



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS FLIGHT PLAN CLASS OF 2025



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Applicants should check their handbook for the most current information.



MARCH 2020

The Air Force has a long tradition of women serving honorably and that tradition continues today. The first women were admitted to the Academy in 1976 and today more than a quarter of cadets are female.

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29	30	31		Note: USAFA Admissions offers campus tours for prospective students throughout the year. Check our schedule and sign up at academyadmissions.com .		

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

USAFA's application window begins March 1 and runs through Dec. 31.

Get started by checking your eligibility and submitting the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire. Click on "Start Your Online Application" at academyadmissions.com.

Read the "Instructions to Pre-Candidates" booklet for valuable information about the USAFA application process.



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"WE WILL NOT AGAIN LOOK UPON A WOMAN FLYING AS AN EXPERIMENT."

- GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE HENRY "HAP" ARNOLD



APRIL 2020

Physical fitness is an important part of life at the Air Force Academy. In addition to being required to play a D1, club or intramural sport, cadets take part in friendly competitions like the one pictured, to see who can do the most push-ups.

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"I DON'T MIND BEING CALLED TOUGH, BECAUSE IN THIS RACKET, IT'S TOUGH GUYS WHO LEAD THE SURVIVORS."
- GEN. CURTIS LEMAY

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

Three major pieces of advice to remember throughout the process: Always practice for your candidate fitness assessment, don't wait to seek nominations and don't wait to schedule your physical with DODMERB as soon as it is available in your portal.

Even if you think you may have a disqualifying medical condition, apply and schedule your appointment. Waivers are often available for a variety of issues, but only DODMERB will be able to tell you if your condition is disqualifying.





MAY 2020

Both teamwork and individual accomplishments are key to success at the Air Force Academy. You will be challenged mentally and physically, but your fellow cadets will be there to help you through and celebrate your success.

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CLASS OF 2025 REMINDERS

- Research the process for seeking your nominations from all sources
- Start working on your physical fitness now
- Be sure to thoroughly read the Instructions to Pre-Candidates

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"THE WINGMAN IS ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE. I LOOK AFTER THE WINGMAN. THE WINGMAN LOOKS AFTER ME...WARS ARE NOT WON BY INDIVIDUALS. THEY'RE WON BY TEAMS."
- LT. COL. FRANCIS S. GABRESKI, USAF

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

Congressional nomination deadlines vary by office. Research the process and timeline for ALL your eligible nominating sources: Both state senators, your representative and the vice president, and if you qualify, a military-affiliated nomination. Certain applicants may apply for U.S. Territory nominations, rather than those from senators or representatives.

Be sure to seek nominations from every source for which you qualify.





JUNE 2020

The USAFA Prep School prepares cadet candidates for success at the Academy through academics, military training and character development. If you are not selected for direct entry to USAFA, you are automatically considered for the Prep School.

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"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I LEARNED IS THAT SOLDIERS WATCH WHAT THEIR LEADERS DO. YOU CAN GIVE THEM CLASSES AND LECTURE THEM FOREVER, BUT ITS YOUR PERSONAL EXAMPLE THEY WILL FOLLOW."

-GEN. COLIN POWELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

Think about who you want to complete your optional letters of recommendation and mandatory teacher evaluations. High school students required evaluations must be from junior or senior level English and Math teachers and one other instructor.

Homeschool students can be as competitive as any other applicant and must meet the same standards as students from traditional schools. Talk to your Admissions Counselor to discuss your specific situation.





JULY 2020

Cadets regularly get to experience flyovers by American and partner-nation aircraft and get a closeup look at airframes they may end up flying or working alongside.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your specific deadline to complete your file will be posted on your portal. You must complete the required items by the deadline posted. Be sure to read through your Candidate Handbook for important information on nominations, the candidate fitness assessment and more. Be sure to check your portal regularly! 			1 Candidate Portal Opens	2	3	4 Independence Day
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"NO GUTS, NO GLORY. IF YOU ARE GOING TO SHOOT HIM DOWN, YOU HAVE TO GET IN THERE AND MIX IT UP WITH HIM."
-MAJ. GEN. FRED C. "BOOTS" BLESSE, KOREAN WAR DOUBLE JET ACE

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

The candidate portal opens July 1. You need to complete at least three items in your file before your name is forwarded to the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB).

