Overview

The following is a description of the Air Force ROTC Program here at NJIT, and a list of answers to many of the basic questions often asked. If after reading this document you have any questions, please feel free to call or email our office and we will be happy to provide more information. Thank you for expressing an interest in Air Force ROTC!

- Air Force ROTC is generally a 4-year program (in some cases, it may be compressed down to 2.5 years) whereby cadets complete an undergraduate degree and receive AFROTC training to earn a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the active duty Air Force for a minimum of 4 years of service. Some career fields, or Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSC), require a longer service commitment such as pilot which currently incurs a minimum 10-year active duty service commitment.
- Each cadet is **required to have and maintain a minimum 2.5 Term and 2.0 Cumulative GPA** or higher
- Air Force ROTC has **3 mandatory events** each week that all cadets are required to attend and successfully pass. Schedules for each of these events can be found at https://courseschedules.njit.edu/index.aspx. They are:
  - Physical Training (PT) – you **must attend at least two of the four 1-hour PT sessions offered each week**. Air Force PT concentrates on both cardio and strength training to ensure all members are physically fit and able to pass the bi-annual Physical Fitness Assessment
  - Aerospace Studies (AS) Classes – These classes meet once each week. The 100 and 200 level classes are 1 credit hour, and the 300 and 400 level classes are 3 credit hours.
  - Leadership Laboratory (LLAB) – LLAB is our 2 hr training session each week where we cover military drill, customs and courtesies, Air Force knowledge, and other pertinent military topics that will introduce new cadets to daily Air Force operations, structure, and lifestyle. LLAB also serves as a training tool for our junior and senior cadets as they plan, organize and lead LLAB activities.
    - Cadets must make sure to register degree courses around AFROTC events.
- Each cadet is required to attend at least 80% of PT, AS classes, and LLAB sessions in order to receive a passing grade each term
- Each cadet is required to earn a C- or better in all AS classes
- Cadets must be full time undergraduates in their institution, through the 2nd to last year of ROTC
  - Up to the last semester can be part time, and up to the last year can be graduate work
- Each cadet is required to take the Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA). The PFA consists of height/weight/waist measurements, 1 minute of pushups, 1 minute of sit-ups, and a 1.5 mile run. There are minimums in each category of the test as well as an overall minimum of 75/100 to achieve a passing score. Each cadet must pass this examination, in general, by their first sophomore term.
- Each cadet must take and pass the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT). The AFOQT is an assessment similar to the SAT with additional sections that evaluate a student’s understanding of aviation. There are two sections of the AFOQT that the Air Force has placed a minimum required score to commission: Quantitative-10 and Verbal-15. The three other scores are calculated in the following areas: Pilot, Navigator, and Academic Aptitude. A cadet is allowed to take the AFOQT two times in the event they do not meet the minimum Quantitative or Verbal scores on their first attempt.
- Cadets with dual citizenship must be willing to renounce any citizenship that is not American.
- Each eligible and deserving cadet will be submitted for the Professional Officer Course (POC) Selection Process (PSP) in order to attend Field Training; an ROTC training event similar to Basic Military Training (i.e., boot camp) where cadets are tested and evaluated in multiple areas including leadership and management in a training environment. They must successfully complete Field Training in order to continue into the final two years of ROTC. Field Training is completed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama and at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in Mississippi.
Air Force ROTC Truths and Myths

- Air Force ROTC will pay for school for anyone that joins – **FALSE** – Air Force ROTC does have scholarship money available, and we will submit eligible and deserving cadets for those scholarships, but the vast majority of our cadets go the entire four years and pay for college out of their own pocket.
- Cadets will be sent to a combat environment if they join – **FALSE** – **NO cadets will be required to deploy** during their time in the Air Force ROTC program. However, after graduation and commissioning into the Air Force that is a possibility.
- Cadets are required to serve in the Air Force and sign a contract the first day they come to training – **FALSE** – cadets are not required to sign a contract until returning from Field Training unless they accept a scholarship prior to attending Field Training
- My hair must be cut/styled a certain way, and men will have to shave when attending military training – **TRUE** – we will provide specific details, but all cadets are required to display a professional military appearance during all military training events.
- I will have to wear a uniform – **TRUE** – cadets are required to successfully complete at least one month in Air Force ROTC prior to being issued military uniforms but we be required to wear them once issued. Before wearing a uniform, cadets must successfully complete a Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) and a detachment-produced uniform quiz.

For more information, please look **thoroughly** through AFROTC.com or AirForce.com!

If you couldn’t find an answer on the websites, please contact the Det 490 Recruitment Office!

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