



AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)



Detachment 536

"Pride Of The Adirondacks!"



**INFORMATION FOR
PROSPECTIVE &
INCOMING CADETS**



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BOTTOM-LINE UPFRONT (BLUF): INCENTIVES

Help Pay For College

College is expensive, and Air Force ROTC provides a number of ways to make it considerably less expensive for students who participate as cadets in our program.

Scholarships – If you are aware of the benefits that come with an Air Force ROTC High School Scholarship (HSSP) and have been awarded one already – Congratulations!

For students who have not yet heard of our scholarships, you can still potentially earn a full or partial In-College Scholarship (ICSP) as a cadet. Many of our scholarships cover **up to 100%** of public school tuition for our in-state SUNY Canton and Potsdam scholarship cadets, while our Clarkson and St. Lawrence scholarship cadets have at least **\$18,000 per year to 100%** of their tuition covered. Even if your scholarship does not cover 100% of your tuition, it helps! Scholarship cadets also receive an annual book stipend and a monthly tax-free payment right to your checking account to cover living expenses.



This is one of our current cadets taking the oath of enlistment after earning a three-year scholarship in the Fall 2018 semester.

The best part about ICSPs? Eligible cadets in our program nominated for these scholarships do not have to fill out another application. Just perform well as both a student in your academics, and as a cadet in Air Force ROTC! So who is eligible for these scholarships? The number of scholarships varies based on available funding, but the minimum qualifications are on the scroll, below:

ICSP Eligibility Requirements

- A Cumulative College GPA Over 3.0
- An ACT Score of at least 24 or an SAT Score of at least 1100
- Passing Physical Fitness Assessment Score
- Complete & Qualifying Medical Review

These requirements take one semester to complete, so if you get started in Fall 2019 you will likely be eligible for a scholarship in Spring 2020.

Contract Stipends – Even if you never get a scholarship with us, Juniors and Seniors who complete the first two years of Air Force ROTC and decide to stay in our program are automatically given \$5,400-\$6,000 per year after signing their contract (through twelve monthly \$450-\$500 tax-free payments for Juniors and Seniors, respectively).

Incentive Payments – Colleges with Air Force ROTC also offer financial incentives to scholarship cadets. These incentives are provided directly from the college's Finance Office/Bursar on your behalf. Currently, Clarkson University provides free Room and Board to its scholarship cadets (note: does not apply to scholarship cadets at St. Lawrence University, SUNY Canton, or SUNY Potsdam).

An Amazing Career *After* College

Students focus so much on just going to college that they do not really think about what will happen *after* college. Maybe you have a family connection with a business you would like to work for, or you have done an internship for a company that will definitely hire you after you graduate, but if you are like most students, you probably do not have any concrete plans—and that is where things can get pretty tough after finishing college. Even after over a decade since the 2008 economic crash, 43% of college graduates are underemployed in their first job, with many working in positions that do not require a college education ([story link](#)). With Air Force ROTC, a great job in an interesting career field is **guaranteed** upon graduating, putting you well-ahead of your peers who may struggle to find traction in the workplace after school. If you want to accrue fantastic experiences quickly, being an Air Force officer is an awesome way to get there—you will be doing things and going to places at age 24 and 25 that your friends in college will not be able to do.

While your peer group is working their way from the ground up at some company, doing an internship or pushing a mail cart, bored in corporate-land...



...You can be loving life in one of more than 35 exciting Air Force officer career fields like flying a F-22, working on cutting-edge intelligence, building a satellite, saving lives, or any number of amazing feats in the world's greatest Air Force.

What job are you best suited for in the Air Force? Unsure where your intended major may fit? There are so many available career fields to fit every skill and passion; you might not even know where to begin. Luckily, with over **75 combined years** of diverse Air Force experiences between them, our cadre will help you with career selection as you progress through Air Force ROTC. Between them, the cadre have flown aircraft, fixed aircraft on the flight line, negotiated business deals for the Air Force, secured military installations and resources, and managed people in office environments. They will be happy to advise you to make the right career choice!