Don't wait to schedule your medical examination. Scheduling the initial exam can take up to 30 days.

Visit the DODMERB website at <https://dodmerb.tricare.osd.mil/FASs.aspx> for answers to the most frequently asked questions.





AUGUST 2020

Flying is a part of life at USAFA and cadets have the opportunity to take part in powered and unpowered flight programs as well as the opportunity to compete against students from colleges around the world.

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ALTIMETER CHECK

"SIR/MA'AM, MY ALTITUDE IS **7,250** FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL, FAR, FAR ABOVE THAT OF **WEST POINT** OR **ANNAPOLIS**."

- FOURTH CLASS KNOWLEDGE

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

USAFA "super scores" individual subjects on the ACT and SAT (we only count your highest scores). We recommend taking the test early and often.

We recommend enrolling in any AP/IB/dual enrollment courses that you're able to successfully complete.

If you have any questions about your application, contact your admissions counselor. You can reach us from the "Contact Us" page at academyadmissions.com.





SEPTEMBER 2020

Cadets take part in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Sept. 11 memorial on the Terrazzo.

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"INTEGRITY IS THE FUNDAMENTAL PREMISE OF MILITARY SERVICE IN A FREE SOCIETY. WITHOUT INTEGRITY, THE MORAL PILLARS OF OUR MILITARY STRENGTH, PUBLIC TRUST AND SELF-RESPECT ARE LOST.

- GEN. CHARLES A. GABRIEL, AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

We are looking for well-rounded candidates. Both athletic and non-athletic activities help you prepare for the demanding program at the Air Force Academy.

Be on the lookout for Service Academy Days for your nominating officials. Most are held in September and October with application deadlines in October. Check your nominating authority's website for specific dates and processes.

Not sure where to start? Go to academyadmissions.com and search "nominations" for helpful links.





OCTOBER 2020

In addition to fitness classes and tests, every cadet participates in sports, whether D1, club, or intramural. USAFA is home to 29 men's and women's Division I NCAA teams.

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CLASS OF 2025 REMINDERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check academyadmissions.com for Service Academy Days in your area, or contact your representative • If you qualify, be sure to seek vice presidential and military-affiliated nominations • Practice for your Candidate Fitness Assessment 				1	2	3 SAT National Test Date (Anticipated)
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"FIRST GAIN THE VICTORY AND THEN MAKE THE BEST USE OF IT YOU CAN."

-HORATIO NELSON

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

The weather may be changing, but don't let that keep you from your fitness program! Even after you've successfully completed the CFA, you'll want to stay in shape. Focus on activities that increase your strength and endurance.

USAFA is at 7,250 feet above sea level. Your endurance will be diminished due to the elevation. Adjustment is easier if you're physically fit before you arrive.





NOVEMBER 2020

USAFA encompasses roughly 10 square miles and includes the academic campus, sports complexes, as well as remote training areas and an airfield.

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1 Rolling deadlines to complete application begin. Check your portal.	2	3	4	5	6	7 SAT National Test Date (Anticipated)
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"WHAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY BY DEVOTING YOUR LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF YOUR COUNTRY IS THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION ANY MAN COULD MAKE."
 – PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

An important part of the application process is the interview.

Conducted with an Admissions representative through a video conference, the interview is your opportunity to let us know why you think the Academy is for you and what you can bring to the Air Force.

Make sure you prepare for the interview just as you would prepare for a job interview. Remember, this is your opportunity to sell yourself!





DECEMBER 2020

Colorado's most visited man-made landmark, the Cadet Chapel is a prominent feature of USAFA's cadet area, but is currently closed for renovation.

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CLASS OF 2025 REMINDERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you qualify, be sure to seek vice presidential and military-affiliated nominations • Keep up or increase your physical training 		1 Summer Seminar Application Opens for HS Juniors	2	3	4	5 SAT National Test Date (Anticipated)
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"DUTY IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORD IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. DO YOUR DUTY IN ALL THINGS. YOU CANNOT DO MORE. YOU SHOULD NEVER DO LESS."

