Aerospace Studies

AFROTC is a nationwide program that allows students to pursue commissions (become officers) in the United States Air Force (USAF) while simultaneously attending college. AFROTC classes are held on college campuses throughout the United States and Puerto Rico; students can register through normal course registration processes. AFROTC consists of four years of Aerospace Studies classes (Foundations of the USAF, Evolution of USAF and Space Power, Air Force Leadership Studies, and National Security Affairs/Preparation for Active Duty), and a corresponding Leadership Laboratory for each year (where students apply leadership skills, demonstrate command and effective communication, develop physical fitness, and practice military customs and courtesies). College students enrolled in the AFROTC program (known as "cadets") who successfully complete both AFROTC training and college degree requirements will graduate and simultaneously commission as Second Lieutenants in the Active Duty Air Force.

The AFROTC program is currently offered at the University of Miami, but they have a crosstown agreement that allows our students to enroll in AFROTC and become full-fledged cadet participants. For more information on AFROTC course descriptions, please review http://www.as.miami.edu/afrotc/. For more information on the AFROTC program, please review http://miami.edu/AFROTC.

Enrollment

There is no military obligation to enroll in AFROTC. To enroll students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizens or resident alien, or be able to become a U.S. citizen prior to attending Field Training the summer following sophomore year;
- Be full-time college students, enrolled in 12 credits per semester;
- Be able to participate in a demanding physical fitness program;
- Be able to pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination;
- Have solid moral character; and
- Maintain AFROTC minimum required grade point average.

Scholarships

More than 60% of Air Force ROTC scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students in engineering or other scientific and technical disciplines. However, students in every degree program enjoy scholarship opportunities, as the Air Force seeks to engage students who excel both academically and militarily. Scholarships are awarded in increments of two, three, and four years. Air Force ROTC offers several types of scholarships. Type 1 covers full tuition and most required fees. Type 2 covers tuition and fees, but is capped at $18,000 annually. Type 7 scholarships are designated for in-state tuition-level institutions. All types of awards provide an allowance for books and a monthly non-taxable stipend. All scholarship cadets are required to meet academic, military, and physical fitness standards to earn and maintain scholarship benefits.

Additionally, University of Miami undergraduates enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program are assured annual 25% subsidy of the University’s tuition for up to four years. Students must maintain continuous enrollment in the AFROTC program and full time enrollment in one of the University’s undergraduate degree program. No application required. Awards are made automatically based on information provided by the University’s AFROTC detachment.

Benefits

All AFROTC cadets receive uniforms, books and equipment for ROTC classes at no cost. Upon being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force, you will receive a starting salary and allowances worth more than $58,000 annually*. Free medical and dental care, 30 days paid annual vacation and educational benefits are also part of the compensation package.

*Based on 2013 Pay Chart and Miami FL Housing Allowance for an O-1*

Educational Objectives

Minor in Aerospace Studies

The Aerospace Studies minor consists of eight courses totaling 16 credit hours.

Required Courses

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Course Descriptions

Definitions of Prefixes

AFR-Aerospace Studies

AFR 1101C The Foundations for the United States Air Force I (1). Survey course designed to introduce students to the United States Air Force and encourage participation in Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC). Featured topics include: overview of AFROTC, special programs offered through AFROTC, mission and organization of the Air Force, brief history of the Air Force, introduction to leadership, Air Force officer career opportunities, and an introduction to communication skills. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences. Prerequisite: Must be taken with PT Lab.

AFR 1121C The Foundations for the United States Air Force II (1). A survey and follow-on course to AFR 1101C designed to introduce students to the United States Air Force and encourage participation in Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC). Featured topics
include: introduction to leadership, Air Force Core Values, introduction to interpersonal communication and team building, and a continuation of communication skills. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences.

AFR 2130C The Evolution of USAF Air and Space Power I (1). Course designed to examine general aspects of air and space power through a historical perspective. Covers time period from first balloons and dirigibles to space-age global positioning systems of the Afghan/Iraqi Wars. Examines several fundamental truths associated with war in the third dimension: e.g. Principles of War and Tenets of Air and Space Power. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences.

AFR 2131C The Evolution of USAF Air and Space Power II (1). Continuation of AFR 2130C which provides students with knowledge level understanding for general element and employment of air and space power. Discusses the importance of Air Force Core Values with use of operational examples and historical Air Force leaders. Continues to develop communication skills. Leadership Laboratory is mandatory for AFROTC cadets and complements this course by providing cadets with followership experiences.

AFR 3220 Air Force Leadership Studies I (3). Study of leadership, management fundamentals, professional knowledge, and communication skills required of Air Force junior officers. Case studies are used to examine Air Force leadership and management situations. Mandatory Leadership Laboratory complements this course by providing advanced leadership experiences in officer-type activities.

AFR 3230 Air Force Leadership Studies II (3). Continuation of AFR 3220 and is a study of Air Force personnel and evaluation systems, leadership ethics, and communication skills required of Air Force junior officers. Case studies are used to examine Air Force leadership and management situations. Mandatory Leadership Laboratory complements this course by providing advanced leadership experiences in officer-type activities.

AFR 4201 USAF Security Affairs and Preparation for Active Duty I (3). Examines national security process, regional studies, and Air Force doctrine. Special topics of interest focus on civilian control of military and current issues affecting military professionalism. Continued emphasis is given to refining communication skills. Mandatory Leadership Laboratory complements this course by providing students advanced leadership experiences.

