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AIR FORCE ACADEMY

WHERE  
ACHIEVING  
THE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
HAPPENS  
EVERY DAY

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**YOU'VE PROVEN THAT YOU HAVE IT.**

That inner drive that sets you apart and pushes you to redefine what's possible.

The next chapter of your life is going to be an exciting one. It's your opportunity to set out on your personal path, and there's no doubt you've got options.

The only question is:

**Which journey will you choose?**

At the United States Air Force Academy, we don't just educate students, we develop leaders of character who go on to serve this country in and out of uniform.

You will quickly find that while mentally and physically challenging, it is a worthwhile journey that sets a foundation that will serve you throughout your career...and lifetime.

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# THIS IS THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

WE PREPARE GRADUATES TO SERVE IN THE  
MOST RESPECTED AIR, SPACE AND CYBERSPACE  
FORCE ON THE PLANET.

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We're waiting for you. Explore our diverse selection of majors and minors. We offer 30 programs of study to broaden your horizons and pave the way to an exciting career.

## MAJORS

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

## MINORS

- Foreign Language
- Philosophy
- Religion Studies





# BRAINS AND TALENT ARE JUST THE STARTING POINT

At the Air Force Academy, every step you take will be guided by purpose. Our world-class academic programs are strengthened by rigorous military-based training and an Officer Development System—designed to create critical thinking and reasoning skills to lead teams and solve problems.

Our academic programs are supported by a dedicated faculty and staff along with technologically advanced facilities and resources.

Class sizes typically range from 15 to 20 students, and most classes are conducted in small, intimate classrooms. This low student-to-teacher ratio provides cadets extra access to the world's best instructors. Each faculty member at the Academy possesses a master's degree, and half of them have obtained a Ph.D.

*U.S. News and World Report* ranks our aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering majors among America's best.

Our study abroad opportunities include foreign service academies and civilian universities across four continents.





"THE CADETS HERE ARE, IN MY OPINION,  
THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD."

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CADET 1ST CLASS DUTCHER

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When Briana, Cadet 1st Class, left her small hometown in Northern California, she knew she was breaking new ground as the first in her family to join the military. But what she didn't anticipate was how much like a family her fellow cadets would become and how their principles would align with her own.

With the core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do—as well as our revered honor code and center for character and leadership development—you'll find character at the heart of everything.

# PUSHING BOUNDARIES



For some cadets, flying isn't just what they do, it's who they are. Our cadet aviation programs will push you beyond what you thought possible and instill confidence and a sense of accomplishment unlike anything you've ever known. Starting in summer during Basic Cadet Training, you'll get to experience unpowered flight.

## SOARING PROGRAM

Throughout the Basic Soaring course, cadets have an opportunity to develop their soaring skills in 10-15 unpowered flight opportunities. Some will even solo in an engineless glider.

## FLYING TEAM

Cadets with a private pilot certificate or higher ratings can qualify for our flying team, which practices precision ground and flight events and competes regionally and nationally.

## POWERED FLIGHT PROGRAM (PFP)

PFP will introduce qualified cadets to an operational USAF flying squadron environment, teach you the fundamentals of flight and stoke your desire to explore all aspects of Air Force flight missions.

## FREE FALL PARACHUTE TRAINING

Qualified cadets can enroll in the basic free fall parachute program. Completing five jumps earns you the Air Force

basic parachute wings and the opportunity to serve as a jumpmaster trainee and member of the Air Force Parachute Team.

## UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS-REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT (UAS-RPA) PROGRAM

Air Force aviators supervise this volunteer program, but cadet instructor pilots provide most ground and flight instruction. Select cadets may also join our collegiate competition team.



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"I'M REALLY EXCITED I'LL BE GOING TO PILOT TRAINING,  
AND THEN FROM THERE I'LL BE A PILOT IN THE AIR FORCE."

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2ND LT STASZAK

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Even when 2nd Lt Crystal Staszak was in fourth grade, she knew that she wanted to go to the U.S. Air Force Academy for college.

