

AIR FORCE STUDIES

Department Information

Department of Air Force Studies website
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/afrotc/>

Air Force ROTC offers students a course of study leading to a commission as a second lieutenant. Designed to complement individual academic majors, AFROTC courses can be applied toward minor requirements. Cadets enrolled in the program represent a broad cross section of the student body. The student/cadet has an opportunity to explore and evaluate Air Force and Space Force career opportunities while earning a college degree. Completion of the AFROTC curriculum is the initial step in the education of the professional officer and provides a firm understanding of basic aerospace doctrine and the Air Force missions, organization, and operation.

The Air Force ROTC program consists of two phases: the General Military Course (GMC) and the Professional Officer Course (POC). Each phase requires four (4) semesters of study.

General Military Course (The Basic Course)

Students may enroll in the General Military Course with no military obligation. The GMC courses focus on Air Force organizations and their missions, Air Force history, and basic leadership skills. Communication skills are also emphasized.

Professional Officer Course (The Advanced Course)

Enrollment in the POC is limited to those students who have applied and been accepted for the course. Selection is based on interest in the Air Force or Space Force together with academic records, observed leadership abilities, physical fitness, and Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT) scores. Application is normally made while a member of the GMC. Individuals entering the POC must have two academic years remaining in college as full-time students at the undergraduate level. Upon completion, all POC students are obligated to accept a commission and enter the active-duty Air Force or Space Force.

Junior-year materials emphasize student involvement in learning and practicing management and leadership techniques. Leadership and management skills as they apply to a Junior officer in the Air Force are emphasized, and communication skills are stressed throughout the entire AFROTC curriculum. The senior-year course deals extensively with the political, economic, and social factors relating to the formulation and implementation of national security policy as well as preparation for entrance into active duty life.

Cadets receive a nontaxable allowance monthly while on contract (normally during the two academic years in the POC). This stipend is in addition to any other scholarship benefits.

Field Training Course

All students must complete one field training course, conducted at an active Air Force base during the summer months. The program requires a three-week course to be completed, normally, between the sophomore and junior years.

While attending field training, a student is furnished transportation or payment for travel plus pay at the current rate of approximately \$400

per month. Uniforms and free medical care are provided while at field training.

AFROTC College Scholarship Program

The Professor of Air Force Studies (PAS) can nominate qualified freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to compete for three and two-year scholarships. The scholarship entitlement pays full tuition and fees at USA, a textbook allotment, and the monthly allowance mentioned above. Scholarship consideration is predicated on student ability, performance, and potential needs of the Air Force. Interested students need to contact the Department of Air Force Studies.

All individuals that complete field training, contracted into POC, and not already on scholarship with AFROTC will receive the Brig Gen Charles McGee Leadership Award which provides either \$18,000 per year in tuition or \$10,000 in housing assistance. This award is only available for undergraduate studies.

Three and four-year scholarships are also available to high school students. High school students interested in applying should call the Department of Air Force Studies at (251) 460-7211 or write the:

Department of Air Force Studies (AFROTC),
 University of South Alabama, AHS Rm 147,
 Mobile, AL 36688-0002.

Also, you can apply via the Internet at <http://www.afrotc.com>.

Air Force ROTC Uniforms

Students in Air Force ROTC will be issued uniforms to wear to class and leadership laboratory. They must be turned in upon completion of the year or when the cadet drops or is dropped from the program. Those individuals in the GMC will wear khakis and a black polo for class unless issued uniforms. All POC cadets will wear issued uniforms.

Courses of Instruction

The GMC course is normally completed during the freshman and sophomore years. This basic course consists of four semesters of study with one hour of classroom work and two hours of leadership laboratory per week.

The POC consists of four semesters of study, and this advanced course leads to a commission in the United States Air Force. Three classroom hours and two hours of Leadership Laboratory are required weekly. Students interested in this program should contact the Professor of the Air Force Studies.

All students enrolled in GMC or POC are also required to attend physical training events three days a week. These sessions run approximately one hour.

