

## ACADEMICS

The Academy is ranked among the best schools in the nation. We offer these majors:

- Aeronautical Engineering
- Astronautical Engineering
- Basic Science
- Behavioral Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- Environmental Engineering
- Foreign Area Studies
- General Engineering
- Geospatial Science
- History
- Humanities
- Legal Studies
- Management
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Meteorology
- Military and Strategic Studies
- Operations Research
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Social Sciences
- Systems Engineering

(Minors are offered in Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Religion Studies.)

You'll take required courses in the basic sciences, engineering, humanities and social sciences. You'll also study a number of elective courses, and if eligible take honors courses in your major or other subject areas.

## ATHLETICS

The Academy's athletic program helps you develop the physical fitness, confidence and skill necessary to be an Air Force officer. You'll take a variety of physical education courses and participate in intramural, club or intercollegiate athletics. Many cadets compete as varsity or junior varsity athletes. The Academy offers 17 intercollegiate sports for men and 10 for women.

### EXPLORE THE ACADEMY

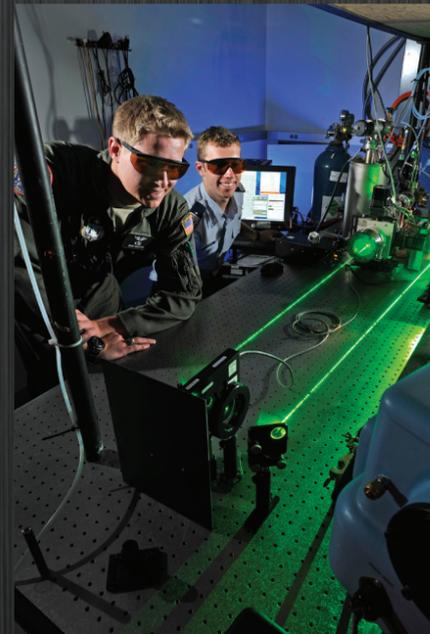
To plan a visit to the Academy, call 1-800-443-3864, in advance and we'll arrange a short briefing and tour or visit [academyadmissions.com](http://academyadmissions.com) and register for a tour.

You can also visit by participating in our Summer Seminar program. Spend a week as a "cadet" living in the dorms, eating at Mitchell Hall, attending class and participating in physical fitness activities. You'll gain a realistic picture of day-to-day life at the Academy and what is required of a cadet. The Summer Seminar program is for students who have completed their junior year in high school.

For complete information, please visit [academyadmissions.com](http://academyadmissions.com) – choose Admissions then Outreach Programs and select Summer Seminar.

We also offer Falcon Sports Camps for students 8 to 18 who want to participate in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, diving, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, rugby, self-defense, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field or wrestling.

For additional information, visit [goairforcefalcons.com](http://goairforcefalcons.com) and click on sports camps.



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# U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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## MISSION

The mission of the Air Force Academy is "To educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation."

## WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

In our rapidly changing world, the U.S. Air Force dominates air, space and cyberspace. To maintain that superiority, we need highly motivated individuals with extraordinary leadership qualities. If you have what it takes to be a leader and want a world-class college education consider the Air Force Academy.

As an Academy cadet, you'll spend four years at one of the best schools in the nation with free tuition, expenses and room and board. The Academy experience is continually challenging academically, physically and personally. Upon graduation, you receive a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as an Air Force second lieutenant requiring a minimum service of five years on active duty.

## ADMISSION PREPARATION

For admission to the Academy, we consider your high school grades, class standing and SAT or ACT scores. Both the SAT and ACT can be taken as many times as possible before the application deadline – we only count your highest scores on each test. Your school counselor can provide you with national test dates and scheduling information. To prepare academically for the Academy, we encourage you to continually improve upon your study habits. Also, tell us if you take honors or advanced placement classes, or participate as an exchange student.

