

AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (AFROTC)

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The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) is the largest and oldest source of commissioned officers for the Air Force and Space Force. The program is designed to recruit, educate, and commission officer candidates through college campus programs based on Air Force requirements and is open to qualified students from all academic majors. Upon completing the program and earning a bachelor's degree, cadets are commissioned as officers in the U.S. Air Force or Space Force.

In addition to pilot and aviation roles, the Air Force and Space Force offer a diverse range of career opportunities. These include technical fields like engineering, cyber, and weather, as well as non-technical roles in intelligence, logistics, nursing, acquisitions, security forces, contracting, and finance. As leaders in innovation, the Air Force and Space Force excel in both technical and non-technical career paths. For a full list of careers, please visit [Air Force Jobs](#) to learn more.

TCNJ students may enroll in the Air Force ROTC program via a cross-town school agreement with [AFROTC Detachment 485 - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#).



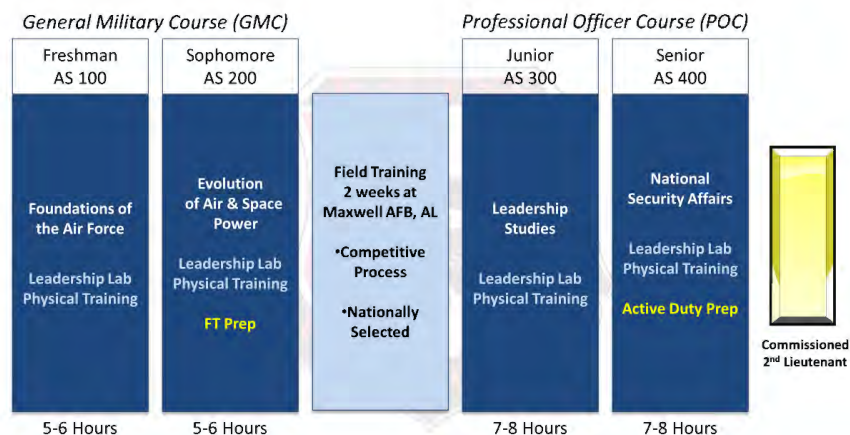
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded competitively in four-, three-, and two-year increments. Cadets who meet eligibility requirements and successfully complete Field Training after their sophomore year, but do not already have a scholarship, *will automatically receive a two-year [annual scholarship](#) of \$18,000, along with a monthly living stipend and an annual book stipend.*

For more information, please visit: <https://afrotc.rutgers.edu/scholarships>.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

AFROTC is typically a four-year program; however, students may join at any term if they have at least three years remaining in their undergraduate or graduate studies (or a combination of both). The three-year program condenses the first and second years of AFROTC into an accelerated schedule during the first year. After completing these courses, students attend Field Training in the summer between their first and second years.



The Air Force ROTC program consists of two phases: the General Military Course (GMC) during the first two years and the Professional Officer Course (POC) during junior/senior years.

General Military Course (GMC)

- Introduces college students to the Air Force.
- No military obligation unless you are awarded an Air Force ROTC scholarship.
- Course Requirements:
 - Classroom Instruction: Courses 03:690:121, 122, 221, and 222 (1 hour/week)
 - Leadership Laboratory: Courses 03:690:171, 172, 271, and 272 (3 hours/week).
- Candidates must attend a two-week field training encampment before their junior year.

Professional Officer Course (POC)

- Students apply during their sophomore year.
- Contractual Obligation:
 - Enlist in the Air Force Reserve.
 - Complete degree requirements.
 - Accept a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force or Space Force
- Course Requirements:
 - Classroom Instruction: Courses 03:690:232, 324, 423, and 424 (3 hours/week)
 - Leadership Laboratory: Courses 03:690:371, 372, 471, and 472 (3 hours/week)
- Upon graduation, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants with an active duty obligation of **four years**. Longer obligations apply for certain roles, such as pilots, combat systems officers, air battle managers, and remotely piloted aircraft pilots.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- US Citizen (or permanent resident at most 6-12 months away from obtaining citizenship)
- Full-time college student (12 credits for undergrad; 9 credits for graduate) at Rutgers-New Brunswick or one of our [crosstown schools](#)
- At least 3 years (6 semesters) of college remaining
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative college GPA
- Be able to pass [medical examination](#) and [physical fitness test](#)

To apply, students should visit <https://afrotc.rutgers.edu/apply>.

UNIFORMS AND ALLOWANCES

Uniforms and AFROTC textbooks are supplied to all students enrolled in AFROTC. Students enrolled in the POC receive a monthly stipend ranging from \$400 to \$500.

COURSES

The Foundations Of The United States Air Force (03:690:121 / 122 – 1 credit)

Survey course designed to introduce students to the United States Air Force and encourage participation in Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Featured topics include: overview of ROTC; special programs offered through ROTC; mission and organization of the Air Force; brief history of the Air Force; introduction to leadership and leadership related issues; Air Force Core Values; Air Force officer opportunities; and an introduction to communication skills. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences.

Leadership Laboratory I (03:690:171 / 172 - 0 credit)

Corequisites: 03:690:121 / 122. *Enrollment limited to Air Force ROTC cadets.*

Fundamentals of drill and ceremonies; physical fitness training; leadership exercises.

The Evolution of Air and Space Power (03:690:221 / 222 – 1 credit)

Designed to examine general aspects of air and space power through a historical perspective. Historical examples are provided to extrapolate the development of Air Force capabilities (competencies) and missions (functions) to demonstrate the evolution of what has become today's USAF air and space power. As a whole, this course provides the students with a knowledge-level understanding for the general element and employment of air and space power from an institutional doctrinal and historical perspective. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences.

Leadership Laboratory II (03:690:271 / 272 – 0 credit)

Corequisites: 03:690:221 / 222. *Enrollment limited to Air Force ROTC cadets.*

Continuation of Leadership Laboratory I. Advanced drill and ceremonies; physical fitness training and evaluation; leadership exercises.

Air Force Leadership Studies (03:690:323 / 324 – 3 credits)

Study of leadership, management fundamentals, professional knowledge, Air Force personnel and evaluation systems, leadership ethics, and communication skills required of an Air Force junior officer. Case studies are used to examine Air Force leadership and management situations as a means of demonstrating and exercising practical application of the concepts being studied. A mandatory Leadership Laboratory complements this course by providing advanced leadership experiences in officer-type activities, giving students the opportunity to apply leadership and management principles of this course.

Leadership Laboratory III (03:690:371 / 372 - 0 credit)

Corequisites: 03:690:323 / 324. Enrollment limited to Air Force ROTC cadets.

Advanced leadership experience in planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, and controlling.

National Security Affairs (03:690:423 / 424 – 3 credits)

Examines the national security process, regional studies, advanced leadership ethics, and Air Force doctrine. Special topics of interest focus on the military as a profession, officership, military justice, civilian control of the military, preparation for active duty, and current issues affecting military professionalism. Within this structure, continued emphasis is given to refining communication skills. A mandatory Leadership Laboratory complements this course by providing advanced leadership experiences, giving students the opportunity to apply the leadership and management principles of this course.

Leadership Laboratory IV (03:690:471 / 472 – 0 credit)

Corequisites: 03:690:423 / 424. Enrollment limited to Air Force ROTC cadets.

Advanced leadership and management skills and their application.