

Air Force ROTC: Frequently Asked Questions

Interested in joining AFROTC? Here you will find many answers to your questions!

- What is Air Force ROTC?

It's a challenge. It's an opportunity. It's a head-start on a lifetime of success, within the Air Force and in everything you choose to do. Air Force ROTC is a college program offered at over 1000 colleges and universities across the U.S. that prepares you to become an Air Force officer.

- What does this mean to me?

It means:

- ❖ The opportunity to get the money you need for college
- ❖ Making the most out of your college experience and your life
- ❖ The chance to earn a college degree while working toward becoming an officer in the United States Air Force
- ❖ The chance to experience once-in-a-lifetime opportunities

- What schools have cross-town agreements?

- ❖ American University of Puerto Rico
- ❖ InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico-Arecibo
- ❖ InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico-Fajardo
- ❖ InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico-Guayama
- ❖ InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico-Metropolitan
- ❖ InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico-Ponce
- ❖ InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico-San German
- ❖ Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
- ❖ Universidad del Este
- ❖ Universidad del Sagrado Corazon
- ❖ Universidad del Turabo
- ❖ Universidad Metropolitana
- ❖ Universidad Politecnica de Puerto Rico
- ❖ University of Puerto Rico at Carolina
- ❖ University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

- ❖ University of Puerto Rico-Medical Sciences Campus
- ❖ University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras

- What is the weekly time commitment?

The required time commitments are 3 hours/week for GMC and 6 hours/week for POC in AFROTC classes and 2 hours/week of PT. The other time commitments vary based on your involvement and the leadership position you hold in the cadet wing. Most freshmen & sophomores spend 10-12 hours per week doing AFROTC-related activities, both mandatory and voluntary.

- Do I have to have a specific major to join Air Force ROTC?

No. Scholarships tend to favor technical majors but there are no restrictions on majors in the AFROTC program.

- Will I have to go to boot camp?

Will need to attend Field Training (i.e. an Officer Basic Training) during the summer after your sophomore year.

- What are some differences between GMC and POC?

The General Military Course (GMC) is your freshman and sophomore years. These are the years you learn about AFROTC and the AF taking on more of a "followership" role versus "leadership" role in the cadet wing. The Professional Officer Course (POC) are your junior and senior years. You will be responsible for leadership in the cadet wing running cadet training and Leadership Lab.

- What type of fun things do you do?

There are plenty of things to do in AFROTC besides your cadet job. Which is also an enjoyable experience. There are several clubs you can join as well as activities such as paint ball and laser tag. Summers also entail opportunities to pursue activities such as Airborne training and working with the AF Research Labs, see the [AFROTC website](#) for more information.

- I'm a sophomore here in college. Can I still join AFROTC?

Yes with a minimal amount of effort! Please contact us at det755@maxwell.af.mil for additional information.

- I'm a junior here in college. Can I still join Air Force ROTC?

It is unlikely unless you are in a degree program of particular interest to the Air Force like nursing or electrical engineering. Please contact us at det755@maxwell.af.mil for additional information.

- What's the deal with having to wear a uniform?

You are only required to wear the uniform during your weekly scheduled class with us at our Detachment and to our LLAB's on Fridays and at specific functions such as our Formal Awards Banquet.

- Do I have to buy any books for Air Force ROTC classes?

No. All books will be issued to you prior to class.

- Is there any hazing?

Absolutely NOT! This is not tolerated anywhere in the Air Force or AFROTC. We expect the highest degrees of mutual respect.

- Do I have to be in really good shape or be an athlete to join?

No but you should be able to perform at fairly high levels with regards to physical fitness.

- What would be my commitment to the Air Force after I graduate?

There is a minimum 4 year commitment for non-rated officers. Rated officers commitments vary. Pilots have 10 years, Navigators have 6 years and Air Battle Managers have 6 years on their commitments.

- I've read everything, but I still don't know how to join. How do I?

It's simple! You just need to contact us at det755@maxwell.af.mil or call us at 787-764-0000 ext 3390 to set up an appointment.

- What careers are available to me in the Air Force?

Your choices are vast. Check out this website for some examples! AFROTC.com