

**ACADEMICS**

The Academy is ranked among the best schools in the nation. We offer these majors:

- Aeronautical Engineering
- Astronautical Engineering
- Behavioral Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer and Network Security
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- Foreign Area Studies
- General Studies
- Geospatial Science
- History
- Legal Studies
- Management
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Meteorology
- Military and Strategic Studies
- Operations Research
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Systems Engineering

(Minors are offered in Foreign Languages, Nuclear Weapons & Strategy, Philosophy and Religion Studies.)

You'll take required courses in the basic sciences, engineering, humanities and social sciences. You'll also study a number of elective courses, and if eligible take honors courses in your major or other subject areas.

**ATHLETICS**

The Academy's athletic program helps you develop the physical fitness, confidence and skill necessary to be an Air Force officer. You'll take a variety of physical education courses and participate in intramural, club or intercollegiate athletics. Many cadets compete as varsity or junior varsity athletes. The Academy offers 17 intercollegiate sports for men and 10 for women.

**EXPLORE THE ACADEMY**

If you are interested in pursuing an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy and plan to visit the campus, you may wish to participate in an escorted tour and admissions briefing. Offered during the academic year to middle school, high school, and post-high school students, tours can help individuals gain a deeper understanding of the AF Academy environment.

Escorted tours are conducted Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays during the academic year. Generally starting the first week of September through mid-May, we require reservations 14 days in advance of the day you would like to visit our campus.

You may also be interested in a Game Day tour. After the tour you will be allowed to purchase discounted tickets to cheer your Falcons on for football, hockey, and men's and women's basketball.

For more on available dates for both tours, please go to [academyadmissions.com](http://academyadmissions.com) – choose Visit and then Escorted Tours or call 1-800-443-3864.

If you are interested in a Self-Guided Tour, The Barry Goldwater Air Force Academy Visitor Center serves as the gateway to the United States Air Force Academy for hundreds of thousands of tourists each year. The center provides information on Academy history, cadet life and campus attractions.

We also offer Summer Falcon Sports Camps for student 8 to 18 who want to participate in numerous sports and led by our very own head coaches! For additional information, visit [goairforcefalcons.com](http://goairforcefalcons.com) and click on sports camps.



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MISSION

The mission of the Air Force Academy is “To educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.”

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

In our rapidly changing world, the U.S. Air Force dominates air, space and cyberspace. To maintain that superiority, we need highly motivated individuals with extraordinary leadership and character qualities. If you have what it takes to be a leader and want a world-class college education consider the Air Force Academy.

While a cadet at the Academy, you will be fully cared for with no student loans to worry about. Your education is an investment the Air Force is willing to make in you. You will face a rigorous schedule, extremely high expectations, and strict rules of conduct. Upon graduation you receive a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as an officer in the United States Air Force. Your commitment to serve will be at least 5 years.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

For admission to the Academy, we consider your high school grades, class standing and SAT or ACT scores. Both the SAT and ACT can be taken as many times as possible before the application deadline — we only count your highest scores on each test. Your school counselor can provide you with national test dates and scheduling information. To prepare academically for the Academy, we encourage you to continually improve upon your study habits. Also, tell us if you take honors or advanced placement classes, or participate as an exchange student.

To be eligible for the Academy, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- Unmarried with no dependents
- Of good moral character
- At least 17, but less than 23 years of age by July 1 of the year you will enter

To be academically competitive for an Academy appointment, we recommend you complete the following high school courses at a minimum:

- **Four years of English**  
(with a college prep class in writing)
- **Four years of college-prep math**  
(strong background in geometry, algebra, trigonometry and precalculus)
- **Four years of lab-based science**  
(should include biology, chemistry and physics)
- **Three years of social studies**  
(to include a course in U.S. history)
- **Two years of a modern foreign language**