Degrees, Programs, Or Concentrations

- Air Force Studies Minor (<http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/programs-az/arts-sciences/air-force-studies/air-force-studies-minor/>)

Courses

AS 101 Foundations of USAF I 1 cr

AS 101 is a 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 studies. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences.

Corequisite: AS 101L

AS 101L Foundation of USAF I Lab 0 cr

Provides an introduction to the military profession, including applications in leadership, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies and community service.

Corequisite: AS 101

AS 102 Heritage and Values II 1 cr

AS 102 is a 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 studies. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences.

Corequisite: AS 102L

AS 102L Heritage and Values II Lab 0 cr

Provides an introduction to the military profession, including applications in leadership, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies and community service.

Corequisite: AS 102

AS 201 Team/Leadership Fund I 1 cr

AS 201 is designed to provide a fundamental understanding of both leadership and team building. Students will apply leadership perspectives when completing team building activities and discussing things like conflict management. Students should demonstrate basic verbal and written communication skills. Cadets will apply these lessons at Field Training, which follows AS 201 and AS 202. Co-requisite: AS 201L

Corequisite: AS 201L

AS 201L Team/Leadership Fund I lab 0 cr

Provides an introduction to the military profession, including applications in leadership, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies and community service.

Corequisite: AS 201

AS 202 Team/leadership Fund II 1 cr

AS 202 is designed to provide a fundamental understanding of both leadership and team building. Students will apply leadership perspectives when completing team building activities and discussing things like conflict management. Students should demonstrate basic verbal and written communication skills. Cadets will apply these lessons at Field Training, which follows AS 201 and 202L. Co-requisite: AS 202L

Corequisite: AS 202L

AS 202L Team/Leadership Fund II Lab 0 cr

Provides an introduction to the military profession, including applications in leadership, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies and community service.

Corequisite: AS 202

AS 301 Lead People/Effect Comm I 3 cr

AS 301 is 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. 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.

Corequisite: AS 301L

AS 301L Leading People/Effective Communication I Lab 0 cr

Provides an introduction to the military profession, including applications in leadership, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies and community service.

Corequisite: AS 301

AS 302 Leading People/Eff Comm II 3 cr

AS 302 is designed to build on the leadership fundamentals taught in AS 200. Cadets will have the opportunity to utilize their skills as they begin more of a leadership role in the detachment. The course continues into advanced skills and ethics training that will prepare them for becoming an officer and supervisor. 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 student the opportunity to apply leadership and management principles of the course. Co-requisite: AS 301L

Corequisite: AS 302L

AS 302L Lead People/Eff Comm II Lab 0 cr

Provides an introduction to the military profession, including applications in leadership, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies and community service.

Corequisite: AS 302

AS 401 Sec/Lead/Comm Prep I 3 cr

AS 401 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.

Corequisite: AS 401L

AS 401L Sec/Lead/Comm Prep I Lab 0 cr

Provides an introduction to the military profession, including applications in leadership, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies and community service.

Corequisite: AS 401

AS 402 Sec/Lead/Comm Prep II 3 cr

Course 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.

Corequisite: AS 402L

AS 402L Sec/Lead/Comm Prep II Lab 0 cr

Provides an introduction to the military profession, including applications in leadership, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies and community service.

Corequisite: AS 402

Faculty

Faculty Name	Faculty Department	Faculty Position	Degrees Held
ARMSTEAD, THOMAS (armstead@southalabama.edu)	Air Force Studies	Assistant Professor	BA, Univ of Arizona Global Campus
FAIR, HENRY W	Air Force Studies	Assistant Professor	BS, University of West Florida MS, University of West Florida
MULLINS, DOUGLAS E	Air Force Studies		BA, Ohio University MA, Webster University
PAYTON, ELSA MAE (empayton@southalabama.edu)	Air Force Studies	Assistant Professor	BS, US Air Force Academy MS, American Public University CERT, Auburn University
RANDOLPH, RUTH (ruthrandolph@southalabama.edu)	Air Force Studies	Professor	BA, Augustana College MA, Norwich University
SCHILL, NOAH P.	Air Force Studies	Assistant Professor	BA, Rhodes College