In terms of possibilities though, here are some options based on different majors (click the career field to learn more):



ANY DEGREE / LIBERAL ARTS / MANAGEMENT

- **Airfield Operations** –Provide direct management of runways and airfields, helping Air Force bases run efficiently
- **Missile Operations** –Manage and operate the United States’ arsenal of nuclear missiles—an incredible responsibility

MEDICAL / BIOLOGY / NURSING

- **Nurse** –Provide direct care to military patients and their families in Air Force medical centers
- **Physician** –Work in military hospitals alongside nurses to provide direct medical support
- **Dentist** –Provide dental care to military patients and their families



COMPUTER & INFO SCIENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

- **Cyberspace** –Manage the Air Force’s massive IT network and provide communications support
- **Public Affairs** –Serve as media representatives to the public, manage official websites and other media



LANGUAGE / INT’L STUDIES / LIBERAL ARTS

- **Intelligence Officers** –Collect data, analyze it, and disseminate it to decision-makers so that they can effectively complete their missions



ANY DEGREE / INTEREST IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS

- **Combat Rescue Officers** –Organize and deploy to rescue and recovery operations on the frontlines
- **Special Tactics Officers** – Provide assault zone assessment and control, fire support, personnel recovery, battlefield trauma care, and tactical weather operations
- **Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) Officers** – Direct lethal joint firepower when the battle calls for it



BUSINESS / FINANCE / HUMAN RESOURCES / LIBERAL ARTS / ACQUISITIONS

- **Acquisition** –Help spend the Air Force’s \$156B budget, working with vendors to purchase equipment we need
- **Contracting** –Negotiate with outside vendors and manage multi-million dollar contracts and agreements
- **Force Management** –Lead the human resources component of the Air Force, manage evaluations, career development and more
- **Financial Management** –Use management accounting to help Air Force leaders spend operational funds effectively



PHYSICS / ASTRONOMY / TECHNICAL

- **Space Operations** –Oversee spy satellites, satellite rocket launches and control space systems
- **Scientist** –Conduct cutting-edge research in the fields of mathematics, chemistry and physics
- **Weather** –Forecast atmospheric & space conditions



LOGISTICS / SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

- **Aircraft Maintenance** –Lead the massive teams of technicians who maintain our fleet of aircraft
- **Munitions Maintenance** – Manage personnel who maintain conventional and nuclear weapons
- **Logistics Readiness** – Prepare people and cargo for deployments, the rapid mobilization of resources



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- **Security Forces** –Lead the personnel who guard our facilities, enforce the law for everyone on base
- **OSI** –The Office of Special Investigations conducts investigations within the Air Force
- **JAG** – Handle a wide variety of legal issues from trial preparation to post-trial actions - the Air Force’s attorneys!



ENGINEERING / STEM

- **Civil Engineering** –Manage the personnel who maintain facilities on a base, providing their unique expertise to complex problems that require technical solutions; includes architecture, civil, electrical, mechanical, general, and environmental
- **Developmental Engineering** –Research and development into a number of sub-fields, including aeronautical, astronomical, computer, electrical, general, mechanical and human factors



ANY DEGREE / INTEREST IN FLYING



- **Pilot** – Fly the most sophisticated aircraft in the world, including fighters and cargo/transport planes
- **CSO** –Combat Systems Officers fly with the pilot, providing navigation and weapon systems operation
- **ABM** – Air Battle Managers guide other planes in the air to safely engage the appropriate enemy targets
- **RPA** – Remotely Piloted Aircraft pilots fly drones—capable of conducting surveillance and striking targets anywhere in the world

If you are interested in flying, now is a great time to join the Air Force—we are staffing lots of pilot positions, so your odds of fulfilling your dream of being a pilot are better than ever. **No prior flying experience is necessary!**

After college, the Air Force will send you to technical training to teach you the specific job skills you will need to know in your career field. This means that you can enter into a career field with little or no prior experience or knowledge about it – just have a passion in it!



All four of our Junior cadets who applied for the Spring 2019 "Rated" board got the pilot slot they wanted.

Whatever career field you choose, all Air Force officer career fields normally begin at supervisory positions then move up from there as you acquire more education and professional experience. You will be continuously challenged to grow and improve, sharpening your skills with more opportunities as you go up in rank from Lieutenant to Captain, Major, and beyond. Stay in for a full 20 or more years and retire with a pension, or leave after as few as four years with some amazing experiences under your belt that you will be able to carry forward into a civilian career of your choosing. Former Air Force officers are very marketable to employers, after all!

Incredible Cadet Experiences

Beyond the scholarships and the guaranteed job, however, the best reason to join Air Force ROTC is the unique experience other college students will not have. For starters, you will be working with a **regionally-and-nationally-recognized** group of cadets who are on a trajectory for success. Our highly motivated cadets succeed at the most academically challenging courses, and are great wingmen! With around 50 cadets in our detachment, our Detachment mirrors a family-friendly, small town community where every cadet is your teammate and friend. With your fellow cadets, you can hang out and study together, volunteer for fun community projects, play on intramural sports teams, enjoy unit morale activities like hiking trips and movie nights, participate in Arnold Air Society (our honorary co-ed fraternity), and more.

