force ROTC

The development and preparation of future Air Force officers is provided through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program. AFROTC is a four-year program in which students enroll in exclusive classes and leadership workshops to gain tools to succeed in a future career as an Air Force officer and beyond. All credits offered by the department may be counted as general electives toward completion of the requirements in other curricula. Students completing the program attend Field Training between their Sophomore and Junior years. Students not pursuing a commission in the Air Force may still enroll in any of the academic classes. These students do not wear the uniform or attend Leadership Lab.

The Air Force ROTC program has three general parts:

1. The General Military Course (GMC) consists of one hour per week of classroom instruction, two hours per week of physical fitness, and two hours per week of Leadership Lab. The GMC is open to any student. For non-scholarship students, there is no military obligation during the GMC. For scholarship students, there is no obligation during the first year of the GMC. Registration is the same as for other courses. All scholarship GMC cadets must pass a physical fitness test each term. Non-scholarship cadets must pass a physical fitness test by the Spring of the Freshman year to remain in the program. The Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT) must be taken by 31 December of the Sophomore year to be eligible to compete for Field Training.

2. Field Training is scheduled during the summer months, normally between the Sophomore and Junior years. Field Training must be completed prior to entry into the Professional Officer Course (POC). Field Training is a two-week encampment that includes physical conditioning, weapons, and survival training. It is held at Maxwell AFB, AL. Cadets are evaluated on their leadership potential and provided with opportunity to expand their skills as both a leader and team member.

3. The two-year POC is designed to prepare cadets for a commission in the United States Air Force. The primary purpose of the Professional Officer Course is to provide education which will develop knowledge of the Air Force, as well as skills and attitudes vital to the professional Air Force officer. Cadets practice communication techniques through cadet-led and cadet-centered seminars. The course consists of three hours of classroom instruction per week, two hours per week of physical fitness, and two hours per week of Leadership Lab. All cadets in the POC are contracted with the U.S. Air Force. If not on scholarship, the cadet will still receive the monthly stipend.

In-College Scholarship Program

The ICSP offers 2.5 to 3.5 year scholarships to qualified college Freshmen and Sophomores in any major. Cadets do not apply for this scholarship. Current cadets that meet qualifications are nominated by the Commander. Please visit http://afrotc.com for the most current information on ICSP opportunities.

Active Duty Obligation

There is no active duty obligation for enrolling in either the Freshman or Sophomore AFROTC courses. Students who enter the POC and complete the Air Force ROTC program will receive a commission and incur a minimum four-year active duty commitment. Certain careers and Active Duty programs may incur additional commitments depending on training or education requirements.