– GEN. ROBERT E. LEE

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

Don't forget to check your application portal regularly!

You can check the status of your application, see what parts you still need to do and get important information on rolling deadlines.

If you have questions about anything you see (or don't see) in the portal, you can contact your admissions counselor.

Congressional representatives and other nominating entities submit nominations to USAFA between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31.





JANUARY 2021

Cadets learn more than just academics at USAFA. Military history is an important part of the curriculum, and an emphasis is placed on building leadership skills and strong moral character.

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CLASS OF 2025 REMINDERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to finish your academic year strong! • Keep up or increase your physical training 					1 New Year's Day	2
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"THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE GOOD YOU CAN DO IF YOU DON'T CARE WHO GETS THE CREDIT."

— GENERAL OF THE ARMY GEORGE C. MARSHALL

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

You can study a variety of majors at USAFA including: Science, Humanities, Engineering and Social Science.

The Air Force Academy has world-class facilities where cadets are able to take on active roles in their education and have easy access to instructors. USAFA has one of the nation's lowest student-to-faculty ratios (8:1), and is ranked in the top 5% of schools for instructor availability.

No matter what you major in at USAFA, you'll take 101 semester hours of core classes to ensure you get a well-rounded education.





FEBRUARY 2021

The Air Force has achieved strength through diversity and celebrating that heritage and tradition is an important part of life at the Academy.

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"I HAVE DREAMED THAT MY FOUR LITTLE CHILDREN WILL ONE DAY LIVE IN A NATION WHERE THEY WILL NOT BE JUDGED BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN, BUT BY THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER."

– DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

USAFA's selections process begins in November and continues until June. Selection decisions are based on three components:

- Admissions Panel (faculty review, writing sample, CFA and evaluation interview)
- Extracurricular Composite (athletic participation, leadership positions, community involvement and work experiences)
- Academic Composite (scholastic performance, ACT/SAT scores)





MARCH 2021

Since 1948, women have been serving in the Air Force, just a year after its creation. Women who have graduated from USAFA have gone on to be pilots, astronauts, generals, politicians and more.

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"If the nation ever again needs them, American women will respond. Never again will they have to prove they can do any flying job the military has.

– BYRD HOWELL GRANGER

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

The majority of USAFA appointment offers to the Class of 2025 will be made in March and continue through April.

Candidates who are appointed must either accept or decline by May 1.

For those who are applying to the Class of 2026, the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire opens March 1.





APRIL 2021

Building leadership and public speaking skills are important parts of the cadet experience, and are designed to make strong, confident officers. Cadets are frequently given the opportunity to lead, both in the classroom and in ceremonial roles.

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CLASS OF 2025 REMINDERS

- Be sure to finish your academic year strong!
- Keep up or increase your physical training over the spring

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"CHARACTER IN MANY WAYS IS EVERYTHING IN LEADERSHIP."

– PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

Many of our appointees applied to USAFA more than once.

If you applied for the Class of 2025 and were not appointed, you can reapply after July 1. To increase your chances of acceptance, we recommend you enroll in another college, join AFROTC and restart the application process.

In addition to maintaining high grades in challenging courses, continue to participate in athletics and non-athletic activities that show your leadership experience and potential.





MAY 2021

Cadets celebrate their graduation and commission as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force after four years of hard work.

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Note: A majority of the offers for Academy Preparatory School and Falcon Foundation Scholarships are made in the month of May.						1 Acceptance Deadline (Class of 2025)
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"WE BUILD AND DEFEND NOT FOR OUR GENERATION ALONE. WE DEFEND THE FOUNDATIONS LAID BY OUR FATHERS. WE BUILD A LIFE FOR GENERATIONS YET UNBORN. WE DEFEND AND BUILD A WAY OF LIFE, NOT FOR AMERICA ALONE, BUT FOR ALL MANKIND."

— PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

Be sure to monitor your portal for important news and updates.

Keep in mind the Air Force Academy considers more than a student's GPA or test scores. We're looking for well-rounded students who have the potential to serve our nation as leaders in the world's finest Air Force.

In addition to academics, we're looking for leadership, character and physical preparation.