You can even be competitively selected to do the following Professional Development Training programs: (Note the ★; that means our cadets have been handpicked to attend these programs!)



★ US Air Force Academy (USAFA) Exchange Program

Provides an opportunity for six AFROTC cadets to attend one school term at USAFA. Exchange cadets will participate in USAFA academic classes, study groups, athletics, and leadership activities.

★ SOAR

Gives cadets the opportunity to experience basic flight fundamentals in non-powered glider operations. Cadets receive instruction in basic flight through ground school and actual flight, possibly including, solo cadet flights. Cadets can expect 8 to 15 flights while spending 5 hours each day on the flight line. No prior flight experience necessary!



★ Project Global Officer (GO)

A collaborative initiative that promotes critical language education, study abroad, and intercultural dialogue opportunities for cadets. Programs focus on the languages and countries of the Middle East, Asia, Central Asia, Africa, and South America. Learn more at www.rotcprojectgo.org/

★ Air Force Academy Free-Fall (AFAFF)

Parachute training program conducted at USAFA comprised of strenuous physical training, ground school, and five freefall jumps from 4,500 feet. Cadets completing all five jumps are awarded a basic parachutist rating.



★ Ops Air Force

A two-week summer program where cadets live at an Air Force base, fully immersing themselves in the Air Force culture by engaging with a multitude of operational units. Cadet interests/majors are aligned with base missions to provide cadets with a meaningful and action-packed time.



★ National Character and Leadership Symposium (NCLS)

Flagship two-day event at USAFA on character and leadership, bringing together distinguished scholars, military leaders, corporate executives, and athletes to motivate and equip cadets for honorable living and effective leadership.



★ **Cadet Training Assistant (CTA)**

Comprised of handpicked upperclassmen cadets from across the country, CTAs work alongside Field Training Officers (FTOs) in developing/evaluating underclassmen cadets throughout the rigors of the Field Training program.

★ **Army Air Assault School (AAAS)**

Prepares students for air mobility operations. During the course, cadets train and are evaluated on combat assault, sling loads, rappelling, physical fitness, and various other critical skills. Students are required to complete an obstacle course and two-mile run before entering.



★ **Expeditionary Survival Training Program (EST)**

A USAFA program designed for cadets to receive introductory fundamentals of contingency operations in a learning laboratory environment, learning the fundamentals of bare base planning and set-up, contingency operations and survival skills.

But don't take our word for it...here is what some of our graduating cadets from the Class of 2019 have to say about their Air Force ROTC experiences the past four years:



CADET MARTIN '19 (Mechanical Engineering, Clarkson University)

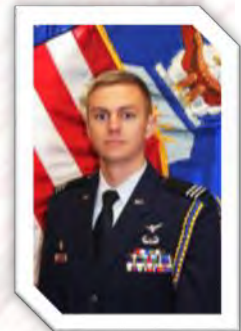
"Air Force ROTC has given me leadership experience that can't be found anywhere else in college. These experiences have set me well beyond my civilian peers and I am very thankful for the memories and friendships that will last a lifetime."

Air Force Career Field: Pilot

**CADET DELEEL '19
(Aeronautical Engineering, Clarkson University)**

"Detachment 536 can provide you with a lot of really cool opportunities outside of the mandatory events. Just get your name out there and take every chance you can while you are here. I was lucky enough to travel to USAFA for the National Leadership and Character Symposium, as well as the SOARing glider program. I also got to travel to Fort Drum to complete the Air Assault and Rifle Marksmanship Instructor courses and to Wright- Patterson AFB to run the Air Force Marathon. The experience you have in AFROTC is up to you!"

Air Force Career Field: Pilot



CADET TIKALSLY '19 (Engineering & Mgmt, Clarkson University)

"One of my favorite memories from AFROTC was during our Field Leadership Exercise at Fort Drum. Acting as an insurgent, a cadet came up behind me and said "safety shot", I turned around and slowly fell to the ground, calling "safety kill!"

