

AIR FORCE SCIENCE

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The Air Force ROTC program develops responsible, competent men and women prepared to assume leadership positions as commissioned officers in the active duty United States Air Force. Upon completion of the curriculum, students will have an understanding of the core values and the professional discipline of a military career. For more information on the Air Force Science program, contact the Air Force Science Department at the University of Houston by calling 713-743-4932.

COURSE CREDIT

ROTC classes may be taken for elective credit toward any degree plan at the University of Houston as well as Rice University. Freshman and sophomore level classes are open to all students. No military obligation is incurred as a result of enrollment in these courses. Junior and senior level courses are more restrictive and do require a military obligation. ROTC scholarship students also incur a military obligation.

FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

The General Military Course (GMC) is the first half of the Four-Year Program and is taken during the freshman and sophomore years. This program allows the student to try out Air Force ROTC without obligation (unless the student is on an Air Force ROTC scholarship).

During the first two years, the student will learn about the Air Force and the historical development of aerospace power.

During the summer preceding the junior year, the student will compete for the opportunity to attend a four-week Field Training Unit. Successful completion of field training is mandatory for entrance into the Professional Officer Course (POC), the junior and senior years of the Four-Year Program.

As a junior, the student will study the leadership and management techniques needed to become an effective Air Force officer.

During the senior year, students study the national security policy process and regional issues while preparing for entrance to active duty.

Enrollment in the POC is open to graduate students if they have four semesters of school remaining. Each semester of the POC consists of three classroom hours of instruction as well as Leadership Laboratory each week.

TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

The two-year program bypasses the General Military Course (GMC) portion of the Four-Year Program and leads directly into the Professional Officer Course (POC).

This route is the best option for junior college transfer students, current college sophomores, college juniors and active duty personnel who have two years of school remaining. The student can be completing an undergraduate degree, a graduate degree, or a combination of the two. Requirements for POC include:

1. Attending an extended Field Training Unit the summer prior to entering the two year program or the summer between the junior and senior year
2. Achieving an acceptable score on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT)
3. Passing a complete medical physical
4. Passing the Air Force Physical Fitness Test (PFT)

Students entering the POC must enter into a contract to pursue and accept a regular commission in the active Air Force.

LEADERSHIP LABORATORY

As an Air Force ROTC cadet, each student will be required to attend an additional class known as Leadership Laboratory.

Although it is not part of the academic class requirement, it is an essential part of officer training. Leadership Laboratory is a motivational, cadet-centered program where the student gains valuable leadership and managerial experience while learning about the Air Force way of life. On occasion, the student will have the opportunity to hear guest speakers discuss a variety of interesting topics.

AFROTC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Air Force ROTC offers four different scholarship opportunities for students at the University of Houston and Rice University:

In-College Scholarship Program (ICSP)—is a highly competitive scholarship program aimed primarily at college freshmen and sophomores in any major (students with a bachelor's degree can compete to earn a master's degree). The ICSP awards cover tuition capped at either \$15,000 per year plus \$510 per year for books or \$9,000 per year plus \$510 per year for books.

The Express Scholarship Program—is operated on a fully qualified basis: those who meet the qualifications are awarded the scholarship. Though the list of eligible college majors differs from year to year, the express scholarship pays up to \$15,000 tuition per year and \$510 for books. The processing of the scholarship award is completed at the local detachment.

General Military Course Incentive (POCI)—is a fully qualified scholarship program open to college students in the spring semester of their sophomore year. This program is open to students in any major. The GMCI provides up to \$1,500 in tuition and fees for eligible students. The GMCI does not pay for books.

Professional Officer Course Incentive (POCI)—is a fully qualified scholarship program open to college students in their junior or senior year (or to those with a bachelor's degree who will pursue a master's degree). POCI is open to any major. The POCI provides up to \$3,000 in tuition and fees each year and \$450 per year for books. POCI may be paid for up to two years.

STIPEND

All AFROTC scholarship recipients and POC cadets receive a nontaxable monthly stipend. The annual stipend amount ranges from around \$2,000 per year to 4,000 per year depending on the recipient's enrollment year.

For additional information on AFROTC scholarship opportunities, please visit the AFROTC website at www.afrotc.com or call 1-800-4AFROTC.

FIELD TRAINING (FT)

Cadets completing the General Military Course attend four weeks of field training (FT) during the summer at a selected Air Force base. Those who have not completed the GMC attend an extended FT Unit. This rigorous program of leader-

ship training, physical conditioning and academics assesses the cadet's potential to be an Air Force officer.

Cadets also receive survival and firearms training, career information, and an opportunity for a military aircraft orientation flight. Cadets receive travel pay and daily pay for FT.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (PDT)

Cadets are eligible to compete to attend PDT during summer months.

PDT consists of several programs, including:

- Army Airborne
- United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Survival Training
- USAFA Soaring
- USAFA Freefall Parachute Training
- Cadet Training Assistant
- The British Exchange program

Cadets receive travel pay and daily pay for the majority of these programs.

For more information contact Colonel David Mintz at 713-743-4932, or visit the University of Houston Air Force website at www.uh.edu/afrotc.

See AFSC in the Courses of Instruction section (these are University of Houston listings).