

# Aerospace Studies

In the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

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## Offered by the Department

AFROTC curriculum.  
Minor in aerospace studies.

## AFROTC Curriculum

The department offers a four- or two-year Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program designed to develop officers who have broad understanding and high growth potential. For qualified students, two, three, or four-year scholarships are available in certain areas on a competitive basis. Scholarships pay full tuition at SDSU and various laboratory, textbook, and incidental fees plus a monthly nontaxable allowance of \$250-\$400 during the school year. Cadets participate in dialogues, problem solving, and other planning activities designed to develop leaders and managers. All coursework is done on campus with the exception of field trips and one Field Training encampment conducted at military bases.

Either a four- or six-week Field Training camp is required for all students during the summer between the sophomore and junior years. The four-week camp is for students who have completed all AFROTC lower division courses with a grade of "C" or better in each course. Field training emphasizes military orientation for the junior officer and aircraft and aircrew familiarization. Cadets receive physical training and participate in competitive sports. They observe selected Air Force units perform everyday operations, and they are trained in drill and ceremonies, preparation for inspections, and the use of weapons. Upon completion of the AFROTC program and all requirements for a bachelor's degree, cadets are commissioned second lieutenants in the Air Force and serve a minimum of four years active duty. Graduates go on active duty in a specialty consistent with their academic major, their desires, and existing Air Force needs. Graduates may request a delay from entry on active duty to continue their education or may apply for Air Force sponsored graduate study to begin immediately upon entry on active duty.

## Applying for the Program

SDSU students enroll in aerospace classes by signing up for courses in the same manner as other university classes. There is no advance application needed for the freshman or sophomore (AS 100/200) classes. However, an orientation program, held just prior to the start of each term, is recommended and designed to give new cadets a broad, realistic introduction to Air Force officer training and provide them with helpful, important information on meeting academic requirements. Contact the Aerospace Studies Department as early as possible for additional information and sign-up procedures. The last two years of AFROTC (AS300/400) lead to the commission as a second lieutenant for which students must apply during the sophomore year. The application process involves taking the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT), a physical examination, a physical fitness test, and a personal interview. Students from other institutions in the San Diego area are eligible to take AFROTC and should check with

the department to obtain enrollment procedures. Veterans who can be commissioned by age 35 are also eligible for the program.

## Aerospace Studies Minor

The minor in aerospace studies consists of a minimum of 15 units in aerospace studies, 12 of which must be upper division.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

## Courses (A S)

### LOWER DIVISION COURSES

#### A S 91A-91B. Leadership Laboratory (1-1) Cr/NC

One hour and forty-five minutes of activity per unit.

Prerequisites for AFROTC cadets: Concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 100A for Aerospace Studies 91A; concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 100B for Aerospace Studies 91B.

Designed to prepare junior cadets for positions as leaders and managers of the cadet corps and a commission in the US Air Force. Application of principles of motivation, time management, organizational behavior, and participative group management in solving problems. Leadership laboratory is open to students who are members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps or who are eligible to pursue a commission as determined by the Professor of Aerospace Studies. Credit earned in this course is not applicable to a bachelor's degree.

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#### A S 93A-93B. Leadership Laboratory (1-1) Cr/NC

One hour and forty-five minutes of activity per unit.

Prerequisite: Concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 300A for Aerospace Studies 93A; concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 300B for Aerospace Studies 93B.

Demonstration laboratory designed to develop leadership and management skills, problem-solving skills, and exercise group planning, organizing and coordinating activities. Leadership laboratory is open to students who are members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps or who are eligible to pursue a commission as determined by the Professor of Aerospace Studies. Credit earned in this course is not applicable to a bachelor's degree.

### **A S 94A-94B. Leadership Laboratory (1-1) Cr/NC**

One hour and forty-five minutes of activity per unit.

Prerequisite: Concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 400A for Aerospace Studies 94A; concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 400B for Aerospace Studies 94B.

Demonstration laboratory designed to develop leadership and management skills, problem-solving skills, and exercise group planning, organizing and coordinating activities. Leadership laboratory is open to students who are members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps or who are eligible to pursue a commission as determined by the Professor of Aerospace Studies. Credit earned in this course is not applicable to a bachelor's degree.

### **A S 100A-100B. Foundations of the United States Air Force (1-1)**

Meets one and one-half hours per week.

Prerequisite for AFROTC cadets: Concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 91A for Aerospace Studies 100A; concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 91B for Aerospace Studies 100B.

Introduction to organizational structure, mission of selected military organizations, selected topics that contribute to understanding the Air Force today. Includes professional appearance, customs and courtesies, officership and core values, basic communications, officer opportunities, and benefits.

### **A S 200A-200B. Evolution of USAF Air and Space Power (1-1)**

Meets one and one-half hours per week.

Prerequisite for AFROTC cadets: Concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 92A for Aerospace Studies 200A; concurrent registration in Aerospace Studies 92B for Aerospace Studies 200B.

Study of air and space power through a historical perspective. Techniques for improving communication, discussion of Air Force heritage, leadership basics. Ethics, values, problem solving, and Air Force core values.

### **A S 233. Field Training Unit (2-3) Cr/NC I**

Required for advanced cadets, military orientation and flight familiarization. Credit granted for four- or six-week field training camp on basis of individual student application with approval of Aerospace Studies department chair.

#### **UPPER DIVISION COURSES**

**(Intended for successful AFROTC applicants  
or for those with special permission)**

### **A S 300A-300B. Air Force Leadership Studies (3-3)**

Air Force leadership and management principles. Responsibility and authority of an Air Force officer, subordinate leadership, ethics, standards of conduct, and officer values. Improving writing, briefing skills, counseling, and feedback process.

### **A S 400A-400B. National Security Affairs/Preparation for Active Duty (3-3)**

Role of professional officer in democratic society, socialization within armed services, requisites for adequate national security forces. Political, economic, and social constraints on national defense structure and impact of technological and international developments on defense policy making.

### **A S 499. Special Study (1-3) I, II**

Prerequisite: Consent of Aerospace Studies department chair.  
Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

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