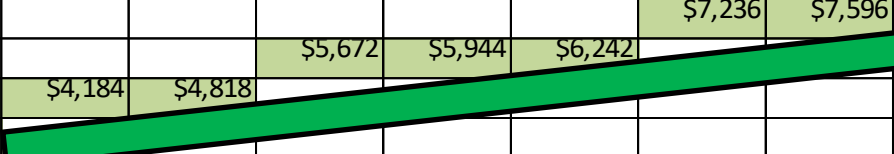
Air Force Career Field: Contracting Officer

LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

United States Air Force Officer Benefits

Air Force officer pay is extremely competitive, and odds are good that you will be way ahead of your peers who graduate in your year group. Second Lieutenants (2d Lts) right out of college graduate making the equivalent of **\$50,000 per year or more**, and after just four years as a Captain you'll be making **at least \$85,000** at the ripe old age of 26. Pay goes up from there, with inflation-adjusted raises every year, significant raises with each promotion and seniority raises every 2 years. This table of monthly pay rates for 2d Lt to Major only includes basic pay, which is the only portion of your pay that will be taxed:

Rank / Yrs Service	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12
Major							\$7,236	\$7,596
Captain				\$5,672	\$5,944	\$6,242		
1st LT		\$4,184	\$4,818					
2nd LT	\$3,189							



Besides monthly pay, you will also receive a **monthly housing stipend** that is tax-free. This housing stipend varies by location (i.e., high-expense areas such as New York and California have a higher monthly payout), but in general you can expect at least \$1,000 extra per month to cover your housing and utilities, tax-free.

In addition to that, you will also get a monthly tax-free stipend of \$262 to cover groceries, known as Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS).



There are additional bonuses and various payments based on other specific circumstances such as duty location and career field, but the above payments and entitlements add up to a sizeable paycheck—especially right out of college.



You will also receive **free health care** while on active duty, as well as your direct dependents. There is no co-pay or deductible—you just go to the doctor and everything is cared for. The value of this is tremendous...in the private sector, this type of health plan does not exist, with most employer-sponsored plans costing anywhere from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per year (or more!) for you and your family. Private health plans also require doctor visit co-pays, deductibles and limits on coverage...but you will not have to worry about that in the Air Force.

If you are interested in being a pilot, you should know that Air Force pilots earn huge bonuses based on their service commitment—up to **\$455,000 in bonuses** (yes, you read that right) for fighter pilots. That can pay off lots of student loans rather quickly.

Active duty Air Force officers receive **30 days of paid leave per year**, in addition to federal holidays (of which there are 10). To find a private civilian job where you will be able to make this kind of money while also having such a family-friendly work/life balance is extraordinarily difficult.



You will also have access to an unbelievable retirement plan that includes a matching 401k (up to 5%) plus a pension and retention bonuses. If you serve in the Air Force for 20 years (and it goes quickly!) and retire at the age of 42, you will receive an annual pension of around \$40,000 (or more)... or leave earlier if you want, and take your 401k balance with you to your new job.



Air Force officers also get amazing education benefits. Do you want to go to graduate school? The Air Force's tuition assistance program will cover 100% of your tuition and fees, up to **\$4,500 per year**, for degrees up to and including Ph.Ds. You will also eventually be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which can really help supplement the cost of going back to school while on active duty and beyond. Those benefits can even transfer to your family, if you so choose.

Locations & Lifestyle

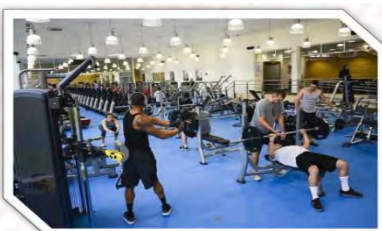
One area where the Air Force truly distinguishes itself is in the quality of life on Air Force installations, which are located all over the world. Here in the US, there are bases nationwide—from California to Massachusetts, to Alaska and Hawaii, and Washington State to Florida. See the map below for examples of major Air Force installations within the US:



If you ever wanted to **travel and live overseas**, there are Air Force bases around the world from the UK, to Italy, Germany, Japan, Guam, even Greenland, and plenty more. How do we pick locations for you? During your junior and senior years in ROTC, you will identify your top career fields as well as the preferred locations you want to be placed. From there, the Air Force will do its best to assign you based on where you want to go, subject to the limitations of your career field and ultimately, the needs of the Air Force (sorry, not everyone gets

to go to Hawaii for their first duty assignment). Officers move every three or four years to a new location, so even if you do not like your first assignment, the next base is always around the corner!

In terms of lifestyle, the Air Force spends enormous amounts of money to make its installations nice places for Air Force officers and their families to live and work. Air Force bases are like small cities attached to an airport: they often have everything from their own schools and housing to fire and police departments, malls, convenience stores and more.



The left-most photo is base housing at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. Air Force service members live in homes just like this one for free, or they can opt to live off-base and receive a Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) payment to cover living expenses. The middle picture is a typical Air Force gymnasium – completely free for your use at every base! The right-most picture is an Air Force Base Exchange (BX) at Los Angeles AFB, which is very much like a mall with a food court and other shopping areas attached.

