



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

AEROSPACE STUDIES (AFROTC)

General Departmental Information

The United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), represented at Central by Detachment 895 and the 895th Cadet Wing, prepares students to be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force. Although the academic courses are open to all CWU students, the following information is provided primarily for students considering a potential officer commissioning program. Students from any academic major degree program are eligible. Upon award of the baccalaureate degree, graduates are commissioned and enter active duty in one of the dozens of exciting career fields. The Air Force is actively seeking qualified officer candidates in under-represented groups such as African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and women.

AFROTC courses are accredited and may be taken as an academic minor or as free electives. The AFROTC curriculum offers both four-year and two-year programs. The freshman and sophomore courses comprise the General Military Course (GMC) portion of the curriculum. The GMC is introductory and developmental in nature, and is designed to motivate and prepare cadets for entry into the advanced portion of the curriculum. GMC classes meet once a week for an hour, and an accompanying weekly two-hour leadership laboratory is mandatory.

The junior and senior courses comprise the Professional Officer Course (POC), which is designed to prepare cadets to assume responsibilities as commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force. POC classes meet three times a week, and again there is an accompanying weekly two-hour leadership laboratory. It is mandatory that the full two-year POC be completed even though degree requirements may be met earlier. Graduate studies or a second Bachelor's degree may be accommodated in the AFROTC commissioning program.

Another program requirement is participation in a summer field training period at an Air Force base before entering the POC. Students who have completed the first two years (GMC) of the four-year program, and those with the required amount of prior enlisted service, attend a four-week training period. Students who did not complete the GMC and desire to directly enter the POC (two-year program) attend a six-week summer training period.

Enrollment in the freshman and sophomore classes (AFRO 100 and 200 series) creates no obligation to

the Air Force. Although enrollment in the Fall quarter of the freshman year is necessary in order to complete the full GMC sequence, enrollment during any of the freshman or sophomore quarters is accepted and will provide an introduction to the program and to the opportunities afforded an Air Force officer, allowing an informed decision about continuing into the POC to pursue a commission. Students are eligible to enroll in the POC beginning the junior year only after successfully completing the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT), a medical examination, the physical fitness test and 1.5-mile run, and the summer training period.

Scholarship and Financial Assistance.

Air Force ROTC competitive merit scholarships are available, normally in technical majors such as Math, Physics, and Computer Science. However, scholarships are awarded each year in the social sciences. An AFROTC scholarship will normally cover tuition, fees, and books. High school seniors up through November may apply for 4-year AFROTC scholarships.

College freshmen and sophomores in their Fall term may apply for a 3-year and 2-year scholarships, respectively. All junior and senior cadets in good standing receive a monthly stipend, separate from any scholarships. Additionally, junior and senior cadets in good standing currently receive a yearly \$3,450 non-competitive incentive. Stop by Peterson Hall, Room 203, or call 963-2314 for the latest scholarship information.

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