# ACADEMY STATS

## CANDIDATE FITNESS ASSESSMENT (CFA Maximum Performance)

To be eligible for the Academy, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- Unmarried with no dependents
- Of good moral character
- At least 17, but less than 23 years of age by July 1 of the year you will enter

To be competitive for an Academy appointment, we recommend you complete the following high school courses at a minimum:

- **Four years of English** (with a college prep class in writing)
- **Four years of college-prep math** (strong background in geometry, algebra, trigonometry and precalculus)
- **Four years of lab-based science** (should include biology, chemistry and physics)
- **Three years of social studies** (to include a course in U.S. history)
- **Two years of a modern foreign language**



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC DATA		
TEST	MID 50% RANGE	MEAN
ACT-English	27-33	30
ACT-Reading	28-33	30
ACT-Math	28-33	30
ACT-Science Reasoning	27-32	30
SAT Verbal	590-690	642
SAT Math	620-710	669

EXERCISE	MEN		WOMEN	
	MAX	AVERAGE	MAX	AVERAGE
Basketball Throw	102'	70'	66'	42'
Pull-Ups (men/women)	18	12	7	3
Flexed Arm Hang (women)			63 sec	23 sec
Shuttle Run	7.8 sec	8.4 sec	8.6 sec	9.5 sec
Modified Sit-Ups (crunches)	95	81	95	81
Push-Ups	75	63	50	43
One Mile Run	5:20	6:12	6:00	7:03

## PROFILE OF A TYPICAL CADET CLASS

President/Vice President of Class or Student Body	18%
Valedictorian/Salutatorian	11%
Top 10% of High School Class	54%
Athletic Letter Awards	79%
Boys/Girls State or Nation	17%
National Honor Society	69%
Scouting	23%



**30% Admissions Panel**  
Faculty and staff review, candidate fitness test, Admissions Liaison Officer interview, and writing sample.

**20% Extracurricular Composite**  
Athletic participation, leadership position (scouts, school clubs, class officer, etc.), public/community involvement and work experiences.

**50% Academic Composite**  
High school or college academic performance, ACT or ACT scores.

## PREPARATION

Take the SAT and ACT as early as possible and as often as necessary

Consult with your high school counselor

## ONLINE APPLICATION

March 1 of high school junior year to December 31 of senior year

Apply as early as eligible

**NOTE:** If you do not receive an appointment to the Academy and would like to reapply the following year, we recommend you enroll in another college, join AFROTC and begin the application process again.

## STATUS

IF RECOMMENDED  
Write to nominating sources

IF NOT RECOMMENDED  
Consider AFROTC

(Application due to AFROTC by December 1)

## CANDIDATE PHASE

SEPTEMBER TO MARCH

Admissions Liaison Officer interview

Writing Sample

Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)

Medical examination

All paperwork completed



## QUALIFIED

SELECTIONS  
November to June

## APPOINTMENT

It's beneficial to gain leadership experience in areas such as student government, clubs, community activities, scouting and after-school employment. It's better to be a leader in a few extracurricular interests than just a participant in many.

## PHYSICAL CHALLENGES

To meet the many physical challenges cadets face, we recommend taking part in regular aerobic activity and developing more upper-body strength.

The rigors of physical activity coupled with the Academy's altitude – 7,258 feet above sea level – will severely test your strength and endurance. Your physical fitness and health are measured by a fitness test and a complete medical exam. Also you cannot have a history of illegal drug use.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

It's important to start the Academy application process early. Begin by arranging a personal interview with your school's Admissions Liaison Officer through your high school counselor.

In the spring of your junior year, you need to write your members of Congress for a nomination or submit an online nomination request to the Vice President. You'll then need to complete your online Academy application no later than December 31 prior to the year you wish to enter.

## LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

The Academy provides a solid leadership foundation through a wide array of military training programs. Also, the Cadet Wing's organization is similar to an Air Force unit. Cadets learn and practice leadership methods – first through followership and later in leadership positions.