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AND DEFIES THE
IMPOSSIBLE.

LIBERAL ARTS OPPORTUNITIES
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BUILDING LEADERS

You're used to dreaming big and have proven yourself to be up to any challenge. Now the question is, where will that drive and character get you the furthest?

At the Air Force Academy, a world-class liberal arts education is just the beginning.

We teach teamwork and develop leaders of character who go on to serve this country in and out of uniform. We open doors to coveted companies and offer real-life experiences that put you miles ahead of your peers.

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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.

MAJORS

- Behavioral Sciences
- Economics
- English
- Foreign Area Studies
- General Studies
- History
- Legal Studies
- Management
- Military and Strategic Studies
- Operations Research
- Philosophy
- Political Science

MINORS

- Foreign Language
- Philosophy
- Religion Studies
- Nuclear Studies





FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES

It's rare enough to find the kind of first-class facilities the Academy offers at a graduate-level institution, but to find these kinds of tools and laboratory equipment at an undergrad level is especially unique.

MORE ATTENTION

The student-to-teacher ratio (8:1) is incredibly low. Most classes are held in small, intimate classrooms, ranging in size from 15 to 20 students. Because of this, cadets benefit from the extra attention and access to their instructors—before, during and after class.

TOP TEACHERS

The academic reputation of the Academy attracts the best talent from all over the world. Each faculty member at the Academy must possess a master's degree, and half have obtained a Ph.D.

EXCEPTIONAL LIBERAL ARTS EXPERIENCES

Cadets are trained to be critical thinkers, effective communicators and talented writers—regardless of their major. Plus, the liberal arts program here is tailored toward the role cadets will play as officers in the Air Force.

LEGAL STUDIES MAJOR

The ability to major in legal studies is rare in an undergraduate setting. For those seeking a career as a lawyer, the Academy will help prepare you for law school.

ACCESS TO INSTRUCTORS

Your poli-sci professor might also be your flight instructor. Our students have unparalleled opportunities to interact with their instructors outside of the classroom.

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 *Othello*, it's not just the aesthetic beauty of the play—it's positioned with service and stakes in mind.



A photograph showing three people in a classroom setting. On the left, a man in a light blue USAFA uniform shirt with a name tag that reads "ANDERSON" is leaning over a computer monitor. In the center, a woman in a green flight jacket with a name tag that reads "CECILIA TUMA USAFA CADET 2016" is looking at the monitor. On the right, a man in a light blue USAFA uniform shirt with a name tag that reads "SMITHWICK" is also looking at the monitor. They are all smiling and appear to be engaged in a collaborative activity. The background shows a window with vertical blinds and a shelf with various items.

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"MY BIGGEST CLASS I'VE EVER HAD HAS BEEN 25 PEOPLE. BECAUSE OF THAT, I GET TO KNOW THE MATERIAL BETTER, AND I GET TO KNOW MY PROFESSORS BETTER."

CADET EMILY SMITHWICK

Cadet Emily Smithwick is a political science major, but she's also had the opportunity to explore other fields of study such as aeronautics, engineering and science as part of USAFA's core curriculum. And because of the small class sizes, she benefited from the direct access she had to her professors.



"YOU CAN DO ANYTHING WITH A LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE FROM THE ACADEMY: BE A LAWYER, FLY FIGHTER JETS OR CONTROL SATELLITES IN SPACE. NOTHING IS OFF-LIMITS."

LT COL JESSE GOOLSBY

AWARD-WINNING ADVOCACY TEAM

The Academy team took second place in the nation in 2017. Our mock trial, trial level oral advocacy and international competition teams excel year after year.

FORENSICS DEBATE TEAM

Not just made up of English majors, the Academy Forensics Debate Team is top five in the world.

CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM

One top experience for cadets is our cultural immersion trips. In addition to the traditional semesters abroad, our Olmsted Trips offer cadets a vast array of opportunities to explore different countries, languages and cultures.

UNDERGRADUATE LITERARY JOURNAL

Highlights poetry, music, film, art, fiction and essays written by all majors, not just English, at the Academy.

NUCLEAR STUDIES MINOR

Cadets learn strategic uses of nuclear weapons from a theoretical and practical way.

MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPEN



Some of the brightest and most talented young men and women in the country have chosen the Air Force Academy to pursue their college education. Because for them, living and learning without the challenge, the character and the camaraderie isn't really living or learning at all.

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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