More than any other branch, our bases have phenomenal resources to help you get the most out of your service. They are well-maintained places with nice facilities and events that are often **free of charge**. There is virtually no crime, plenty of amenities for families and terrific opportunities to travel off base to explore the local area.

Being in the Air Force gives you the opportunity to take advantage of some amazing benefits on base, including the base club, commissary (grocery store), ticket center and even activities like horseback riding, kayaking and intramural sports. From recreational facilities like gyms, bowling alleys, golf courses and swimming pools to recreation centers and hospitals, you can pretty much find anything you could ever want on base. If you enjoy the outdoors, you will love the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) office. Air Force bases even have childcare facilities and education centers. The Air Force highly values a good work-life balance, allowing you the opportunity to develop and grow in your career field while still maintaining a happy life at home.



Above is a picture of Eielson AFB in Fairbanks, Alaska. You can see here how the base is like a small city, attached to an airport, with very nice, well-kept facilities and consistent architecture.

AIR FORCE ROTC DETACHMENT 536

Cadre

The Air Force, however, does not commission just anybody to be an officer. You have to earn it! The Air Force wants proven and knowledgeable leaders of character who live the Air Force Core Values. Who will help you get to that point by the time you graduate and commission? Detachment 536 is stocked full of instructors (called "cadre") from diverse career fields who will lead, instruct, advise, mentor, and assist you in your personal and professional developmental growth as a future leader of the Air Force. Between them, there are over 75 years of Air Force experience (and **nearly 100 years** of total military experience) residing at Detachment 536, running the breadth of the total Air Force experience from rated, to maintenance, acquisitions, security forces, personnel, and logistics.



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL
WESLEY NIMS**

COMMANDER

**AIR FORCE CAREER FIELD: COMBAT
SYSTEMS OPERATOR (CSO)**

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: 23 Years



CAPTAIN JONATHAN CROCKER

OPERATIONS FLIGHT COMMANDER

**AIR FORCE CAREER FIELD:
MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: 19 Years



**FIRST LIEUTENANT
RYAN KITTLE**

RECRUITING OFFICER

**AIR FORCE CAREER FIELD:
CONTRACTING OFFICER**

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: 7 Years



**TECHNICAL SERGEANT
NINA WARD**

PERSONNEL

**AIR FORCE CAREER FIELD:
PERSONNELIST (Prior: Security
Forces)**

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: 18 Years



**STAFF SERGEANT
ANTONIO MONTALVO**

ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT

**AIR FORCE CAREER FIELD:
PERSONNELIST**

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: 10 Years



MS. AMY GOUGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**ARMY CAREER FIELD:
LOGISTICS OFFICER**

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE: 20 Years
(Army Lieutenant Colonel, Retired)**

Alumni

Detachment 536 has a long history of excellence. Many cadets from our Detachment have commissioned to long and successful careers within the Air Force, or separating/retiring into thriving post-military jobs as federal employees, business owners, and academic professors. Some have even become Colonels or General Officers, like the three previous graduates below:



BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD KELLY
CLASS OF 1985
(CLARKSON UNIVERSITY)
DIRECTOR, JOINT FORCES,
WASHINGTON ANG



COLONEL SCOTT OWENS
CLASS OF 1985 (CLARKSON UNIVERSITY)
SENIOR MATERIAL LEADER,
THEATER BATTLE CONTROL DIVISION,
AIR FORCE LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT CENTER



COLONEL BABETTE BARLOW LENFANT
CLASS OF 1986
(CLARKSON UNIVERSITY)
RETIRED

Training Components

Our program generally consists of four different components, starting with **weekly, hour-long academic classes** in the classroom.

Weekly Leadership Labs (LLABs) typically take place in the evening. There, we provide hands-on training to give you valuable skills for Field Training and to apply what you learned in class. Activities include impromptu speeches, group leadership problems, drill and marching, guest speakers, obstacle courses, and other fun activities.



Pushups are always easier with classmates to do them with.

You will also be involved in various **Cadet Wing activities** at our Detachment. Our junior and senior cadets hold leadership positions, while underclassmen cadets are assigned to them to help carry out our mission. This provides valuable learning opportunities for everyone, and gives you a chance to experience different elements of working in and running an organization before going on to active duty.



Our cadets quiz each other on Warrior Knowledge at LLABs.