JUNE 2021

After completing basic training, cadets formally receive their rank at the beginning of their fourth class (freshman) year.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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28	29	30	CLASS OF 2025 REMINDERS • Congratulations on making it! Now keep up the good work!			

ADMISSIONS TIPS:

For each class, approximately 1,150 young men and women come to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

These young men and women arrive at USAFA ready to embrace living by the honor code: "We will not lie, steal nor cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does."

This honor code goes back to the first graduates of USAFA, the Class of 1959, and tells us to always do the right thing and live honorably.



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"COURAGE IS DOING WHAT YOU'RE AFRAID TO DO. THERE CAN BE NO COURAGE UNLESS YOU'RE SCARED."
- EDDIE RICKENBACKER

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1, 2020: PRE-CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE OPENS

MARCH/APRIL 2020: BEGIN RESEARCHING NOMINATIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU AND INCREASING YOUR PHYSICAL FITNESS

JULY 1, 2020: CANDIDATE PORTAL OPENS

DECEMBER 2020: ACT/SAT MUST BE TAKEN BY NOW TO ENSURE RESULTS REACH USAFA BEFORE REGULAR SELECTIONS

DEC. 31, 2020: DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE PRE-CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

MARCH 2021: MAJORITY OF OFFERS OF APPOINTMENT TO USAFA ARE SENT OUT

APRIL 2021: LETTERS ARE SENT TO CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT

APRIL/MAY 2021: MAJORITY OF OFFERS FOR ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND FALCON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MADE

MAY 1, 2021: ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE

GLOSSARY

ACT: ONE OF TWO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS; THE CODE NUMBER FOR USAFA IS **0530**

ALO: ADMISSIONS LIAISON OFFICER

APPLICANT: A PERSON APPLYING TO THE ACADEMY WHO HAS COMPLETED A PRE-CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

APPOINTEE: A PERSON WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE ACADEMY, WHO HAS AN OFFICIAL NOMINATION AND WHO HAS BEEN PROVIDED AN OFFER TO ATTEND

BCT: BASIC CADET TRAINING

CADET: STUDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

CADET WING: MILITARY ORGANIZATION OF ALL CADETS, CONSISTING OF FOUR GROUPS, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY **4,300** CADETS

CADRE: UPPER CLASSMEN HOLDING LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

CANDIDATE: AN APPLICANT WHO HAS COMPLETED THE PRE-CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE AND WHO HAS BEEN APPROVED TO PURSUE APPOINTMENT TO THE ACADEMY

CANDIDATE KIT: KIT CONTAINING ADMISSIONS FORMS AND INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WHOSE PRE-CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN

RECEIVED, SCREENED AND APPROVED, INCLUDING COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY, THE **CFA** AND OTHER NECESSARY STEPS IN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS.

CFA: CANDIDATE FITNESS ASSESSMENT

DODMERB: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL EXAMINATION REVIEW BOARD. **DODMERB** PERFORMS A MEDICAL SCREENING MISSION TO DETERMINE IF AN APPLICANT MEETS MEDICAL ACCESSION STANDARDS

NOMINATION: REQUIRED BY LAW (**TITLE 10**) TO RECEIVE AN APPOINTMENT TO **USAFA**; EACH PRE-CANDIDATE MUST HAVE A NOMINATION FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SOURCES: THEIR SENATORS, CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, VICE PRESIDENT AND/OR MILITARY AFFILIATION

PRE-CANDIDATE: A STUDENT INTERESTED IN ATTENDING **USAFA** WHO HAS RETURNED A COMPLETED **PRE-CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PRE-CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE: THE FIRST STEP IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, INTERCHANGEABLE WITH THE TERM APPLICATION

QUALIFIED CANDIDATE: A CANDIDATE WHO HAS MET ALL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

SAT: ONE OF TWO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS; THE CODE NUMBER FOR **USAFA** IS **4830**

PREFLIGHT CHECKLIST

☐ **CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY:** TO APPLY YOU MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND MEET THESE BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: BE AT LEAST 17 BUT NOT PAST YOUR 23RD BIRTHDAY BY JULY 1 OF THE YEAR YOU ENTER, A U.S. CITIZEN AND UNMARRIED WITH NO DEPENDENTS.

