

# Reserve Officers Training Corps - Air Force

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## The Program

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program provides education and training to prepare men and women to become Air Force officers while completing their college degree. To accomplish this, the Air Force, with the approval of the University of Kansas, has established a curriculum that allows a student to commission as an officer in either 3- or 4- years.

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The 3- and 4-year Air Force ROTC programs are divided into the General Military Course (GMC) and Professional Officer Course (POC).

## General Military Course (GMC)

The GMC is offered during the first two years of college and constitutes an introduction to the present day Air Force. The emphasis is on the role of military forces in world affairs, customs and courtesies, being an officer, professionalism, the mission and organization of the Air Force, and the history of air power. All necessary textbooks, classroom material, uniforms, and other equipment are furnished at no cost. Students who have completed the GMC, have met academic, physical and medical standards, and have successfully completed 4 weeks of Field Training may enter the Professional Officer Course (POC).

The GMC is composed of a total of 4 courses. A student may enter the GMC at one of three points (if eligible).

### 1. Entering First Semester – First Year Students (Freshmen Year)

First Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 144 - Foundations of the USAF - 1 credit

Second Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 148 - Foundations of the USAF - 1 credit

Third Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 284 - Airpower History - 1 credit

Fourth Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits

AIR 288 - Airpower History - 1 credit

### 2. Entering Second Semester – First Year Students (Freshmen Year)

First Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 148 - Foundations of the USAF - 1 credit

Second Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 144 - Foundations of the USAF - 1 credit  
AIR 284 - Airpower History - 1 credit

Third Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 288 - Airpower History - 1 credit

### 3. Entering Third Semester – Second Year Students (Sophomore Year)

First Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 148 - Foundations of the USAF - 1 credit  
AIR 284 - Airpower History - 1 credit

Second Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 144 - Foundations of the USAF - 1 credit  
AIR 288 - Airpower History - 1 credit

## Professional Officer Course (POC)

The POC normally is taken during the final 2 years of college. The emphasis is on leadership and management, organizational patterns, technologies, military policies and procedures and provides in-depth study of national security affairs. Cadets also learn and practice communication, leadership and management skills. POC cadets receive a non-taxable subsistence allowance. All necessary textbooks, classroom material, uniforms, and other equipment are furnished at no cost.

The POC is composed of a total of 4 courses.

### First Year (Junior Year)

First Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 344 - Leadership Studies - 3 credits

Second Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 348 - Leadership Studies - 3 credits

### Second Year (Senior Year)

First Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 404 - National Security Affairs - 3 credits

Second Semester:

AIR 100 - Leadership Laboratory - 0 credits  
AIR 408 - National Security Affairs - 3 credits

## Scholarships

High school seniors may apply for Air Force ROTC scholarships covering the 4-year college period. Some technical majors, such as engineering,

are regularly approved for five-year scholarship support. Students should apply no later than **December 1** of the senior year of high school. Online applications are available beginning 1 June of the junior year.

Qualified college students can compete for 2- and 3- year scholarship opportunities. These are awarded competitively and students automatically qualify to compete if they meet designated standards.

Scholarships generally cover tuition, laboratory and incidental fees, \$600 a year for books, and the non-taxable subsistence allowance. Visit the [afrotc.com](http://afrotc.com) for more information and to apply online for a high school scholarship.

## Courses

### **AIR 100. Leadership Laboratory. 0 Hours U.**

The AS 100 and AS 200 Leadership Laboratory courses (LLABs) include a study of Air Force customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, and military commands. The LLAB also includes studying the environment of an Air Force officer and learning about areas of opportunity available to commissioned officers. The AS 300 and AS 400 LLABs consist of activities classified as leadership and management experiences. They involve the planning and controlling of military activities of the cadet corps and the preparation and presentation of briefings and other oral and written communications. LLABs also include interviews, guidance, and information which will increase the understanding, motivation, and performance of other cadets. LAB.

### **AIR 144. Foundations of the USAF. 1 Hour U.**

Survey course designed to introduce students to the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Featured topics include: mission and organization of the Air Force, officership and professionalism, military customs and courtesies, 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. LEC.

### **AIR 148. Foundations of the USAF. 1 Hour U.**

Survey course designed to introduce students to the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Featured topics include: mission and organization of the Air Force, officership and professionalism, military customs and courtesies, 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. LEC.

### **AIR 284. Airpower History. 1 Hour U.**

A course designed to examine general aspects of air and space power through an historical perspective ranging from the first balloons and dirigibles to space-age satellite systems and the Global War on Terrorism. Leaders, pivotal situations in peace and war, successes and failures are provided to extrapolate the development of Air Force capabilities (competencies), and missions (functions) in shaping today's USAF air and space power. In addition, the students will continue to discuss the importance of the Air Force Core Values with the use of operational examples and historical Air Force leaders and will continue to develop their communication skills. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences. LEC.

### **AIR 288. Airpower History. 1 Hour U.**

A course designed to examine general aspects of air and space power through an historical perspective ranging from the first balloons and dirigibles to space-age satellite systems and the Global War on Terrorism. Leaders, pivotal situations in peace and war, successes and failures

are provided to extrapolate the development of Air Force capabilities (competencies), and missions (functions) in shaping today's USAF air and space power. In addition, the students will continue to discuss the importance of the Air Force Core Values with the use of operational examples and historical Air Force leaders and will continue to develop their communication skills. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences. LEC.

### **AIR 344. Leadership Studies. 3 Hours U.**

A 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. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and 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. LEC.

### **AIR 348. Leadership Studies. 3 Hours U.**

A 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. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and 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. LEC.

### **AIR 404. National Security Affairs. 3 Hours U.**

Course examines the national security process (from a military standpoint) from its birth with the Founding Fathers and the US Constitution to the joint warfighting scenarios of today. It looks at the Constitutionally established roles of the legislative and executive branches of government in dealing with defense issues during war or peacetime. It examines the current command and control structure within the Department of Defense and outlines the global responsibilities of the military, specifically of the US Air Force. This course also examines the development of National Security policy and the interrelationship between the Air Force, sister services and the Air Reserve component. Multiple classroom hours on formal military communications skills (writing and briefing) are included. The course culminates with a look at current political trends and U.S. defense policy decisions in some of the world's major geographical areas. A mandatory Leadership Laboratory complements this course by providing advanced leadership experiences giving students the opportunity to apply leadership principles in a dynamic setting. LEC.

### **AIR 408. National Security Affairs. 3 Hours U.**

Course examines U.S. National Security Policy as it relates to major geographical regions and political issues across the world. It also covers multiple legal, social and policy structures/procedures that Air Force officers and commanders face day-to-day. Air Force communications techniques, formal writing and speaking, are covered in detail. The latter part of the course addresses situations that new officers will encounter in their first few assignments. LEC.