

# INTERDISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC PROGRAM AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (AFROTC) AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

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**Cross Town Agreements:** Students from Manhattan Christian College, Washburn University, and Barton County Community College-Fort Riley Campus may currently attend Kansas State University for Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) classes while simultaneously working towards their degree from these other schools. They will be enrolled in the AFROTC classes as non-degree seeking students at K-State.

**General Information:** The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps provides the best means for undergraduate students to become officers in the United States Air Force. Upon completion of the university program, students are commissioned second lieutenants, and then enter active duty in one of the four rated flying positions, or a technical or nontechnical career field; are deferred for graduate study, to enter active service after degree completion; or enter into Air Force-sponsored graduate study at full pay while serving as Air Force officers.

Any undergraduate student with at least three years left in their degree program who is a U.S. citizen may apply to become a cadet by enrolling in AERO 110 and AERO 099 at Kansas State University. The duration of the program is typically four years but can be condensed into two years or expanded to five years, depending upon an applicant's previous experience and the availability of different options.

**Scholarships:** Full-time students who qualify to become Air Force officers, with three or more years left for degree completion (including graduate study), are eligible to apply for scholarships. If selected, students will have their tuition, fees, and a book allowance paid for by the U.S. Air Force; they will also receive a \$300 to \$500 monthly stipend while in school. All payments are tax free.

High school students considering the four-year Air Force High School Scholarship Program must be highly motivated toward becoming Air Force officers. To qualify, students should be above-average scholars, be physically capable, possess leadership potential, and apply before January of their senior year of High School. Financial benefits are the same as the undergraduate scholarships mentioned earlier. Applicants should contact their high school counselor or an AFROTC officer for applications and further information. Visit the KSU AFROTC website or AFROTC.com for more details.

## Four-year program

**Basic course:** Students electing the four-year program normally will begin with the General Military Course (GMC) during the freshman or sophomore year. This program consists of four semesters of 1 credit hour each and enrollment in the Air Force ROTC Leadership Lab. Aerospace Studies GMC courses are open to all students at the university without obligation to military service. Students in the GMC are provided uniforms, texts, and other equipment needed for their AFROTC courses.

**Advanced course:** The Professional Officer Course (POC) is the upperclass program and consists of four courses of 3 credit hours each, over a period of four semesters. All cadets in the POC become members of the Air Force Reserve and receive \$450 to \$500 a month and all necessary AFROTC texts and equipment. Upon completion of the POC and their degree requirements, students are commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force.

**Field training:** Cadets practice their leadership and management skills in a cadet group. Cadets who are in the four-year program attend 13 days of field training at an Air Force base during the summer prior to entering the POC. During training, cadets are paid and receive travel pay to and from the training base.

**Extracurricular activities:** Students enrolled in Air Force ROTC may participate in many activities including detachment-sponsored events and social functions. Cadets pursuing officers' commissions are eligible for membership in the Arnold Air Society, a national honorary professional and service organization established to foster good relations among Air Force ROTC, the Air Force, the campus, and the local community. Participation in the Arnold Air Society is voluntary. Students are also eligible to participate in Honor Guard, a team that presents the colors at University and local community events.

**Aerospace Studies Minor:** Cadets who finish the AFROTC program at Kansas State University can earn an Aerospace Studies minor.

## Courses

### **AERO 099 (KSU) - Aerospace Studies Lab (0 Credit Hours (CH))**

The leadership laboratory for aerospace studies. Students will receive leadership training and experience as well as training in Air Force customs and courtesies. This course runs concurrently with AERO 100, 200, 300, and 400 level classes; is required for all cadets; and includes mandatory physical fitness training.

### **AERO 110 (KSU) - Aerospace Studies 1A (Fall Only, 1 CH)**

Provides an introduction to the Air Force (AF) by examining general aspects of the Department of the AF, AF Leadership, AF benefits and opportunities for AF Officers. This course lays the foundation for Airman by outlining our heritage and values through topics such as: customs and courtesies, AF standards, formation of the AF and building officer communication skills.

### **AERO 111 (KSU) - Aerospace Studies 1B (Spring Only, 1 CH)**

Builds on AERO 110 and the introduction to the Air Force (AF) by examining general aspects of the Department of the AF, AF Leadership, AF benefits and opportunities for AF Officers. This course continues to lay the foundation for Airman by outlining our heritage and values through lessons such as: war and the US military, AF operations, principles of war and airpower.

### **AERO 210 (KSU) - Aerospace Studies 2A (Fall Only, 1 CH)**

Provides a fundamental understanding of both leadership and team building. Covers subjects such as self-assessment, listening, followership, problem solving, motivation, and standards and accountability.

### **AERO 211 (KSU) - Aerospace Studies 2B (Spring Only, 1 CH)**

Builds on the fundamental understanding of both leadership and team building started in AERO 210. Covers subjects such as building teams, human relations, conflict management, feedback, and ethical decision making.

### **AERO 215 (KSU) - AFROTC Summer Program (Summer Only, 4 CH)**

Provides cadets with a 13-day program designed to evaluate military leadership and discipline, determine potential for entry into the Professional Officer Course (POC), and provide stratification amongst their peers.

### **AERO 310 (KSU) - Officer Leadership Studies 3A (Fall Only, 3 CH)**

A study of USAF professionalism, leadership, and management includes the meaning of professionalism, professional responsibilities, leadership theory, functions and practices, management principles and functions, problem solving, and management tools, practices, and controls.

### **AERO 311 (KSU) - Officer Leadership Studies 3B (Spring Only, 3 CH)**

Continuation of AERO 310.

### **AERO 410 (KSU) - Regional Studies and Defense Policy (Fall Only, 3CH)**

This course will examine the role of the professional officer in a democratic society; socialization processes within the armed services; the requisites for maintaining adequate national security forces; political, economic, social constraints upon the overall defense policy-making process, and the global environment that the military exists within.

### **AERO 411 (KSU) - Aerospace Studies/Civil Military Relationships (Spring Only, 3 CH)**

Focuses on the complex environment of rules and regulations that an Air Force officer lives within. Examines how a new military officer functions both as a leader and as an Air Force member. Communicative skills are stressed.