

AIR FORCE ROTC

Program Description

The Air Force ROTC program trains qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the United States Air Force.

The program is offered at the University Park campus and by special arrangement as follows: students attending Penn State Scranton, Penn State Hazleton, or Penn State Wilkes-Barre may complete freshman and sophomore requirements at Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; students attending Penn State Abington or Penn State Brandywine may complete freshman and sophomore requirements at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pa.; students attending Penn State Altoona may complete freshman and sophomore requirements at the University Park campus. The junior and senior requirements may then be completed upon relocation to University Park campus.

Four-, three-, two-, and one-year (limited) scholarships are available to selected applicants. These scholarships provide \$250-\$400 per month along with full tuition and textbook allowance. Also, all cadets in the junior and senior courses are paid at the rate of \$350 to \$400 per month (tax free), respectively, even if not on scholarship. Uniforms and ROTC textbooks are provided for free by the Air Force.

What is the Air Force ROTC?

Air Force ROTC is a 4-year program that inspires, develops, and trains future officers of the United States Air Force. AFROTC is a pathway to grow mentally and physically as you acquire leadership skills. The opportunity to pay for school is available through scholarships. Plus, you'll have a position waiting for you after graduation at one of the world's top high-tech organizations- the U.S. Air Force.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AIR FORCE ROTC (<https://www.afrotc.com/>)

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are of good moral character.
- You are an undergraduate student with two or more years remaining of college.
- You are physically fit or willing to be.
- You are in good academic standing.
- You are ready for a challenge.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE THE AIR FORCE ROTC (<https://www.airforce.psu.edu/prospective-students/>)

Program Requirements

The instruction consists of a General Military Course (freshmen and sophomores) and a Professional Officer Course (juniors and seniors) of four semesters each. Subjects and credits appear under course descriptions (ROTC) in this bulletin. Students have an opportunity to visit Air Force bases throughout the school year and summer months, where they may receive instruction on parachuting, flying gliders, and other Air Force-related activities.

Completion of eight semesters and one four-week summer training period confers eligibility for a commission in the Air Force Reserve and assignment to active duty in the USAF with the rank of second lieutenant. For students graduating in fewer than four years, there is also a two-year program in which a six-week summer training period replaces both

the General Military Course and the normal four-week summer training period. Those students not participating in the four-year program but who will have four or more full academic semesters available, either undergraduate or graduate, after completion of the six-week summer training period are eligible for this two-year program, which leads to an Air Force commission.

Registering for Courses

Air Force ROTC students attending Penn State Altoona should visit the Air Force ROTC website (<https://www.airforce.psu.edu/registering-for-afrotc-classes/>) for instructions on registering for AFROTC courses.

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Career Paths

AFROTC commissions Penn State graduates as Second Lieutenants for every AF officer career field in every part of the world.

Careers

- Aircraft: pilot, navigator, maintenance
- Space and Missiles: operations, maintenance, ground support
- Intelligence: Office of Special Investigations, Foreign Area Officer
- Engineering: research, development or technical management in virtually all fields of engineering
- Scientific: mathematics, nuclear physics, meteorology
- Computer Science: cyberwarfare operations, development, programming systems analysis
- Management: personnel, intelligence, communications and electronics, public relations, logistics, finance, security forces, information, munitions, air traffic control

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAREERS (<https://www.airforce.com/careers/>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

All students graduating on or before September 30, 2023 and interested in participating in the program are welcome to apply. In order to join, you must have six semesters* as a full-time student remaining before you graduate (bachelors or graduate work), a 2.0 cumulative GPA, passing fitness and medical standards, and good character. Graduating before that date or already have your bachelor's degree? You can begin your masters while you train with Air Force ROTC. After entering active duty, you can earn Tuition Assistance to aid in the completion of your master's degree.

* *Summer semesters do not count.*

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