☐ **COMPLETE YOUR PCQ:** YOU MAY BEGIN AS EARLY AS MARCH 1 OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. IT MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEC. 31 OF THE SAME YEAR. YOUR GPA, TEST SCORES, CLASS RANK AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR SITUATION AND ACTIVITIES WILL DETERMINE WHETHER YOU WILL BE GRANTED CANDIDATE STATUS.

☐ **SEEK YOUR NOMINATION:** BY LAW, YOU MUST BE NOMINATED BY A LEGALLY AUTHORIZED ENTITY. YOU CAN REVIEW OUR NOMINATIONS PAGE AT [ACADEMYADMISSIONS.COM](https://www.afmilitaryadmissions.com) TO DETERMINE THE CATEGORIES FOR WHICH YOU ARE ELIGIBLE. YOU SHOULD REQUEST A NOMINATION IN ALL CATEGORIES FOR WHICH YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, AND DO SO AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

☐ **REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS AND TEACHER EVALUATIONS:** IN THE PCQ PHASE, YOU SELF-REPORTED YOUR GPA AND CLASS RANK. ONCE IN THE CANDIDATE PHASE, YOU WILL REQUEST OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM YOUR SCHOOL AS WELL AS THE THREE REQUIRED TEACHER EVALUATIONS.

☐ **TAKE THE CFA:** IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO ANY OF THE SERVICE ACADEMIES, YOU MUST TAKE THE CANDIDATE FITNESS ASSESSMENT.

☐ **COMPLETE YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES RECORD AND RESUME:** PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETIC AND NON-ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES IS AN ASSET AND IS A COMPETITIVE FACTOR IN YOUR APPLICATION. SUSTAINED PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP IN A FEW ACTIVITIES IS DESIRABLE.

☐ **COMPLETE YOUR WRITING SAMPLE AND PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A WRITING SAMPLE AND CONDUCT A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH AN ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE.

☐ **SUBMIT YOUR PERSONAL DATA RECORD AND DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE STATEMENT:** USAFA WANTS INDIVIDUALS OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER TO FURTHER DEVELOP INTO FUTURE LEADERS OF THE AIR FORCE AND OUR NATION.

☐ **COMPLETE YOUR MEDICAL EVALUATION:** ALL CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE MEDICAL AND WEIGHT STANDARDS FOR A COMMISSION IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE. DODMERB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING YOUR MEDICAL QUALIFICATION. BE ADVISED THAT IT CAN TAKE UP TO 30 DAYS TO SCHEDULE YOUR INITIAL MEDICAL EVALUATION, 60 DAYS FOR COMPLETION AND POSSIBLY ANOTHER 30 DAYS FOR A MEDICAL WAIVER (IF REQUIRED). THIS CAN RESULT IN UP TO A FOUR-MONTH PROCESS FOR CANDIDATES.

IT MAY SEEM LIKE A LOT, BUT DON'T GET DISCOURAGED; PERSISTENCE CAN PAY OFF!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN OTHER AIR FORCE OPPORTUNITIES, CHECK OUT [AIRFORCE.COM](https://www.airforce.com) OR [AFROTC.COM](https://www.afrotc.com).

AT A GLANCE

GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- 27 ACADEMIC MAJORS AND 11 ACADEMIC MINORS
- ALL CADETS GRADUATE WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE DUE TO THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED TECHNICAL COURSES.
- THE ACADEMY IS ACCREDITED BY THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACCREDITATION:

- 7 ABET ACCREDITED DEGREES.
- 3 AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY ACCREDITED PROGRAMS
- MANAGEMENT ACCREDITED BY THE ASSOCIATION TO ADVANCE COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS

SCHOOL RANKINGS

- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S "AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES 2020" RANKINGS
 - #39 NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES.
 - #3 TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 - #2 AERONAUTICAL AND ASTRONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (2001-18)
 - #6 BEST UNDERGRAD ENGINEERING PROGRAMS
 - #6 ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC AND COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING.
 - #7 CIVIL ENGINEERING
 - #7 COMPUTER ENGINEERING
 - #10 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM.
- THEBESTSCHOOLS.ORG 50 BEST COLLEGES IN THE U.S. - #16