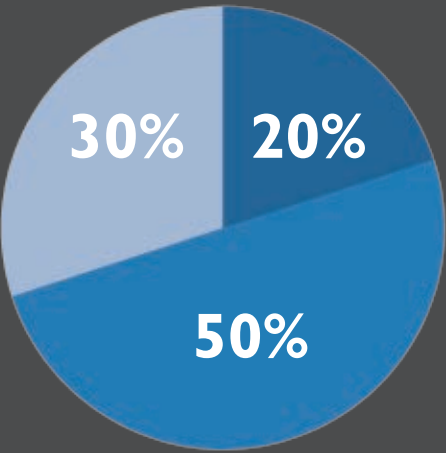


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ACADEMY STATS

ACADEMIC DATA			CANDIDATE FITNESS ASSESSMENT (CFA Maximum Performance)				
TEST	MID 50% RANGE	MEAN	EXERCISE	MEN	WOMEN		
				MAX	AVERAGE	MAX	AVERAGE
ACT-	28-33		Basketball Throw	102'	70'	66'	42'
			Pull-Ups (men/women)	18	13	7	3
			Flexed Arm Hang (women)			63 sec	24 sec
			Shuttle Run	7.8 sec	8.6sec	8.6 sec	9.6 sec
			Modified Sit-Ups (crunches)	95	82	95	80
SAT Verbal	590-680	633	Push-Ups	75	63	50	42
SAT Math	620-710	663	One Mile Run	5:20	6:31	6:00	7:37

PROFILE OF A TYPICAL CADET CLASS		
President/Vice President of Class or Student Body		18%
Valedictorian/Salutatorian		11%
Top 10% of High School Class		56%
Athletic Letter Awards		82%
Boys/Girls State or Nation		17%
National Honor Society		69%
Scouting		23%



**30% Admissions Panel**  
Faculty and staff review, candidate fitness test, Admissions Liaison Officer interview, and writing sample.

**20% Extracurricular Composite**  
Athletic participation, leadership position (scouts, school clubs, class officer, etc.), public/community involvement and work experiences.

**50% Academic Composite**  
High school or college academic performance, and SAT or ACT scores.

PREPARATION

Perform well in your academic course work.Take the SAT and ACT as early as possible and as often as necessary  
Consult with your high school counselor

NOTE: If you do not receive an appointment to the Academy and would like to reapply the following year, we recommend you enroll in another college, join AFROTC and begin the application process again.

NOMINATIONS

Apply to both senators  
www.senate.gov,  
your congress person  
www.house.gov  
and the  
Vice President  
www.  
academyadmissions.  
com

ONLINE APPLICATION

March 1 of high school junior year to December 31 of senior year

Apply as early as eligible

CANDIDATE PHASE

- JULY TO MARCH
- Admissions Liaison Officer interview
- Writing Sample
- Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Medical examination
- All paperwork completed

QUALIFIED  
SELECTIONS  
November to June

APPOINTMENT

LEADERSHIP PREPARATION

It's beneficial to gain leadership experience in areas such as student government, clubs, community activities, scouting, sports and after-school employment. It's better to be a leader in a few extracurricular interests than just a participant in many.

PHYSICAL PREPARATION

Take steps to develop your physical fitness level and habits by establishing a regular daily workout program and sticking to it faithfully. Select activities with an eye towards increasing your strength and endurance. Your individual fitness program should include both distance running and conditioning exercises.

Due to the Academy's high elevation — 7,250 feet above sea level — your endurance will be diminished. Incoming cadets often discover that they cannot run as fast or as far as they did before they arrived. Adjustment to conditions at the Academy is much easier if you have achieved an extremely high level of physical fitness (especially cardiovascular fitness) before you arrive.

APPLICATION PROCESS

It's important to start the Academy application process early. Begin by arranging a personal interview with your school's Admissions Liaison Officer through your high school counselor.

In the spring of your junior year you must request a nomination. Nominating categories are Congressional, Presidential, Vice Presidential, Military affiliated, U.S. Territory and International. For more information on each category visit academyadmissions.com — choose Admissions then The Application Process and select Nominations. Apply to all sources you are eligible for.

ACADEMY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPEMENT

The Academy provides a solid leadership foundation through a wide array of military training programs. Also, the Cadet Wing's organization is similar to an Air Force unit. Cadets learn and practice leadership methods — first through followership and later in leadership positions.

