

DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE STUDIES

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program at Texas A&M University is the largest in the United States and designed to prepare students to be commissioned officers in the United States Air Force and Space Force. AFROTC curriculum includes classroom instruction and hands-on activities.

The first two years include Aerospace Studies (AERS) 100- and 200-level courses with a focus on the culture and organization of the Air Force, followership, teamwork, and professionalism. Cadets attend class one hour per week and Leadership Lab two hours per week each semester. These courses prepare cadets to lead as juniors and seniors and for selection to Field Training.

During their sophomore year, cadets may apply for continued enrollment for their junior and senior year. Competitive selection is limited to students of high moral character who are academically qualified, are physically fit, and have demonstrate aptitude and leadership potential.

Cadets selected to continue in AFROTC enlist into the Air Force Reserve and sign a contract with the government agreeing to complete the course and, upon graduation, accept a commission as an officer in the United States Air Force or Space Force. They also must agree to serve on active duty for no less than four years after being commissioned or ten years after completion of flying training if selected for aviation. Continuing cadets must attend Field Training during the summer months typically between the sophomore and junior years.

AERS 300- and 400-level courses focus on critical thinking, effective supervision and feedback, communication, leadership, ethics, joint operations, national security affairs, military justice system, and air and space competencies. Junior and senior attend class three hours per week and Leadership Lab two hours per week during each semester.

Leadership Laboratory includes practical instruction conducted within the framework of an organized cadet unit with a progression of experiences designed to develop each student's leadership potential. Leadership Laboratory involves a study of Department of the Air Force customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, physical fitness activities and Air Force and Space Force career opportunities. Students develop leadership skills in a supervised laboratory environment.

Students enrolled in the four-year program may compete for two- or three-year AFROTC scholarships. Four-year scholarships must be applied for during the senior year of high school. AFROTC scholarship students are eligible to receive tuition payment, textbook allowance, and monthly subsistence allowance. Contracted cadets receive a monthly subsistence allowance.

Upon completion of AFROTC and graduation from the University, students are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force or Space Force. Instructors are active duty officers assigned to the University by the Department of the Air Force. Information about the AFROTC program may be obtained by contacting the Detachment or visiting the AFROTC website.