PT (Physical Training) sessions start promptly at 0600 (that is 6 AM in the morning in military time). All cadets must attend at least two sessions each week, where there are multiple sessions to accommodate your individual schedule. Activities include pushup/sit-up pyramids, runs, and even team sports. The idea is to get you ready for the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA), which occurs each semester.

Classroom Curriculum

Our program is primarily designed to introduce you to what the military is like, and to give you an opportunity to “**try before you buy.**” Unlike most military accession programs, you can take Air Force ROTC classes and see if the military is a good fit for you before committing to active duty. Topics in our freshman class include Air Force dress and appearance standards, military customs and courtesies, team building, Air Force benefits, principles of war, tenets of airpower, Air Force operations, Air Force core values, military history, human relations, and more.

Subsequent years build on those subjects to include theory and applications of leadership, principles of management, understanding the US Constitution, advanced topics on followership and project management, counseling session practicums, critical thinking skills, joint operations and much more. Class sizes can be small, particularly in the upperclassmen level, which can often be fewer than 10 students, giving you plenty of **individualized mentorship** from your Air Force ROTC cadre.



P-47 Thunderbolts

Our program emphasizes the following skill areas / competencies:

- **Leadership Skills**, including strategic and tactical leadership, critical thinking under stress
- **Management Skills**, including project management, standard enforcement, accountability, effective decision-making
- **Performance and Execution Skills** like attention to detail, planning ahead, personal responsibility
- **Communication Skills**—in particular public speaking (especially impromptu speaking) but also professional writing
- **Human Relations**—including valuing diversity, motivation and character-building

If you want to challenge yourself to improve in these areas, then you are in the right place. The Core Values in the Air Force are “Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do.” Our cadets strive 24/7 to cultivate those Core Values.



AFROTC Classes are Similar to Other College Classes: Discussion, Activities, Quizzes, Assignments, and Projects

Make sure to look for the “AS” course number in your college’s course catalogue when signing up for classes. Let us know if you need help finding it, or ask your academic adviser that you are interested in signing up for the Air Force ROTC course. Note that Air Force ROTC courses *do* count as elective credit (in terms of general credit hours) for any degree program at Clarkson University, SUNY Canton, and SUNY Potsdam (but not St. Lawrence University), so they should be able to help you accrue hours towards graduation.

This is what your plan would look like if you started this Fall:

Semester	Air, Space, and Cyberspace Studies Class/Training
Fall 2019	AS 101 (50 mins, 1 credit hour) and AS 103 (1 hr for lab)
Spring 2020	AS 102 (50 mins, 1 credit hour) and AS 104 (1 hr for lab)
Summer 2020	
Fall 2020	AS 201 (50 mins, 1 credit hour) and AS 203 (1 hr for lab)
Spring 2021	AS 202 (50 mins, 1 credit hour) and AS 204 (1 hr for lab)
Summer 2021	*Field Training @ Maxwell AFB, AL - 2 weeks*
Fall 2021	AS 301 (150 mins, 3 credit hours) and AS 303 (1 hr for lab)
Spring 2022	AS 302 (150 mins, 3 credit hours) and AS 304 (1 hr for lab)
Summer 2022	
Fall 2022	AS 401 (150 mins, 3 credit hours) and AS 403 (1 hr for lab)
Spring 2023	AS 402 (150 mins, 3 credit hours) and AS 404 (1 hr for lab)
Summer 2023	*Commission as US Air Force Second Lieutenant and Enter Active Duty*

We do allow students to enter Air Force ROTC midway through their Freshman year, and even at the beginning of their Sophomore year, but those students have a lot of catching up to do so it is best to start as soon as you can as a brand new Freshman. The accelerated program is very difficult, and many students who try it find it difficult to learning everything they need to know for Field Training in such a short amount of time. If you plan to graduate before Spring/Summer 2023, you may want to consider extending your graduation date in order to fit our 4-year program into your academic plans. We have plenty of students who do just that, because Air Force ROTC does take a significant amount of time, but it is worth it!

Physical Training (PT)

In order to be an Air Force ROTC cadet, go to Field Training, contract with the Air Force, and finally, commission, you must meet certain physical fitness, medical, and BMI (Body Mass Index) standards. You can still join our program if you currently do not meet our physical standards, but you should work quickly to get within standards in order to fully participate and complete the program (we can help you with this).