AFR 4210 USAF Security Affairs and Preparation for Active Duty II (3). Continuation of AFR 4201 which examines regional studies and advanced leadership ethics. Special topics of interest focus on the military as a profession, officership, military justice, preparation for active duty, and current issues affecting military professionalism. Continued emphasis is given to refining communication skills. Mandatory Leadership Laboratory complements this course by providing students advanced leadership experiences.

Leadership Laboratory (LLAB)
0 credits Fall & Spring Semester
Leadership Laboratory (LLAB) is a dynamic and integrated grouping of leadership developmental activities designed to meet the needs and expectations of prospective Air Force 2nd lieutenants and complement the AFROTC academic program. It is a student planned, organized, and executed practicum conducted under the supervision of the detachment commander and commandant of cadets.

Military Science
Major Craig Halsey, Professor and Chairperson, Military Science
Major Rene Diaz, Assistant Professor, Battalion Executive Officer
Master Sergeant Gordon, Senior Military Instructor
Tylor Doughty, Assistant Professor
Wally Gallart, Scholarship and Enrollment Officer

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps is a college elective that will help students succeed in their desired career, whether civilian or military. Students who complete all ROTC requirements may be commissioned second lieutenants and serve in the Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve. ROTC electives may also be used by FIU students in pursuit of the school’s Certificate of Professional Leadership Studies.

Enrollment
Enrollment is open to full-time male and female students attending Florida International University. Any students may enroll in MSL 1000 and 2000 level courses in a participation status. Any student enrolling in the MSL 3201/2 and MSL 4301/2 must have the approval of the Department Chairperson.

Instructions and Training
The freshmen and sophomore students will take Basic Military Science Courses. There is no military obligation associated with the first two years of the program. These courses will introduce students to leadership skills. The curriculum involves understanding how to communicate, set goals, how and when to make decisions, engage in creative problem solving, planning and organization. Many of the activities are taken from or are adaptations of executive and leadership training workshops. The curriculum also focuses on leadership principles, providing opportunities to apply, practice and experience leadership principles. Courses consist of outdoor/instructional and practical ‘hands-on’ training on university intramural fields and at various South Florida military training sites. Qualified juniors, seniors, or graduate students may take the Advanced Military Science Courses upon approval of the department. The Advance Course provides intense training for students in experimental leadership positions. Students are taught the fundamentals of serving as a military officer. They will have numerous opportunities to lead small teams in a variety of challenging leadership situations. The seniors manage the ROTC Corps of Cadets, mentor junior cadets, plan and conduct training, management, and fundraising activities.
Scholarships
Army ROTC offers a number of scholarships that will pay either tuition and fees or room and board, along with an allowance for books and a monthly stipend ranging from $300 to $500.

Organizations
**Ranger Challenge Team** - A voluntary organization that is a physically demanding course designed to prepare cadets for area and regional competition against other ROTC units. Cadets train weekly to perfect skills in weapons handling and assembly, marksmanship, orienteering, hand grenade throwing, physical fitness, combat patrolling and combat load road marching.

**Color Guard** - An elite organization of cadets skilled in drill and ceremony. Members post the colors at Golden Panther basketball games, baseball games, football games, civic/veteran events and campus functions.

**Association of the U.S. Army** - A fraternal organization chartered by the national association to perpetuate the ideals of the U.S. Army.

**Special Programs**
Students who are unable to participate in ROTC during their freshman and sophomore years may qualify for admission to advanced ROTC (junior and senior years) by attending a four-week course at Ft. Knox, KY. Attendees receive pay, travel costs, lodging and food.

**Special Training**
Outstanding Cadets may qualify to attend special Army schools such as Mountain Warfare Training, Northern Warfare School, Air Assault School or Airborne School. Selection is on a competitive basis.

Course Descriptions
**Definition of Prefixes**
MSL-Military Science

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**Scholarship Cadets** can fly space-available aboard military aircraft. Once commissioned, newly Second Lieutenant’s earn a starting salary of over $34,000, excluding housing allowances and special pays that are not taxed. 2LTs earn about $3,500 per year in the Army National Guard or Army Reserve in a part-time status.

**Minor in Military Science**
Army Officer Professional Studies (Education Core)
- MSL 3201 Leadership and Problem Solving 3
- MSL 3202 Leadership and Ethics 3
- MSL 4301 Leadership and Management 3
- MSL 4302 Officership 3
- MSL 4400 United States Military History 3
case study/simulation. Leadership laboratory is mandatory for ROTC Cadets and complements this course with hands-on experiences.

**MSL 4302 Officership (3). MSL 4302L Officer Leadership Laboratory (0).** Capstone course to explore topics relevant to Second Lieutenants entering the Army, describe legal aspects of decision making and leadership, analyze Army organization from tactical to strategic level. Leadership laboratory is mandatory for ROTC Cadets and complements this course with hands-on experiences.

**MSL 4400 United States Military History (3).** Examines the Military Heritage of the United States from colonial wars to the present; focuses on the tactical, operational, and strategic levels of warfare.

**MSL 4900 Supervised and/or Independent Study (3).** Supervised reading and independent study in United States Military History, writing requirements. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor is required.