The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) is a college-level educational program that gives students the opportunity to become Air Force officers while completing their degrees. Any student may enroll in aerospace studies courses. AFROTC offers post-collegiate opportunities in more than 100 career specialties. Air Force officers are challenged with organizational responsibilities and experiences not often available to new college graduates. This program is for students who want to challenge themselves as Air Force leaders and managers while serving their country in a professional, high-tech environment.

Active-duty Air Force officers provide a curriculum that gives students insight into the mission, organization, and operation of the U.S. Air Force. Students study Air Force history, leadership, management, professionalism, and U.S. foreign policy and its relationship to defense policy. Scholarships are available on a competitive basis. High school seniors and college students can compete for four-, three-, and two-year scholarships that cover tuition, fees, and book expenses. Participants may qualify to receive a tax-free allowance for each month in school.

The aerospace studies minor provides preparation in areas studied by most officers early in their service careers. The minor increases future officers' performance potential in two areas in which all officers must eventually develop competence: communication skills and international affairs.

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