AEROSPACE STUDIES (AFROTC)

Kent State University has participated in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) since 1951. Men and women meeting the Air Force ROTC requirements may enroll in the program as cadets. After completing the program and graduating from Kent State, cadets receive commissions as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE
In addition to your normal college coursework, Air Force ROTC courses and their hands-on leadership opportunities will complement your major and push you to make the most of your college life and your career.

Taught by a world-class military faculty and supplemented by distinguished speakers, Air Force ROTC classes bring policy and history to life.

Air Force ROTC curriculum is organized by aerospace class and separated into four major areas:

PROFESSIO N OF ARmS
Gain knowledge in military officerhip, military law, laws of armed conflict and military customs and courtesies.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS
Cadets develop enhanced oral and written communication skills critical to military leadership.

LEADERSHIP STUDIES
Develop leadership and management skills through a better understanding of the different aspects and functions of military leadership.

AEROSPACE STUDIES/INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES
Gain a better understanding of the nature of conflict and how the United States military forces, particularly aerospace forces, are developed, organized and employed.

The first two years of the Air Force ROTC four-year program, the General Military Course, consist of 1 hour of classroom work and 1 to 2 hours of leadership laboratory each week. The General Military Course is an opportunity for students not on an Air Force ROTC scholarship to try out the program with no obligation. After completing General Military Course requirements, if you wish to compete for entry into the last two years of the program, the Professional Officer Course, you must do so under the requirements of the Professional Officer Course selection system. This system uses qualitative factors, such as grade point average, unit commander evaluation and aptitude test scores to determine if you have officer potential. After selection, you must successfully complete a summer four-week field training unit at an assigned Air Force base before entering the Professional Officer Course. Once you’re enrolled in the Professional Officer Course, you must attend class 3 hours a week and participate in a weekly leadership laboratory (lasting from 1 to 2 hours).

In the Professional Officer Course, you apply what you have learned in the General Military Course and at field-training units. Students in the Professional Officer Course, conduct the leadership laboratories and manage the unit’s cadet corps. Each unit has a cadet corps based on the Air Force organizational pattern of flight, squadron, group and wing. Professional Officer Course classes are small with emphasis placed on group discussions and cadet presentations. Classroom topics include management, communication skills and national defense policy. Once you’ve enrolled in the Professional Officer Course, you’re enlisted in the Air Force Reserve and assigned to the Obligated Reserve Section. This entitles you to a monthly $300-$500 nontaxable subsistence allowance during the academic year.

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GENERAL MILITARY COURSE REQUIREMENTS
The General Military Course is offered to freshman and sophomore students who meet the following minimum membership requirements:

- Enrolled in an accredited college that hosts or has a cross-town agreement with an Air Force ROTC detachment
- United States citizen (if on scholarship)
- In good physical condition
- Of good moral character
- Age 14 years or older – 17 years old to receive a scholarship
- Attend both the Aerospace Studies class and Leadership Lab each semester

Career Opportunities
Listed below are just a few of the career opportunities open to Air Force ROTC graduates:

- Accounting and Finance Officer
- Aeronautical Developmental Engineer
- Air Intelligence Officer
- Air Traffic Controller
- Air Weapons Controller
- Aircraft Maintenance Officer
- Behavioral Scientist
- Chaplain
- Civil Engineer
- Communications-Information Systems
- Contracting Officer
- Judge Advocate (Lawyer)
- Missile Maintenance Officer
- Munitions Officer
- Navigator
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Personnel and Manpower Officer
- Pharmacist
- Physician
- Physicist
- Pilot
- Production/Manufacturing Officer
- Public Affairs Officer
- Satellite Command and Control Officer
- Scientific Analyst
- Security Forces Officer
- Space Operations Analyst
- Transportation Officer
- Weather Officer
The following credentials may preclude you from Air Force ROTC membership, but will not keep you from enrolling in an Aerospace Studies class:

- Conscientious objectors – one who has or had a firm, fixed and sincere objection to participation in war, in any form, or to the bearing of arms because of religious training or belief, which includes solely moral or ethical beliefs
- Present or former commissioned officers of the Armed Forces
- Those medically diagnosed with asthma or who have been prescribed Ritalin or any other medication for ADD and/or ADHD at any point in their life may be precluded from military service, but they may be waived depending on diagnosis and treatment
- Individuals on active duty with any military service – enlisted/warrant officers of Reserve or National Guard unless conditionally released
- Nonimmigrant students from nations not approved by the Department of State
- Students who do not or cannot meet required standards of weight, appearance, decorum, discipline and military performance
- Individuals who have dropped out of a previous officer training program (e.g., Officer Training School, United States Air Force Academy, etc.) but this may be waived depending on individual circumstances

All cadets may apply for a scholarship covering tuition, incidental fees, as well as providing a tax-free $300-$500 monthly subsistence and $900 annually for textbooks.

Many other scholarship opportunities exist for those who qualify, including partial room and tuition scholarships.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**BASE VISITS**

Base visits will give you a greater insight into the workings of an active Air Force installation, and more importantly, a better idea of what it is you’d like to do as an Air Force officer. You’ll be exposed to a variety of Air Force missions and see a broad range of officer career fields, tour the local sites and maybe even take a ride in an aircraft.

**SUMMER EXPERIENCES**

Take your Air Force ROTC experience up a notch by experiencing one of our summer programs during your summer break (between your freshman and sophomore year or either your junior and senior year). We have many programs to choose from; some are specific to certain academic majors, while others are only available to certain academic year groups. Visit our website or contact the department for more information to discover the great opportunities that these summer programs have to offer.

In addition to the experience of a lifetime, you will receive the following:

- Travel to and from location
- Room and board
- Daily living allowance

**SERVICE COMMITMENTS**

Cadets in the Professional Officer Course and scholarship cadets are called contract cadets. There is no service commitment until you are on contract. After completing all Air Force ROTC and academic degree requirements, contracted cadets accept a commission appointed by the president of the United States as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

- Most cadets incur a four-year active-duty commitment
- Pilots incur a 10-year active-duty service commitment
- Navigators incur a six-year commitment
- The minimum service obligation for the Air Battle Management career field is six years.

After your initial obligation, whether you remain in the Air Force or pursue a civilian career is up to you. Either way, Air Force ROTC is a great way to get an education and learn the skills you need to succeed in life.

**ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE**

- **Pay**
  - Highly competitive salary and allowance package
- **Vacation**
  - 30 days leave with pay each year
- **Sick Leave**
  - Unlimited; full pay continues
- **Medical Care**
  - Furnished at no cost
- **Dental Care**
  - Furnished at no cost
- **Life Insurance**
  - $400,000 of low-cost term life insurance
- **Social Life**
  - Officers’ clubs, swimming, golfing, bowling and tennis at reduced rates
- **Education**
  - Opportunity for higher education with tuition assistance
- **Retirement**
  - Opportunity to retire after 20 years with percentage of base pay
- **Advancement**
  - Promotions based on initial appointment, grade and experience
- **Shopping**
  - Save as much as 25 percent in on-base stores
- **Living Quarters**
  - On-base housing available or off-base housing allowance paid
- **Travel Allowance**
  - A daily allowance available while on official orders

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