We administer the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) twice per semester: once at the beginning as a “mock” PFA to give cadets a sense of where they stand, and a final official test at the end of the semester. Minimum and maximum PFA requirements are as follows:

Min Score = 75* Max Score = 100	1.5 Mile Run 60 Points		1 Minute Push-Ups 10 Points		1 Minute Sit-Ups 10 Points		Waist Measurement 20 Points	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Male (below 30)	13:36	9:12	33	67	42	58	39.0"	<35.0"
Female (below 30)	16:22	10:23	18	47	38	54	35.5"	<31.5"

If you do not think that you can pass our PFA right now, that is okay. Our PT sessions will help, but you will definitely need to work hard over the summer prior to arriving at Detachment 536 and throughout the academic year in order to pass. That will require some additional gym time, running on your own, and better nutrition, or perhaps all three. Be realistic with yourself about meeting our PT requirements, and work hard to improve. For some cadets it comes easy and for others it takes longer, but they all have to try hard at every PT session.

Field Training (FT)

This all sounds pretty easy so far, but does ROTC have its own “boot camp”? Yes, and it is called Field Training (FT)! Cadets typically attend FT at the midway point of their Air Force ROTC career, usually in the summer between sophomore and junior year. As a freshman and sophomore, your primary function in our program is to learn about the Air Force and prepare for FT. FT is held at Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB) in Alabama over a two-week period in the summer. The Air Force will pay your travel expenses to get there and back, as well as supply you with uniforms and other items you will need to complete training.



Det 536 will make sure you are ready for Field Training!

While there, you will experience a full-time military training environment that will test your abilities and assess your potential as a leader in the Air Force. After completing FT, you will transition to being a leader within the Cadet Wing, get put on contract with the Air Force (if you have do not get a scholarship beforehand), receive a tax-free monthly stipend, and your primary goals will turn to developing leadership competencies and preparing for active duty. FT is a challenging environment, but our Detachment will ensure that you are prepared and successful once there.

Our Campuses

Not only is our Air Force ROTC program top-notch, each of our four campuses are great places to get an education and to enjoy beautiful upstate New York! Centered between the St. Lawrence River Valley and the famous Adirondacks, you are never far from cozy towns filled with bookstores and coffee shops, beautiful mountains, gorgeous riverfronts, campgrounds, and other amazing places. It can get cold here, but we view that as a challenge to be conquered!



Clarkson University



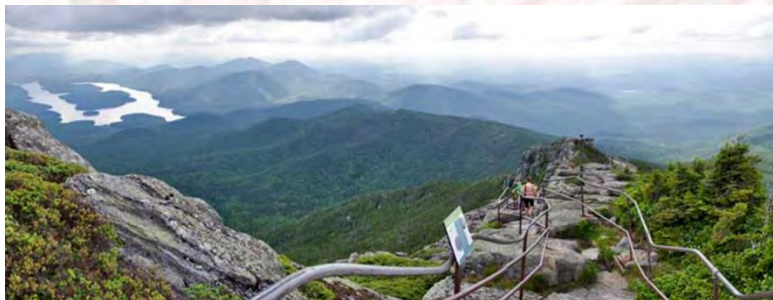
St. Lawrence University

Downtown Potsdam and Canton Cater to Every Food Craving and Leisure Interest



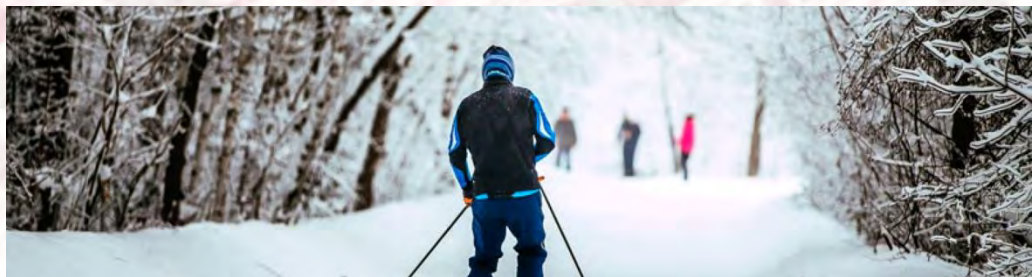
Great Walking and Hiking Trails with Scenic Views are Abundant in the Area

No Words Can Do Justice to the Beauty of the Area... It Has to Be Seen to Be Believed!



The Adirondack Mountains...Can You Climb All 46 Peaks?

Plenty of Winter Sports Activities in the Area, as Well!



PROSPECTIVE CADETS

Obligations

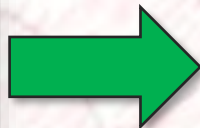
If you sign up for Air Force ROTC (but do not sign a contract with the Air Force) and find out that you do not like it, you are not committed to the Air Force and **you can drop the program like you would for any elective or class.**

We have plenty of students try us out for a semester then drop out of the program for a variety of reasons, and we are happy to have you join us if you are just curious as to what Air Force life might be like. **You are not committed to joining the Air Force until you sign a contract with us**, which typically takes place after Field Training. If you receive and accept an Air Force ROTC scholarship, the contract is signed **upon activation of the scholarship.** Either way, you will have plenty of time to decide if the Air Force is right for you. You have nothing to lose by joining us and giving it a shot!

