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General Information
Aerospace Studies is part of the Air Force ROTC program. Through this program, full-time students pursue a commission in the U.S. Air Force. Once commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, graduates of the Air Force ROTC program serve on active duty for a specified period of time.

The Academic Program
The Aerospace Studies department offers 2, 3, and 4 year programs to students. Course content includes: Foundations of the U.S. Air Force, Evolution of Airpower, Leadership Studies, and National Security Affairs. All lower division courses are approximately one or two credit hour. Upper division courses are three credit hours.

An integral part of the Air Force ROTC commissioning program is Leadership Laboratory and Physical Training. Students are required to attend both functions and must meet all attendance and academic requirements in order to remain in good standing within the program.

In addition to the academic program, Air Force ROTC offers a wide array of optional activities to enhance students’ leadership skills.

Scholarships
Scholarships are available to highly qualified freshmen and sophomore students wishing to pursue a commission. In addition, scholarships are available to students pursuing degrees the Air Force deems “critical.” Scholarships cover tuition, most fees, $750 annually for textbooks, and include a monthly stipend ($300-$500). Four-year scholarships are available for eligible High School Seniors. Applications are due by December 1.

Advising
For more information about Air Force ROTC or about our scholarship program log on to www.afrotc.com or contact our office at 956-7734 or afrotc@hawaii.edu.

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General Information

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program provides full-time college students the opportunity to pursue a commission in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, or the Hawai'i Army National Guard. Officers may be commissioned on active duty, in a reserve component while pursuing a civilian career, or receive an education delay to earn a graduate or professional degree. Four-year, three-year, and two-year programs are available.

The Academic Program

The four-year program is divided into a two-year basic and two-year advanced course. The basic course is for students who enter ROTC in their freshman year. With approval, students may enter ROTC in their sophomore year and compress the basic course requirements. This traditional program offers a moderately paced course of military and academic training resulting in completion of ROTC and eligibility for a commission on graduation day. All basic courses are electives, and no obligations are incurred. The advanced course includes a five-week summer camp between the junior and senior years held at Fort Lewis, Washington. Pay for the advanced course is $450–500 per month during the school year and approximately $900 plus free room and board for the five weeks at camp. To be eligible for the advanced course, a student must (a) be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, (b) successfully complete the basic course or its equivalent, and (c) meet other statutory and regulatory requirements.

The two-year advanced program can be taken without the basic course by students who attend and complete a four-week summer camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for which the student receives approximately $600. Likewise, veterans of all services, three-year JROTC graduates, and national guardsmen and reservists may be exempt from the basic course. Should an individual qualify, select, and complete this option, he or she is eligible to receive a commission upon graduation. Students must have four semesters of college work remaining after finishing the basic summer camp (or qualifying for the exemptions). Advanced course students must have completed 60 credits and be full-time students.

In addition to the courses summarized in the course descriptions, cadets will be required to meet professional military education requirements prior to graduation and commissioning. This requirement consists of one course in military history.

Optional Programs

Army Reserve/Army National Guard Membership

The Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) allows cadets to participate in and receive drill pay from an Army Reserve or Hawai‘i National Guard unit as an officer trainee while they complete the Army ROTC advanced course. The pay such cadets receive is in addition to the monthly ROTC spending allowance and any GI Bill educational benefits to which they are entitled.

Scholarships

Four, three, and two-year scholarships are available. All Army ROTC scholarships are merit based and cover the full tuition and fees for any university on Oahu. In addition, scholarships provide $1,200 per year for books and an additional $300–$500 per month spending allowance. Four-year applications are due by January 10 of the high school senior year. Three and two-year scholarships are competed for on campus by current ROTC students.

Advising

For general information about the Army ROTC program or specifics on eligibility requirements, contact the Enrollment Officer in the Military Science Building at 1311 Lower Campus Road or call MAJ Christopher Sweeney or CPT Jason Richards at (808) 956-7766/7744/4137.