Extracurricular Flying: The Cadet Aero Club and Cadet Aviation Club will position you to fly club-owned aircraft, receive discounts and privileges on aviation activities and even teach classes in the Soaring Program.

# STATE-OF-THE-ART RESOURCES



## STEM

At the Air Force Academy, you'll experience laboratories and learning centers designed to let you get hands-on experience with cutting-edge technologies. Finding these kinds of tools and laboratory equipment at an undergrad level is extremely unique.

## AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS LABORATORIES

Fully equipped labs for cadet training offer a subsonic-continuous wind tunnel, an F109

high-bypass turbofan engine, a rocket test cell and internal combustion engines. These unique capabilities for an undergraduate setting also include facilities for small satellite design, fabrication and testing, rocket design and buildup areas.

## SPACE OPERATIONS

Through our Space Operations program, you'll explore space-related courses across departments and even help design, test, launch and operate the Academy's next satellite mission.

## CYBER DEFENSE

Access to DOD supercomputers is available Academy wide. Cadets routinely get access to billions of dollars worth of equipment something unheard of at most institutions. And the Academy's own isolated cyber network offers students the opportunity to participate in competitions internationally and expose them to actual cyber defense and cyber attack.

# UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCES



## LIBERAL ARTS

At the United States Air Force Academy, a world-class liberal arts education is just the beginning. We teach teamwork and discipline and develop leaders of character. Cadets are trained to be critical thinkers, effective communicators and talented writers—regardless of their major. This is all in an effort to prepare them to lead people.

## CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM

In addition to the traditional semesters abroad, our Olmsted Trips offer cadets multiple opportunities to explore different countries, languages and cultures for one to two weeks.

## BEYOND OTHELLO

The literature, history and law that students discuss in the classroom is taught through the context of defending lives

and our nation's democracy. When you study Shakespeare, it's not just the aesthetic beauty of the play—it's positioned with service and stakes in mind.

## MOCK TRIAL TEAMS

Our mock trial, international trial-level oral advocacy competition and trial level oral advocacy teams excel year after year giving cadets the opportunity to hone their legal abilities.

## FORENSICS DEBATE TEAM

Rated in the top five in the world, cadets who make this prestigious club are able to develop and display their advocacy skills in international competition.



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## WINNING WITH HONOR

THERE'S A REASON *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* NAMED THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY "THE MOST ATHLETIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY." OUR WORLD CLASS EDUCATION IS FUELED BY PHYSICAL AND ATHLETIC TRAINING FROM DIVISION I INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, INTRAMURALS AND UNARMED COMBAT TO REQUIRED PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FITNESS TESTS EVERY SEMESTER.

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### INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

#### MEN

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Cheerleading
- Cross-country
- Fencing
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Rifle
- Soccer
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Water Polo
- Wrestling

#### WOMEN

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross-country
- Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Rifle
- Soccer
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

# MORE THAN A GAME

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At the Air Force Academy, it's about more than wins and losses. Yes, our teams have a rich tradition of success competing at the highest level of college sports. But beyond that, it's about teamwork. It's about discipline. And it's about how we play the game and learn from it.

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

- Basketball
- Boxing (men's voluntary)
- Dodgeball
- Flag Football
- Flickerball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Team Handball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball



# RISING TOGETHER



We offer a heightened sense of not just learning but living. Whether you're climbing into the cockpit of a glider, leading a meeting of the Cadet Falconry Club or helping a community rebuild after a natural disaster, you'll be joined by fellow cadets just as committed.

Basic Cadet Training is the foundation. It includes rigorous physical training and indoctrinates cadets into the military culture.

More than 80 cadet organizations offer an intensive exploration of various interests and significant leadership opportunities.

You'll have an opportunity to have a local sponsor family to provide support, a place to relax and a home-cooked meal. They will be your home away from home.



"HAVING A SPONSOR FAMILY IS A GREAT THING TO HAVE HERE. THEY MAKE YOU FEEL WELCOMED AT THIS PLACE; THEY MAKE IT FEEL LIKE YOU CAN MAKE IT THROUGH."