Cadets who complete the program and enter active duty in a non-flying career field are committed to Air Force service for four years (or six to ten years if it is a flying career field), after which you can leave the Air Force at the still young age of 26 with a great deal of leadership experience under your belt. Best-case scenario is that you continue serving in the world's greatest Air Force, doing incredible things around the world with some amazing people!



Join our program, meet amazing people, challenge yourself and be the best version of you that you can become...



Love it? Great! Complete the program, make yourself eligible for scholarships, and commission as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation.



Work in a terrific career for the Air Force until 26. At that point, you can leave, or continue serving and even retire at only 42 years old with a full pension!



Don't like it? No problem! Drop any time prior to signing a contract and go on to finish school, taking valuable skills learned in ROTC with you forever.

Qualifications

We hope the information provided to you has piqued your interest! There are many things to love about Air Force ROTC and being an active duty Air Force officer, but that does not mean that this program is easy, or for everyone. Air Force ROTC is a demanding program and we expect a great deal from our cadets. We are looking to build officers and leaders of character, so you should be grounded in a strong sense of personal ethics, have a keen desire for self-improvement, a strong work ethic, and a desire to serve your fellow Americans.



Cadets Problem-Solving as a Team

You should feel comfortable conforming to military standards and regulations, and enforcing them with others. You should have a strong sense of accountability, be comfortable with making decisions, be able to motivate and work well with a diverse team, and be confident and assertive. We also spend time doing public speaking, so the thought of getting in front of a group should not completely terrify you (you do not have to start out as a great orator, though, as we help you get better through training). We want independent thinkers who can collaborate with others, accept responsibility when they are wrong, speak up when they have a great idea, and always yearn to do better than the minimum.



Cadets Holding Each Other Accountable to Military Standards

You do not have to be perfect at everything—no one is—but our program works best when students come to us with some competency in these areas to build off. More than anything, we are looking for leaders. Air Force officers begin their careers immediately outranking over 80% of the Air Force (that is over 260,000 Air Force personnel!), and you will be leading them from Day One. There is no blending into the crowd or hiding in this program, or in the Air Force.

Academics is crucial to our program, so you should also be an above average student. Our program requires a minimum of a 2.0 GPA just to participate, but our average cadet GPA is over 3.0. You should be at least somewhat physically fit, and ready to continue developing your fitness throughout the entire duration of our program.

You will also have to meet our dress and appearance standards, to include wearing a uniform to all ROTC classes and events, haircuts and shaving standards for gentlemen, and limitations on hairstyles and cosmetics for women.

Finally, it is okay to be motivated to join us for the financial benefits, but you should also have some sense of wanting to serve a cause greater than yourself. Ours is the profession of arms, and we take that charge very seriously. Our graduates may go on to fly \$115M jets, supervise literally hundreds of people, control nuclear weapons or manage multimillion-dollar budgets. The responsibilities are huge, and we work very hard throughout this entire program to give our cadets the tools they need to be successful. Ultimately, we are a service organization that fulfills the national security objectives of the United States and



Remember - One PFA Per Semester!

serves the needs of society-at-large. If this [video](#) about commitment resonates with you, then that is a very good sign that this program is right for you.

How To Enroll

If you are ready to make one of the best decisions in your life, all you need to do to get started is confirm to our Recruiting Officer about your plan to enroll in Air Force ROTC. We will then send you an online application to fill out prior to arriving on campus. When you arrive on campus in August, register for **AS101** and **AS103** for your first semester. Ask your academic advisor and inform the cadre if you have difficulty signing up. Prior to classes starting, we will host an event called New Student Orientation Program (NSOP), which will give you an opportunity to meet your new classmates and the cadre. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend.



In the meantime, check us out on the social media links on the next page! “Follow” us and look at previous content to see pictures and videos of what the cadets are doing here at Detachment 536. We post new content all the time to announce various events, document physical training and leadership laboratory, highlight cadets, provide info on Air Force jobs, and lots more.

Once the summer hits, we will get you in contact with the other new students joining our program, so you can start getting to know your new peers and hit the ground running in Fall 2019. We want to set you up for success, and we will do our very best to get you there.

Aim High! Fly, Fight, Win!



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