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CADET 4TH CLASS YOUNG

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Cadet 4th Class Joshua Young talks about the camaraderie he's found off campus through his sponsor family.

For your residential experience, you'll be assigned to one of 40 squadrons. Each squadron includes male and female cadets who room separately and have separate bathroom facilities. Within your squadron you'll find a support network like no other, you'll take part in fun activities and you'll form friendships that last a lifetime.

# OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY



From the moment you arrive at our breathtaking campus located at the base of the Rocky Mountains just north of Colorado Springs, you'll discover that there are many opportunities waiting for you.

We're just minutes from hiking, climbing, rafting, horseback riding and virtually any other outdoor activity you can imagine.

We're in the heart of "Ski Country, USA" with some of the best skiing and snowboarding anywhere in the world.

We're at the nation's epicenter for top athletes who come to train at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

In Colorado Springs, the weather will rarely stand in the way of you taking advantage of all the amazing outdoor experiences—with far less rain and far more sunny days than the national average.



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Colorado is a beautiful state, and with Denver less than an hour's drive north, you'll have lots of chances to get away and enjoy the full abundance of what the state has to offer.

Denver and its surrounding communities are home to 2.7 million people, with many world-class restaurants, museums, galleries, theaters and other cultural outlets to explore.

If you're a sports fan, there are plenty of local teams to enjoy at the highest level of every sport. The Denver Broncos, Colorado Avalanche, Colorado Rockies and Denver Nuggets will keep you entertained all year long.

With Boulder and Fort Collins not far beyond Denver, you'll find even more opportunities for arts, culture and outdoor fun.

Colorado averages more than 300 days of sunshine every year, and Colorado Springs has been recognized as America's "most desirable city in which to live" by *MONEY Magazine*.





# REDEFINING THE POSSIBLE

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Our graduates achieve the impossible every day. It's part of their character, and it's the mindset we instill.

More than 60 percent of our cadets select operational careers, which include flying

remotely piloted aircraft (RPA), the world's most advanced fighters, bombers, heavy aircraft and helicopters, as well as careers in space operations, intelligence and missile operations and as combat systems officers.

Many graduates are on the forefront of technology, working as engineers, cyber systems operators and astronauts.

Other nonoperational careers chosen by our cadets after they graduate include weather

officers, logistics, finance, security forces, public affairs, civil engineering, human resources and many more.



# CREATING NEW POSSIBILITIES

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When you graduate from the Air Force Academy, you'll have earned a college degree and a commission as a United States Air Force officer, serving for a minimum of five

years on active duty. For many of our graduates, the next step involves specialized training in their chosen career fields. Some graduates further their education at top graduate

schools and programs, including Rhodes, Marshall, National Science Foundation and Guggenheim, among others.

A limited number of graduates go on to attend medical, dental or nursing school at the government's expense.

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# ADMISSION PROCESS

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AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY, WE'RE VERY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT WE'RE AFTER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE READY TO BE CHALLENGED, WHO ARE PHYSICALLY FIT, WHO ARE READY TO BECOME LEADERS AND INNOVATORS AND WHO ARE READY TO SERVE THEIR NATION.

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If you are up to the challenge, start by understanding the admission process:

1. Check your eligibility
2. Find your Admissions Liaison Officer (ALO)
3. Complete your pre-candidate questionnaire
4. Seek your nomination
5. Request transcripts and teacher evaluations
6. Train for and take the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
7. Complete your extracurricular activities record
8. Complete your writing sample and personal interview
9. Submit your personal data record and drug/alcohol abuse statement
10. Complete your medical evaluation

For more information on each of these steps, visit [ACADEMYADMISSIONS.COM](https://www.afmilitaryacademy.com/academyadmissions).



# MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPEN



**TO EARN YOUR APPOINTMENT, APPLY EARLY BY MEETING THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

- Be at least 17 years old and not older than 23 by July 1 of the year you would enter
- Obtain a nomination
- Qualify scholastically
- Pass a medical examination
- Pass the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Be selected for appointment

Learn more about the Air Force Academy and how it's a place where achieving the impossible is expected.

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